

Recent developments in the field of reception

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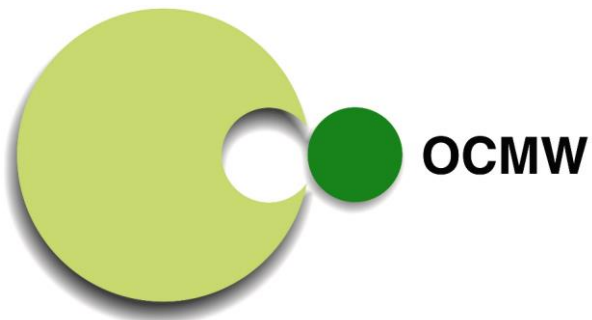
- Federal Agency for the Reception of Applicants for International Protection is responsible for:
 - **material aid**: the agency organizes reception and support; also provides monitoring and guidance for unaccompanied foreign minors
 - the **voluntary return, resettlement and relocation programmes**

Fedasil promotes the **integration of reception centres** within the local community

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Reception network in Belgium

Reception Network



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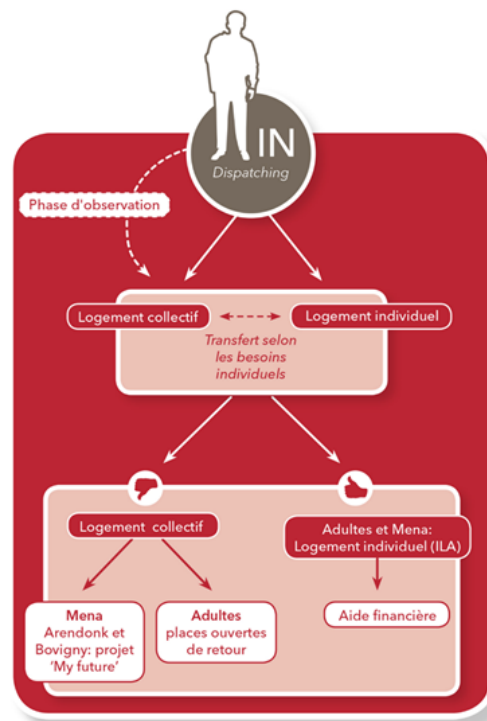
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Reception network



- Fedasil has a capacity of **20.000 reception places**
- collective reception centres & individual housing



Reception Capacity



- in case of high influx 3 phased action :
 - phase 1: structural capacity
 - phase 2: buffer capacity
 - phase 3: extra capacity (reception partners, military accomodations, private operators, ...)

- EPS/ indicators : proposal to activate next phase

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Overview



- Final conclusions study persons with special needs
- Activities facilitating integration
- New house rules
- Nation-wide database reception network
- Information app for applicants
- Agreements with international organisations

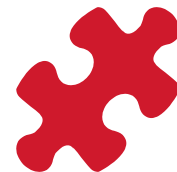
- **Capacity reduction**

- **Opening new arrival centre**

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**Capacity reduction after
the migration crisis**

