**Summary of key trends observed**

- In July, the 7,520 persons arrived in the region which is an increase of 39% compared to the previous month (estimated at 5,519). Despite the increasing number of COVID-19 infections in the region, the mixed movements continued to increase in July compared to June.

- This month, a total of 173 persons filed an asylum application (compared to 233 in June). Only 13% of the asylum intentions were formalized into actual asylum applications.

- In July, 12 new positive first-instance decisions (only subsidiary protection status) were reached. Since January, 3,825 asylum applications have been lodged. Since January 2020, 13 persons have been granted refugee status and 25 persons subsidiary protection status, while 108 other applications were rejected. In addition, 1,835 submissions were closed because applicants absconded the asylum procedure. In July, the authorities in the SEE region conducted 23 interviews.

- At the end of July, 713 decisions are still pending (30% less than in June). The total number of asylum applications pending 1st instance decision beyond legally prescribed timelines, may be indicative of limited asylum processing authorities throughout the region.

- In 2020, 12% (463) of applications have been submitted by adult women and 21% (783) by children, including 105 unaccompanied and separated children (UASC) (13% of the children in total). The trends in July and June also indicate a higher percentage of families amongst the total of new arrivals compared to the beginning of 2020.
**New Applications Regional Trends**

**Total New Asylum Applications by Country of Asylum**
- **Albania**: 3828
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: 2100
- **Serbia**: 1413
- **Kosovo**: 943
- **Montenegro**: 934
- **North Macedonia**: 876

**Total Asylum Intentions by Country of Asylum**
- **Albania**: 107
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: 300
- **Serbia**: 1395
- **Montenegro**: 1383
- **Kosovo**: 898

**New Asylum Applications by Month and Country of Asylum**
- **January**: 778
- **February**: 939
- **March**: 235

**Total New Asylum Applications by Month**
- **January**: 1413
- **February**: 1364
- **March**: 584
- **April**: 17
- **May**: 41
- **June**: 234
- **July**: 175

**Total New Asylum Intentions by Month**
- **January**: 761
- **February**: 1898
- **March**: 1458
- **April**: 477
- **May**: 1638
- **June**: 2136
- **July**: 2557

**First Instance Decisions Trends**

**Total Decisions by Country of Asylum**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: 48
- **North Macedonia**: 39
- **Serbia**: 39
- **Kosovo**: 11
- **Albania**: 6

**First instance Decisions by Type and Country**
- **Refugee**
- **Rejected**
- **Subsidiary Protection**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: 33
- **North Macedonia**: 15
- **Serbia**: 8
- **Kosovo**: 1
- **Albania**: 5
- **Montenegro**: 3

**Total Otherwise Closed Applications by Country**
- **Kosovo**: 602
- **Montenegro**: 562
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: 610
- **North Macedonia**: 189
- **Serbia**: 63
- **Albania**: 19

*disaggregated figures by age/gender are not always available*

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### Monthly New Asylum Applications

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