



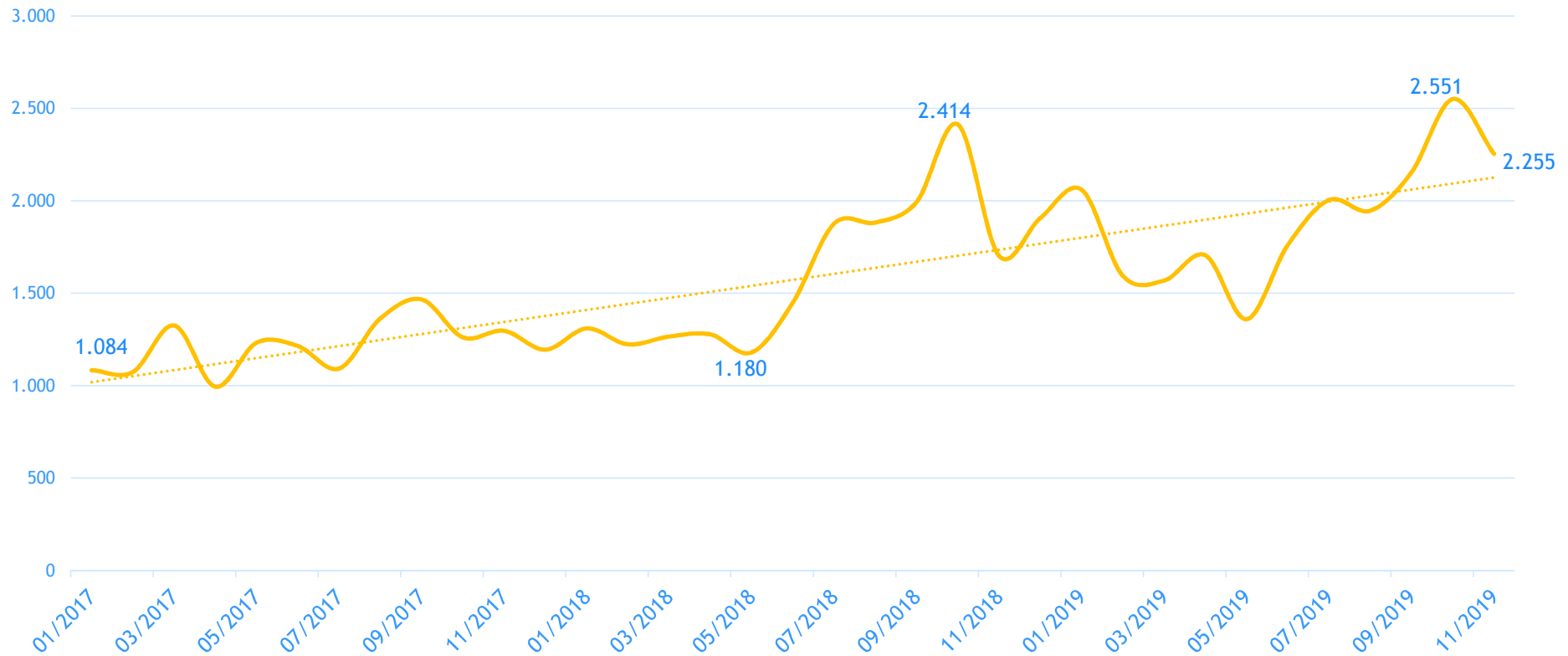
# Recent developments in the field of reception

# Reception network in Belgium Federal Reception Agency

- Fedasil has a capacity of **25.966** reception places
- Collective reception centres (**18.258** places) & individual housing (**6.481** places)
- Occupation: **25.296** residents

