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## GLOBAL REFUGEE CHALLENGES FROM A LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

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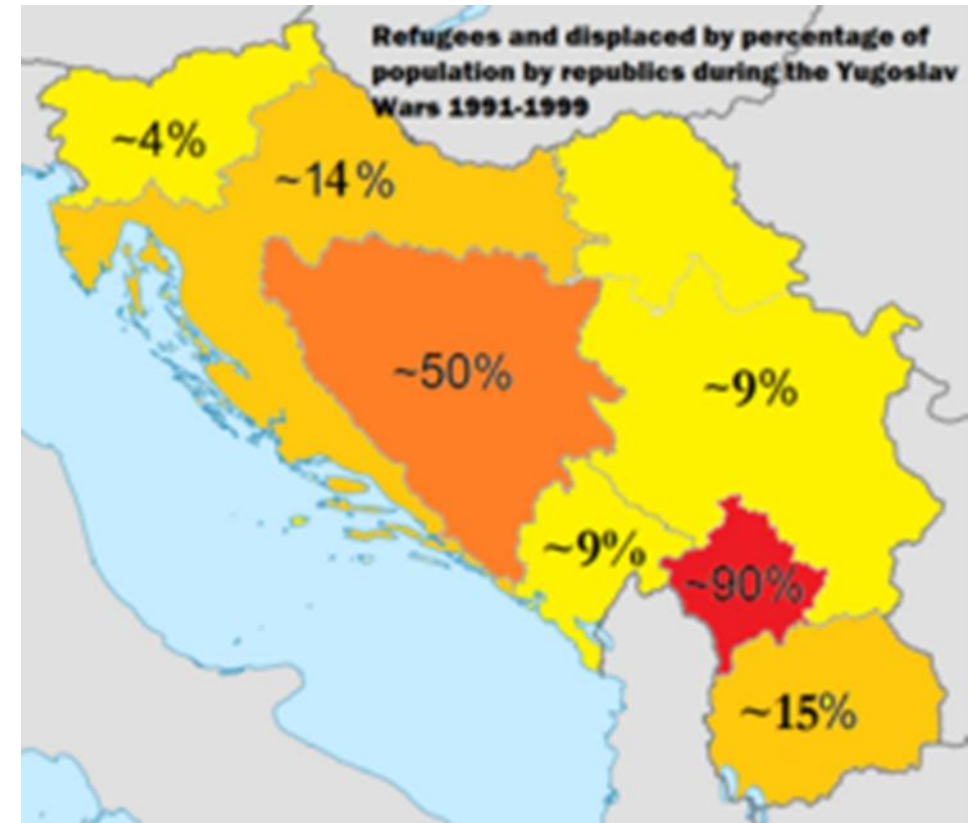
# Migration as a Global Challenge

- a global phenomenon
- impact on society and security
- causes: war, poverty, politics
- a challenge for Europe



# Migration development in Europe

- after World War II
- economic migration
- the 1970s – less immigration
- the 1990s – refugees from the Balkans