After the migration crisis: the paradigm **shift**



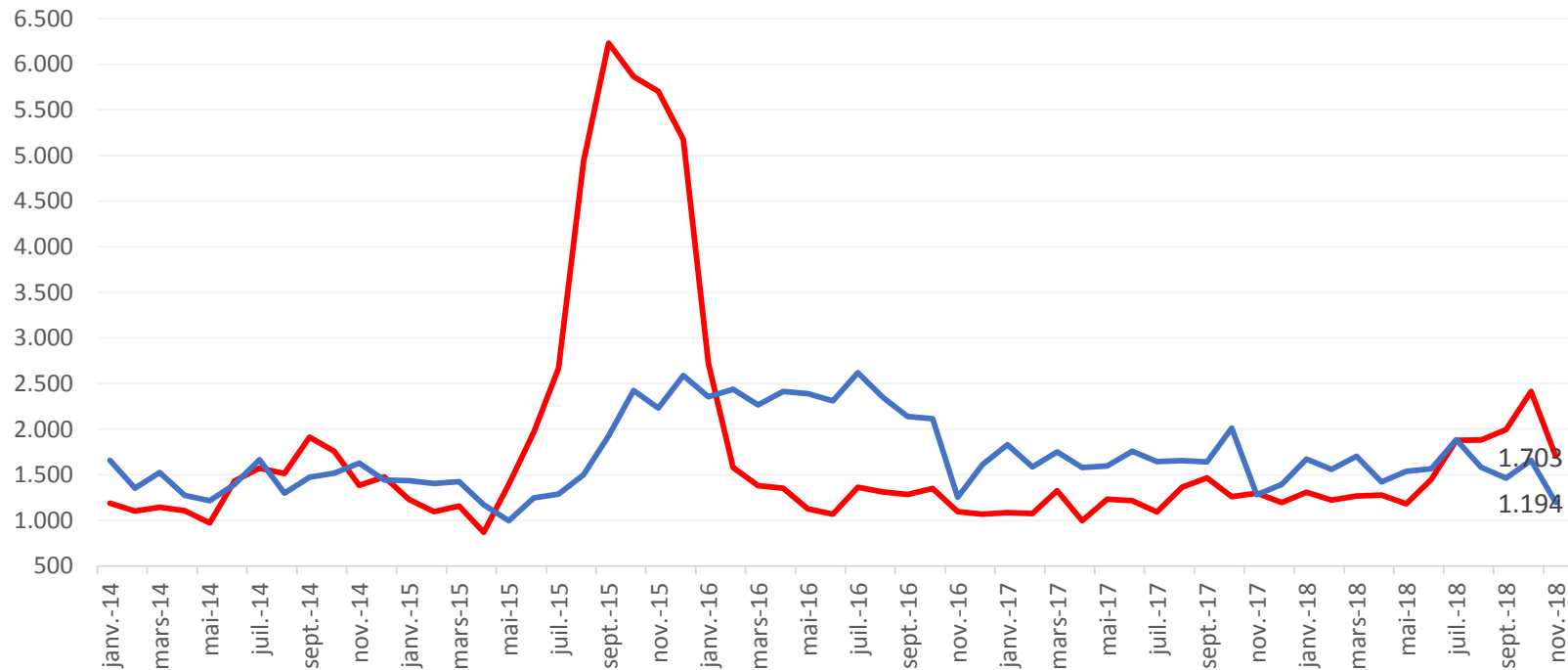
- EU-Turkey deal as a symbol for a **new political environment**
- Inflow : more and more considered predictable and controllable
=> less focus on contingency planning
- Mandate starts upon pre-arrival
- Change in target groups: focus on integration and pre-integration activities