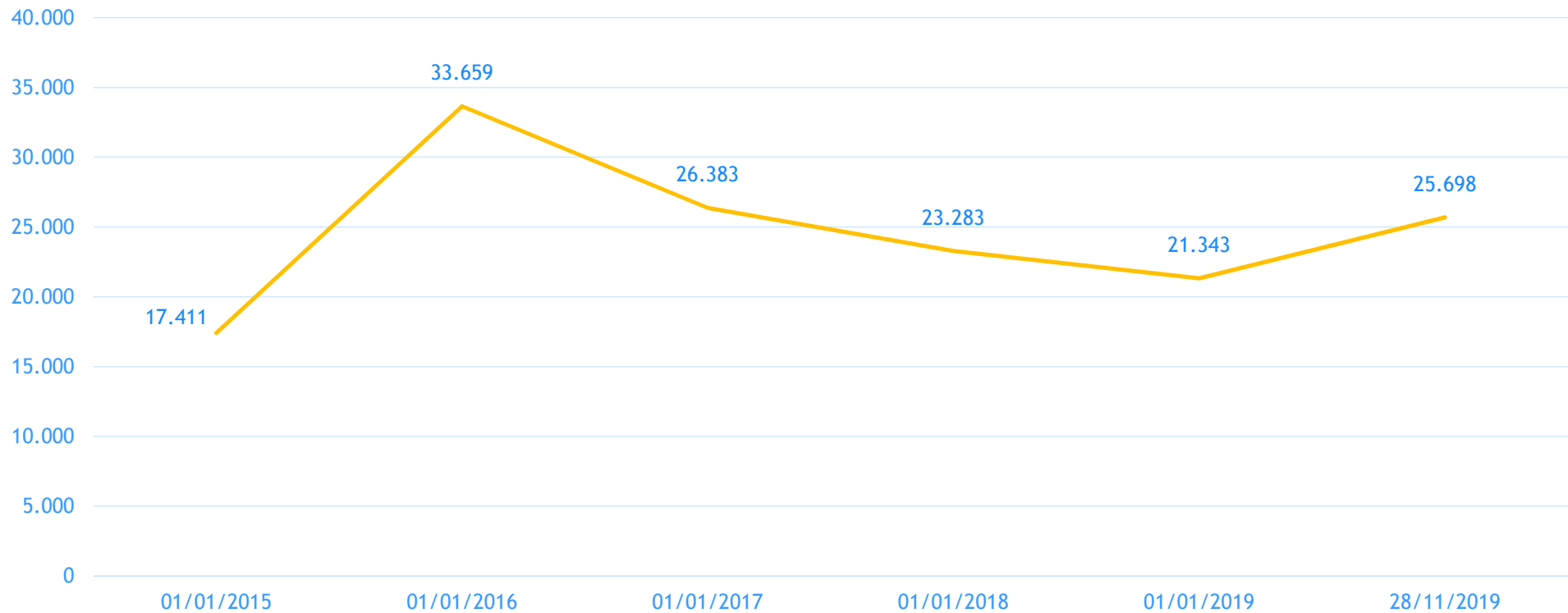


# Inflow reception network 2017-2019



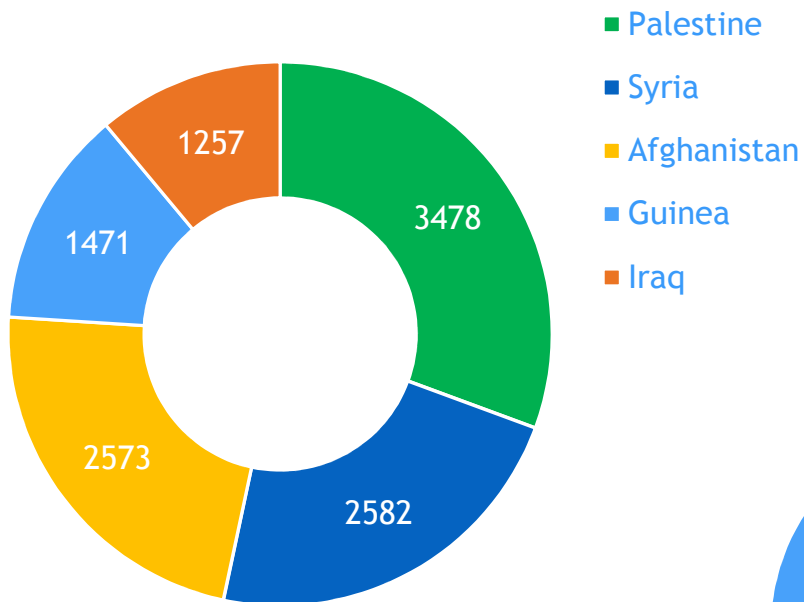
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# Evolution of reception capacity 2015 - November 2019