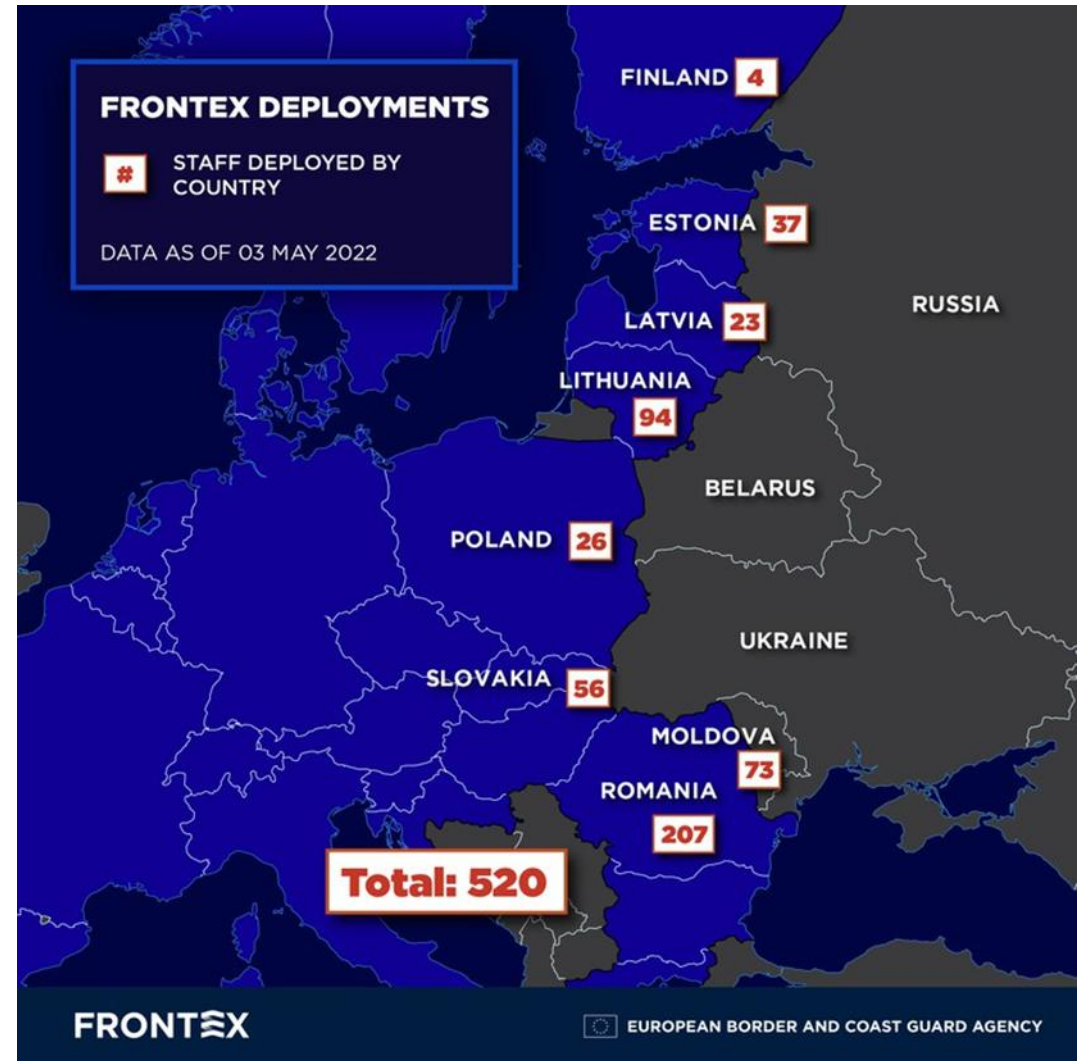
# Social classification of migrants

- open to the EU internally,
- closed to the outside world
- highly skilled – welcome
- low-skilled – temporary
- refugees – least welcome



# EU Migration Policy

- common asylum system
- migration pact
- solidarity among member countries
- border control (Frontex)



# Managing Migration in the EU

- legal migration (Blue Card)
- workers, students
- asylum and resettlement
- return of migrants



# The Legal Status of Slovenia

- international protection
- refugee status
- subsidiary protection
- rights of applicants



# Local Challenges of Migration

- border with Croatia
- cities: Ljubljana, Koper, Kranj
- impact on employment and housing
- foreign workers

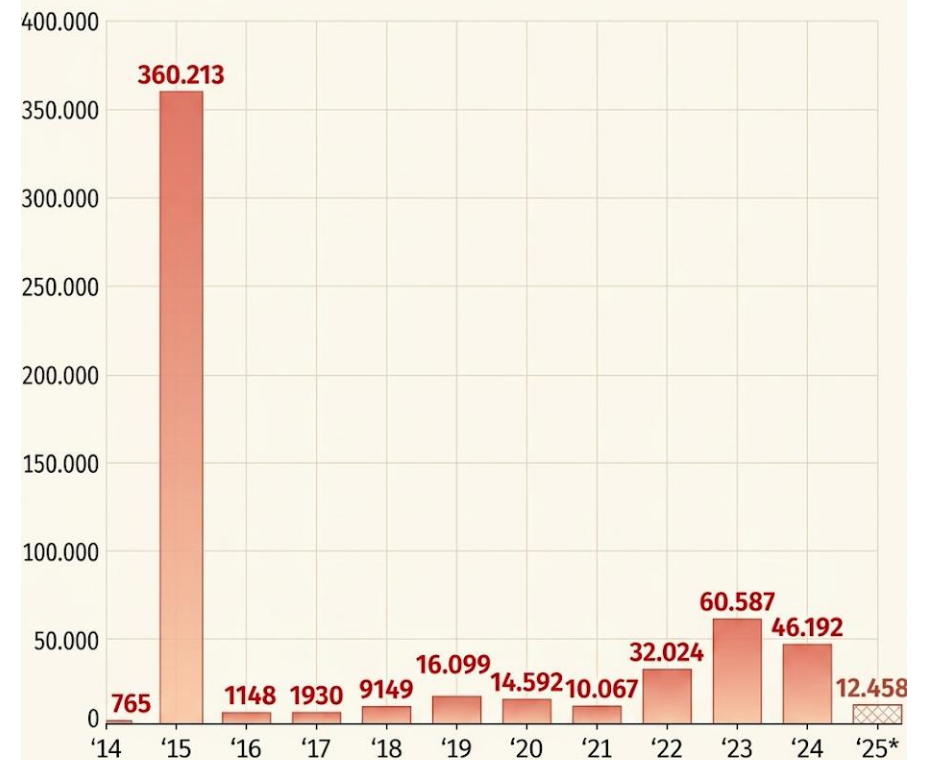


# Migration in Slovenia – Statistics

- transit country
- 2015: 360,000 migrants
- mostly at the southeastern border
- most: Novo Mesto Police Department

## Number of Illegal Border Crossings by Year

DATA General Police Directorate



\* Data for the period from January 1st to July 31st, 2025

# Safety of local communities

- most people do not see migrants as a problem
- ~70%: not a problem
- trust in the police
- fear, mainly due to the media



# Conclusion

- Migration remains a challenge
- Balance: security + rights
- Cooperation between the EU and member states
- Social stability is crucial

