

# “Physical Solidarity” A Point of View from Eastern Europe

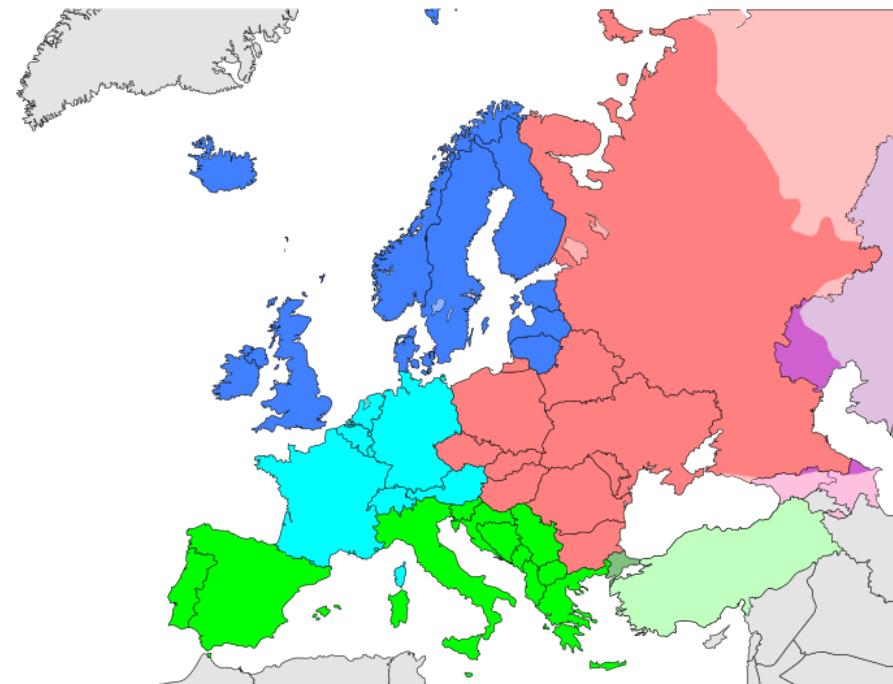
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# Eastern x Central Europe?

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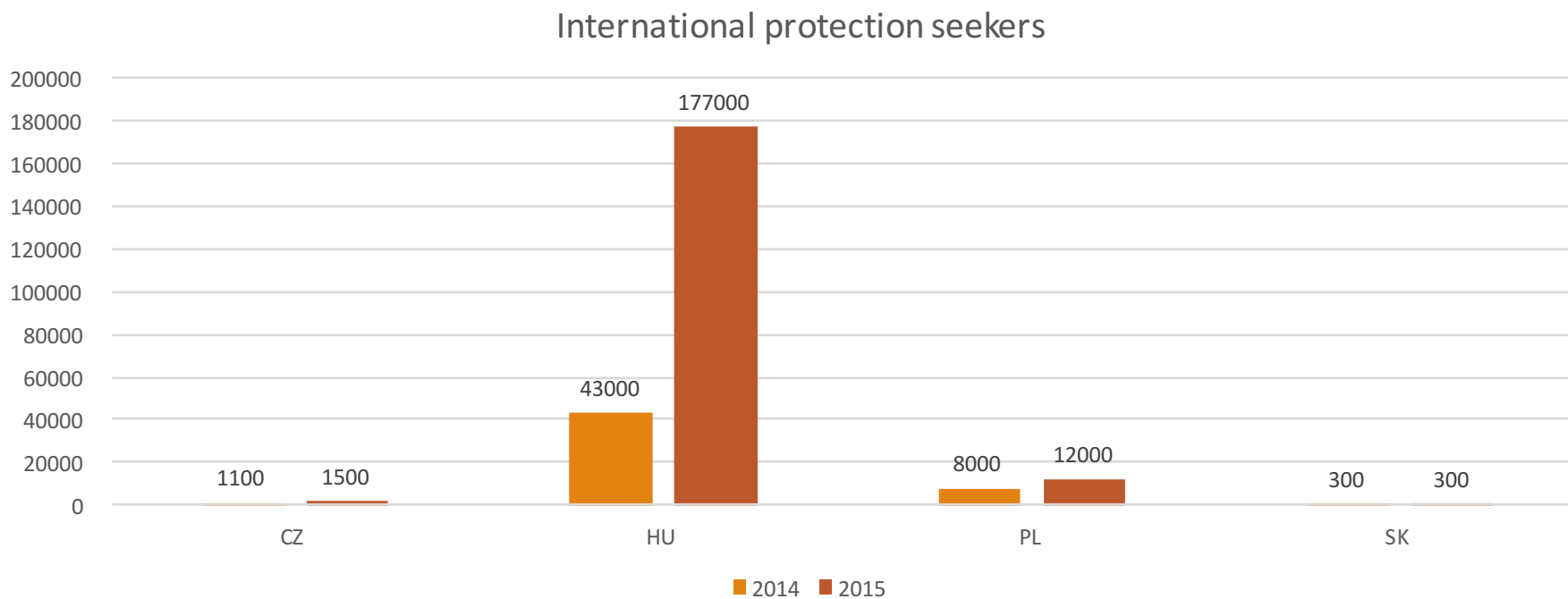
# Visegrad countries (V4)

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# V4 and experience with mass influx in 2015?

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# V4 states' national attitude towards the migration/refugee crisis

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Negative (even open xenophobic) attitude of high politicians

Parallel universe - media reality

Accent on historical perspective and fear of islam

==> societies expect states to protect them

# V4 (new legislative) national response

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## NEW LEGISLATION

### CZ

- Regulation on safe countries of origin

### HU

- Changes in asylum, criminal law, regulation on safe countries,

### SK

### PL

- Draft of the government's regulation on financial sources referring to reception of the asylum seekers who are to be relocated

## COMPLIANCE WITH EU/INTERNATIONAL LAW

### CZ

- Problems with conditions in detention

### HU

- Problems with compatibility of new legislation and practice (fence with barbed wire) with EU and int. Law ==> infringement

### SK

### PL

# V4 and solidarity

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## The real-life basis for solidarity

- People in need
- are coming to the borders **of the EU** and/or are drowning at the sea
- and do not distribute themselves equally ==> only to a few dream countries

## Solidarity with whom?

- With EU? With V4? With refugees? With the states' own societies? With third countries?



# V4 response on solidarity call within EU

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„EXPECTATION“ OF SOLIDARITY

...RESPONSE

... first proposal on relocation

... V4 YES

... second proposal on relocation

...V4 NO (except PO) + applications to CJEU([pending case C-643/15](#), [pending case C-647/15](#))

... EU response, not national

...Support of „back up plan“

... no proposals on the EU level



# Basis for response to crisis within the EU as viewed by V4

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root causes

protection of the European Union external border

swift implementation of hotspots (including their detention function – 12/15)

Sending message into the countries?

but also – emphasis on 1. (functional) **management**, on the system as such and on 2. **conception**

# Are the V4 states wrong legally?

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Partly – emphasis only on restrictive approach without real solution.

# Expectations of people in need as an important instrument

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- Clarification of long-term expectations as a forgotten issue
- What do we offer?
  - Hope
  - Chaos in our expectations?



# V4 as a club of troublemakers

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## V4 as a unanimous voice?

- Very few common topics
- Poland x CZ, SK, HU (vote on relocations)
- CZ started strategic dialog with Germany (working group on migration and integration)
  
- A bad idea to focus on the topic of migration (or other common topic) – contra solidarity expectations (can the states afford not to participate on solidarity?)

Thank you for your attention!

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# V4 countries and foreigners?

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