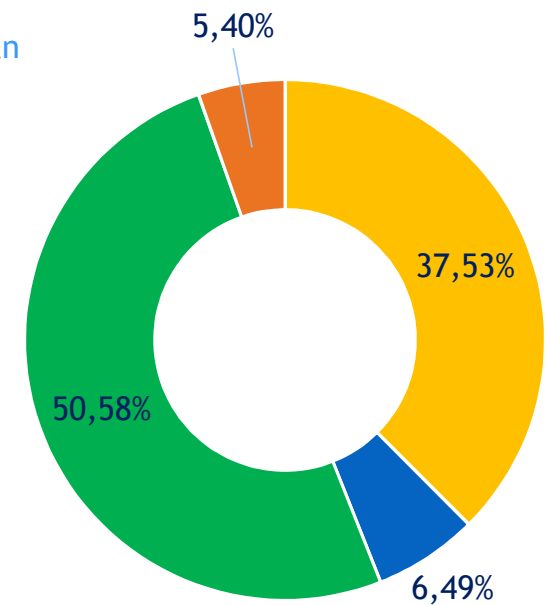
# Profile residents - October 2019

Top 5 nationalities

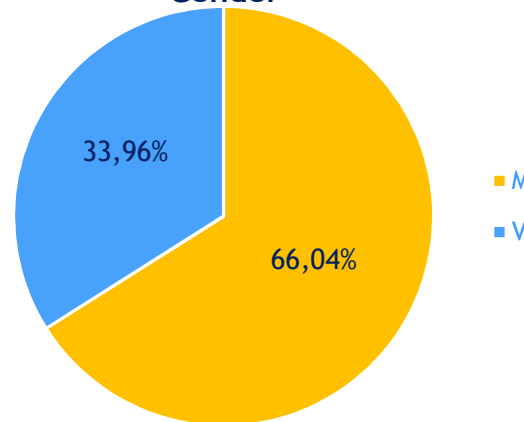


- Single man
- Single woman
- Family
- UAM

Family composition



Gender



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Source: Fedasil

# Saturation of the reception network: causes and measures

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# Response after asylum crisis 2015-2016

- New political environment: inflow considered more and more predictable and controllable → less focus on contingency planning
- Drop in influx of applicants
  - reduction reception capacity
    - End 2015: 33.408
    - End 2016: 26.363
    - End 2017: 23.338
    - End 2018: 20.978

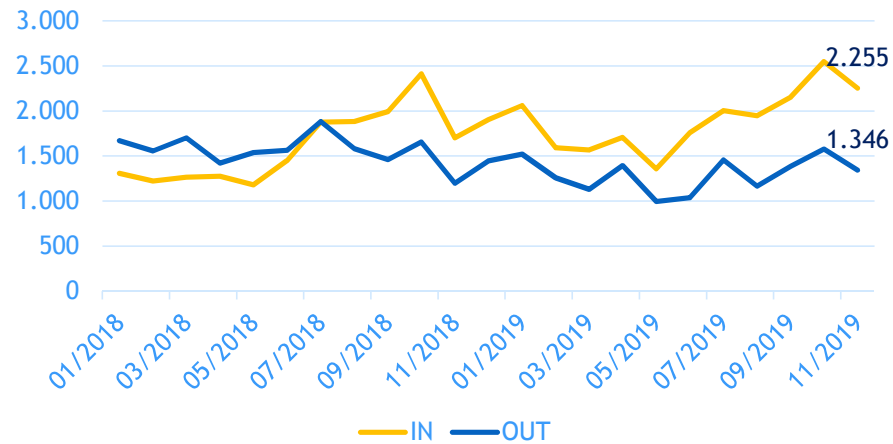
} reduction of +/- 12.500 places
  - reduction of staff of the asylum instances
- Despite of explicit demand of Fedasil to create 7,000 to 8,000 buffer places, in case of a new increased inflow, these places were never adjudged by the government