IN & OUT



Evolution IN - OUT 2014-2018

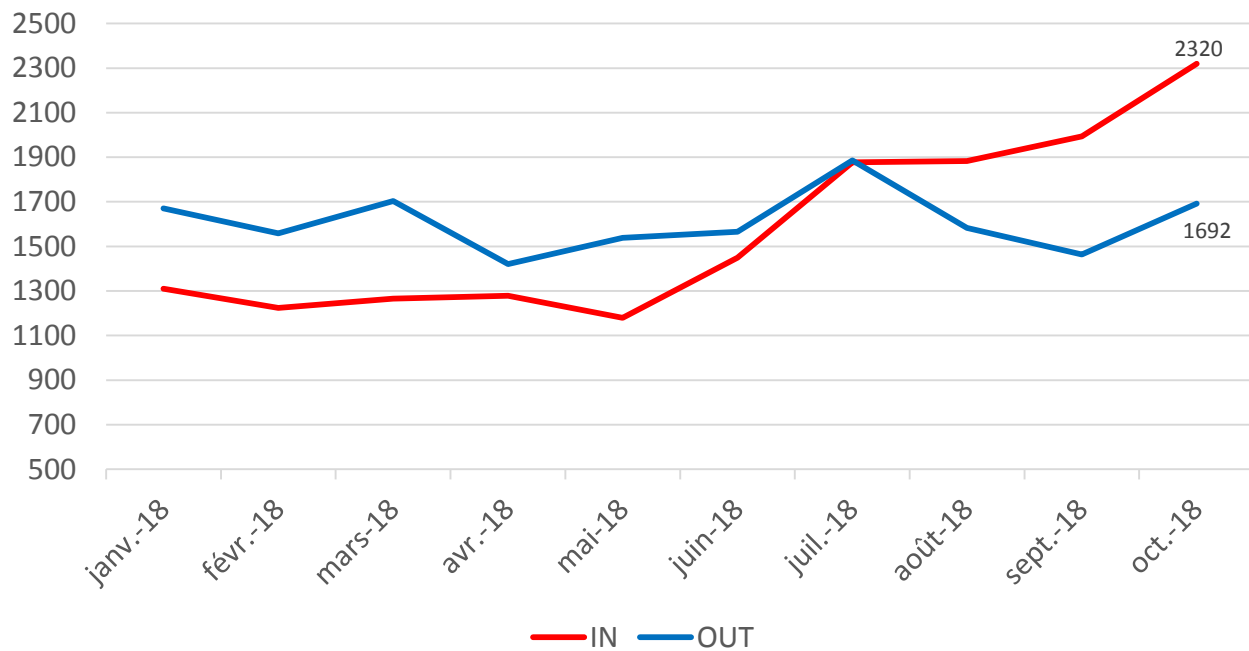
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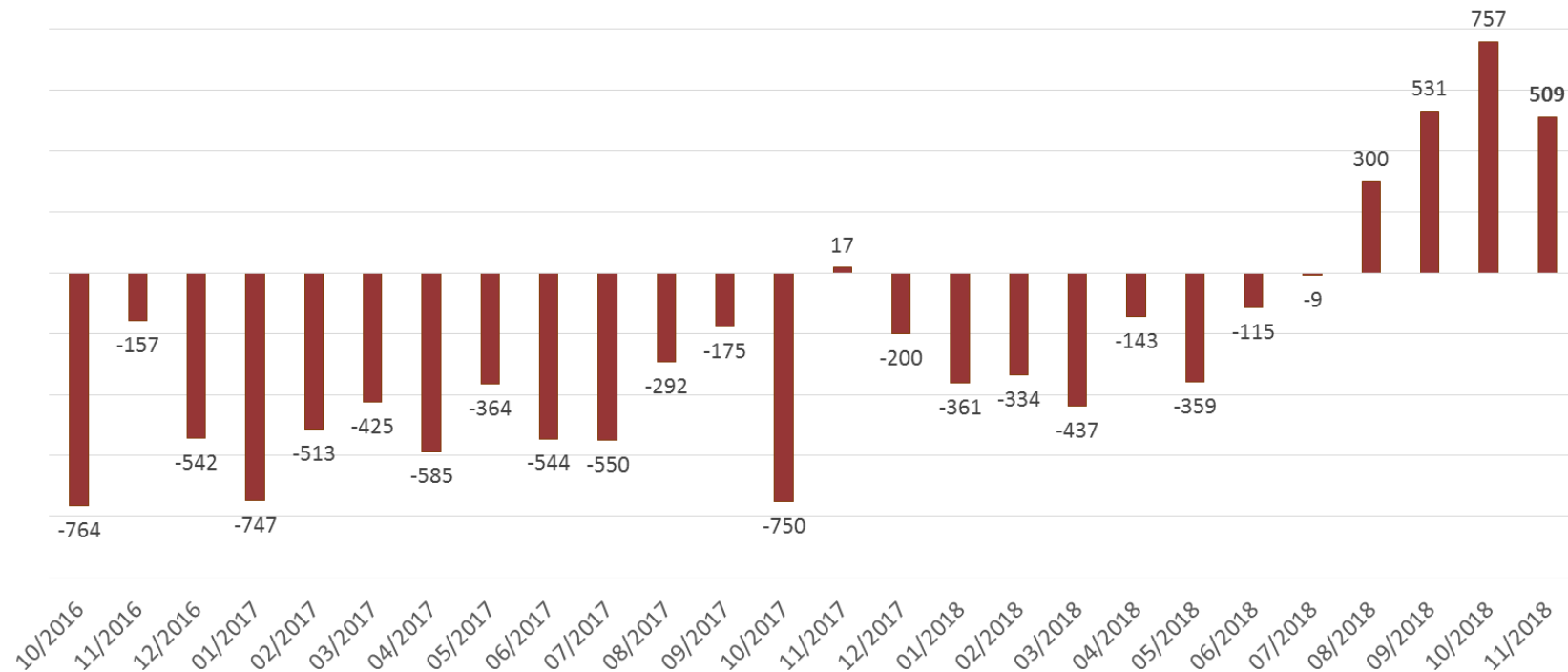
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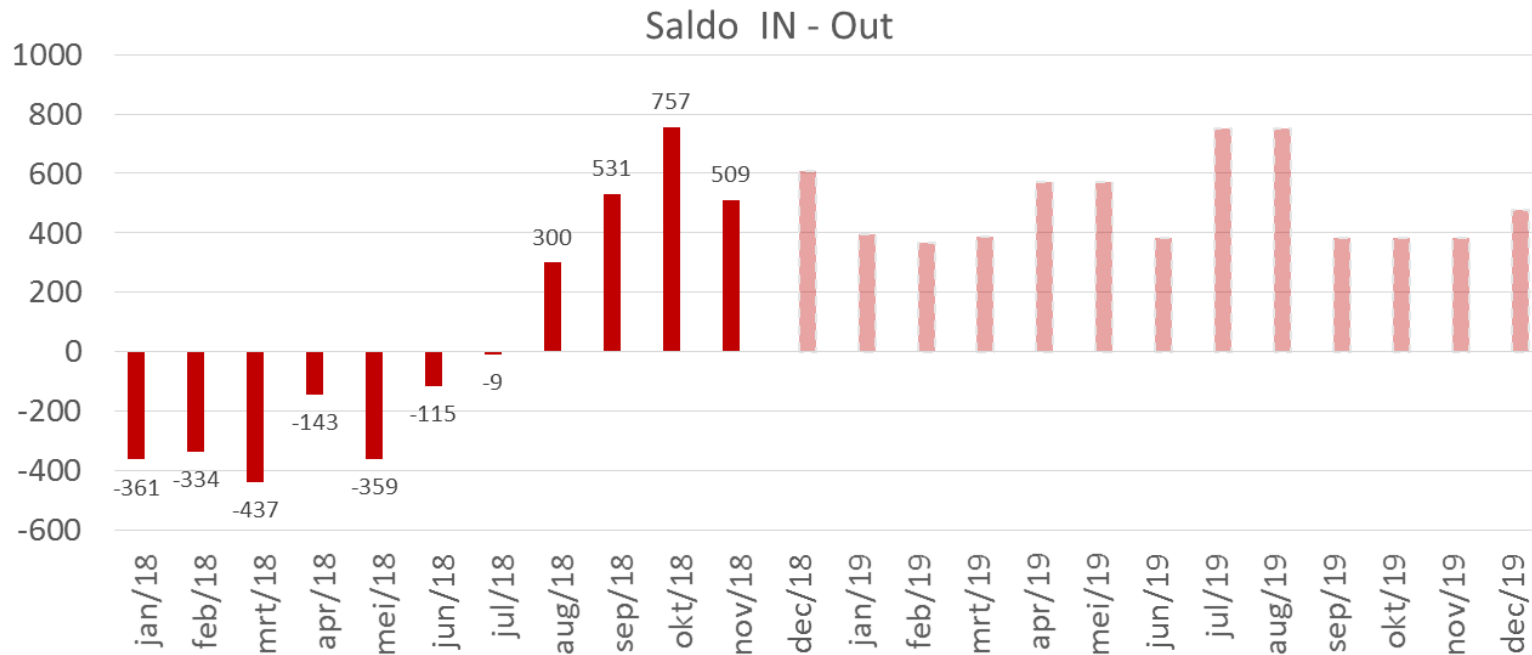
Evolution IN - OUT 2018