# Saturation of the reception network

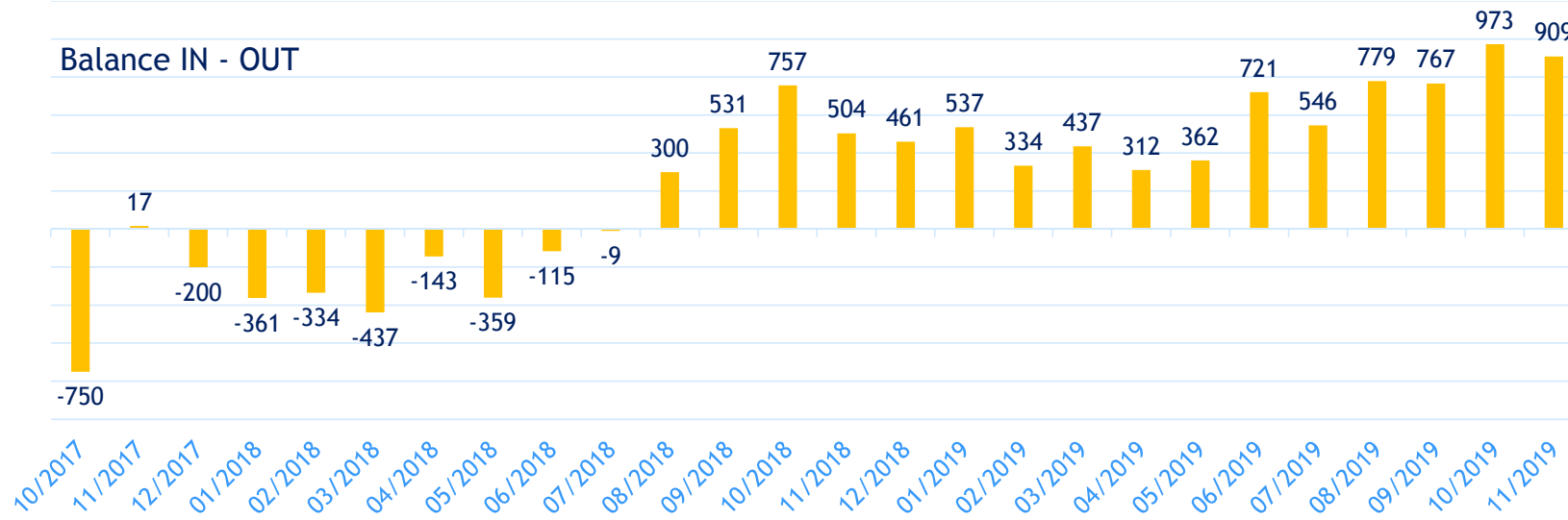
- Increased inflow of applicants of international protection (July 2018)
- Longer duration of the treatment of applications for international protection with an extended stay in the reception facilities as a consequence
- No sufficient number of buffer reception places
- Positive IN-OUT balance from August 2018 onwards (next slide)
- Need for -/+ 900 reception places per month (next slide)

# IN - OUT 2018 - 11/2019

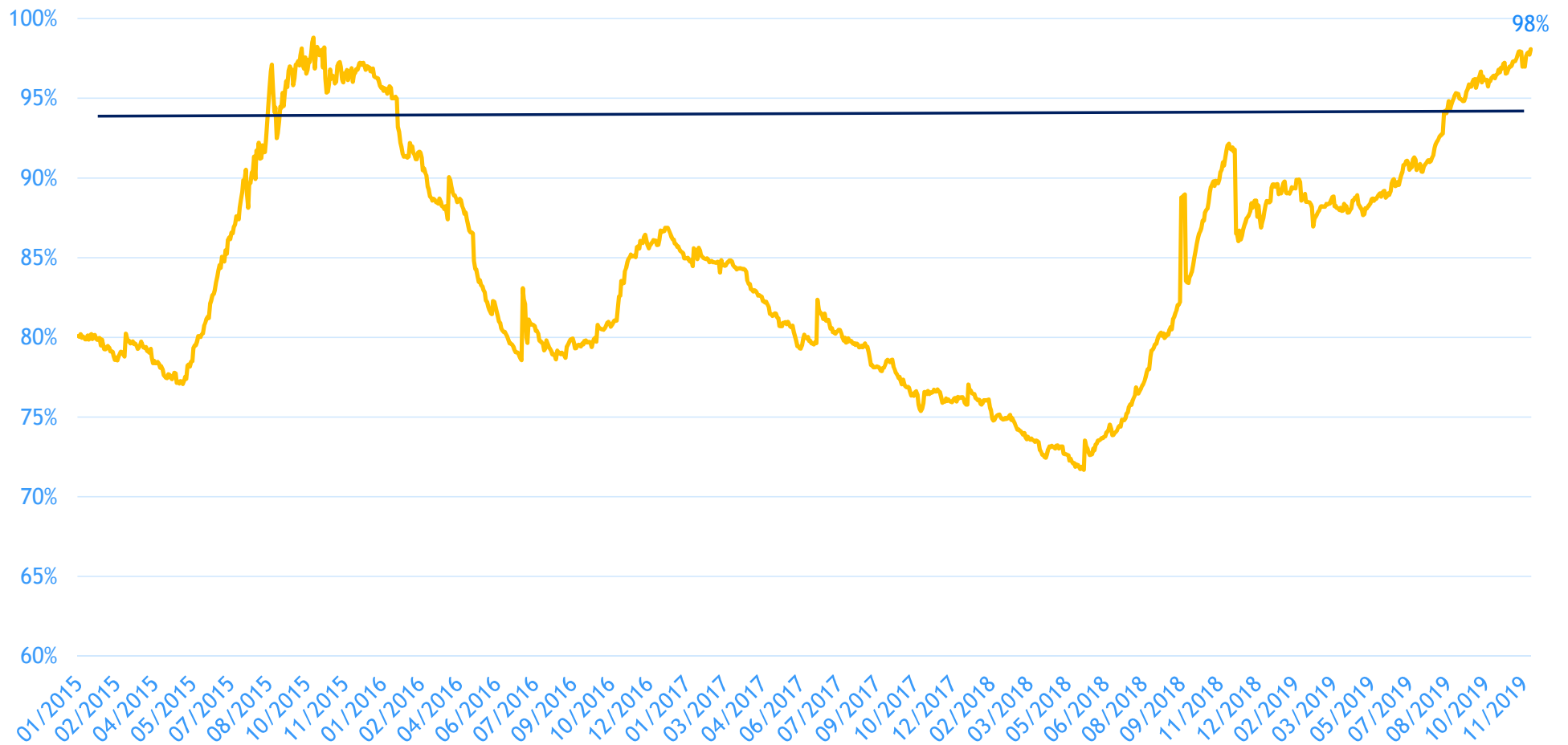
Evolution IN - OUT



Balance IN - OUT



# Occupation rate



# Solutions to relieve pressure on the reception network

- Increase in number of staff at Immigration Office & CGRS
- Reducation plan on hold
- Resettlement on hold
- Increase in number of reception places
- Opening of the temporary arrival centre

# Resettlement

**2018** 25 October 2018: **put on hold** because of increased influx and high occupation rate in reception centres → 880 refugees arrived in Belgium (1,150 refugees pledged)

**2019** Resettlement Admission Target of 850 refugees

- End of March 2019: decision to **re-activate** the resettlement programme
- 18 April: **arrival** of 92 Syrian refugees (from Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon)
- 20 & 21 June: **arrival** of 141 Syrian refugees (from Turkey)
- Arrivals of August postponed (280 refugees)

→ **No further arrivals confirmed for 2019**



# The temporary Arrival Centre: one year later



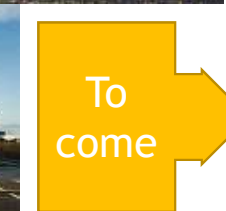
# Additional reception capacity

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# Increase of the capacity in existing reception structures by adding beds



# Opening of new reception centers



# Installation of tents and containers



# Not an easy road

Incendie criminel d'un futur centre d'accueil Fedasil  
(Bilzen)

Le Soir - 12.11.2019

**Juichen na brandstichting  
in Bilzen: 'Wij moeten hier  
geen asielcentrum'**

De Morgen - 12.11.2019

**Des amendes  
pour les migrants**

Sud Presse - 28.11.2019

**Va-t-on laisser le racisme consumer nos sociétés ?**

La Libre.be Contribution esterne - 19.11.2019

Gentse asielboot krijgt politie- en camerabewaking

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**Lokale besturen zijn jojo-effect  
federal opvangbeleid beu**

VVSG - 13.11.2019

Framing en blaming beheersten het Belgische migratiebeleid

**'De politieke correctheid over migratie is van  
kamp gewisseld'**

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# Next steps

Decision Federal Council of Ministers - 14 November 2019

Three measures:

1. Recruitment of **additional staff** for the Office of the Commissioner for Refugees and Stateless Persons (CGRS) and for the Council for Alien Law Litigation → procedures for international protection will become shorter as well as the duration of stay in the reception network;
2. **All federal services will look at measures to support Fedasil** and other asylum services in their mission.
3. Approval to **appeal to private actors** to offer reception facilities



# Thank you for your attention



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