Balance IN-OUT



Balance IN-OUT: prognosis





Capacity reduction on hold

- Increased inflow of applicants since July 2018.

Decision of the government (02 October 2018):

- postpone the closure of 7 reception centers foreseen in 2018 until 30 June 2019
- creation of buffer capacity



Many obstacles while constantly scaling up and down !





Resettlement on hold

26 October 2018: decision to postpone the resettlement programme because of high influx and occupancy rate in reception centres.

For 2018, Belgium had promised to accommodate a total of 1,150 refugees, mainly Syrians living in Turkey, Lebanon or Jordan.

880 refugees have already been resettled in Belgium this year, the 270 remaining refugees will be resettled in 2019.





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**The opening of a new
arrival center**

Why an Arrival Center ?



Lessons learned from the last reception crisis

- Management of inflow and processes
- Need of more collaboration with immigration authorities
- ...

Improve the first arrival steps

- Screening of special needs of applicants
- Harmonisation of first intake
- Reducing transfers during reception
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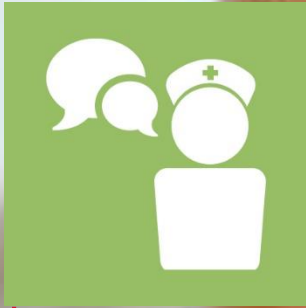
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Arrival centre:

- Tuberculose screening, first medical screening, vaccination, ...





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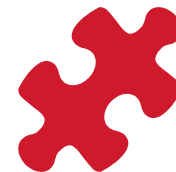
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First reception in arrival centre

Short term **results**



Dispatching and
Immigration
Office move to
arrival centre

More information
about first day
(flow, waiting
room, ...)

Harmonisation
first reception

Identification of
special needs

Long term **results**



Harmonisation first arrival

Identification of special needs

Guidance from the first day

More time & information to allocate appropriate reception

More information about applicants in the next accomodation

More information about flows and capacity to react



**Thank you for your
attention!**

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