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Why is it a problem?

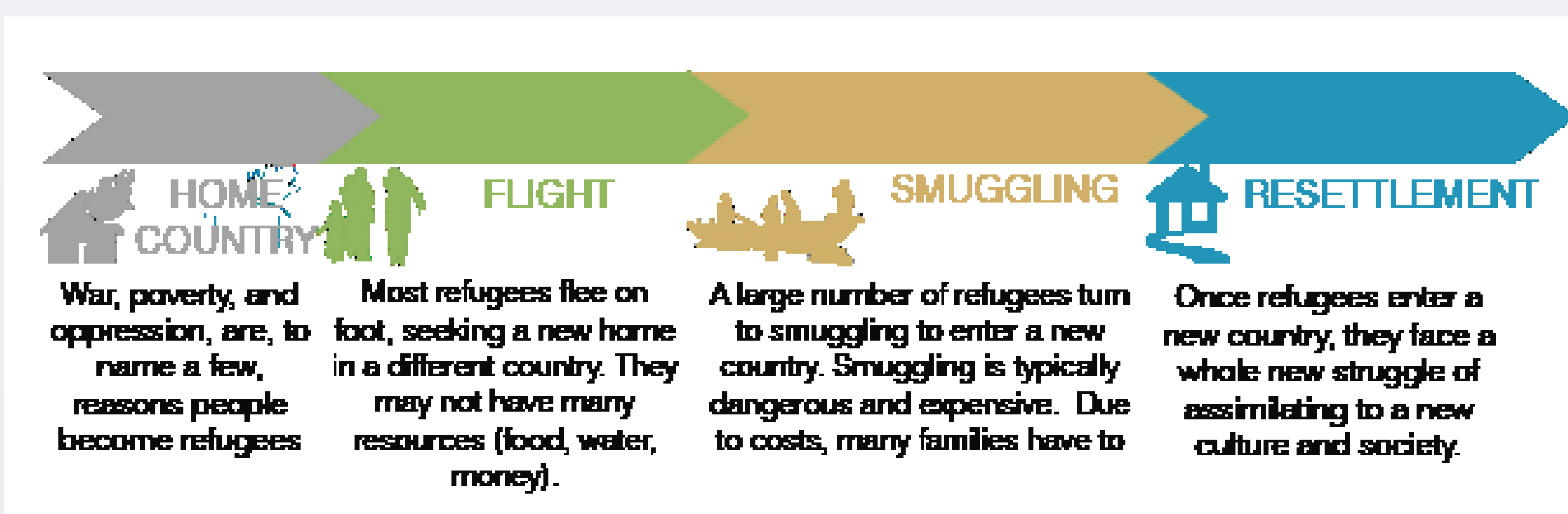
Refugees are desperate to seek asylum and put themselves in dangerous situations to seek safety.

Smugglers see an opportunity to make a profit from the refugee crisis, thus taking advantage of an already vulnerable population.

Can be expensive to refugees, leaving them with little-to-no money when entering country of refuge.

Countries may have fears of pressures from incoming migrants, and create boundaries or legal restrictions to slow entry.

Refugee Stages:



Global Response

- Documents needed to travel and be granted asylum
- Advancing security measures to detect fake documents
- Targeting migrants to get to smugglers

Why do refugees resort to smuggling?

Countries close off their borders in response to flooding of migrants

Ex: Hungary
Slovenia
Austria

EU-Turkey Deal, Dublin Regulation

Land routes are long, harsh, and dangerous

Companies such as airlines will not classify individuals as refugees for transport

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Solutions

1) Orderly way of managing & monitoring borders without closing them

- Enforcing the Declaration of Human Rights: Article 14
- Humanitarian Visas
 - Allows refugees to travel safely and apply for asylum upon arrival
 - Article 13: "Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state."
 - Interpretation of EU Council directive 2001/51/EC to correctly identify Refugees and transport them legally to any EU country

2) Legal and Safe Migration opportunities

- Countries and/or organizations can provide -FREE bus/train/boat travel with the support of humanitarian funding
- Providing travel from border-to-border can decrease:
 - The flooding of refugees within borders
 - The amount of travel/smuggling-related deaths
 - An official organization to screen and transport asylum seekers

3) Travel Stops

- Can provide relief and resources along the way, making a safer and healthier journey
 - Food/Water
 - Resting Areas
 - Medical Services
 - Information/Resources



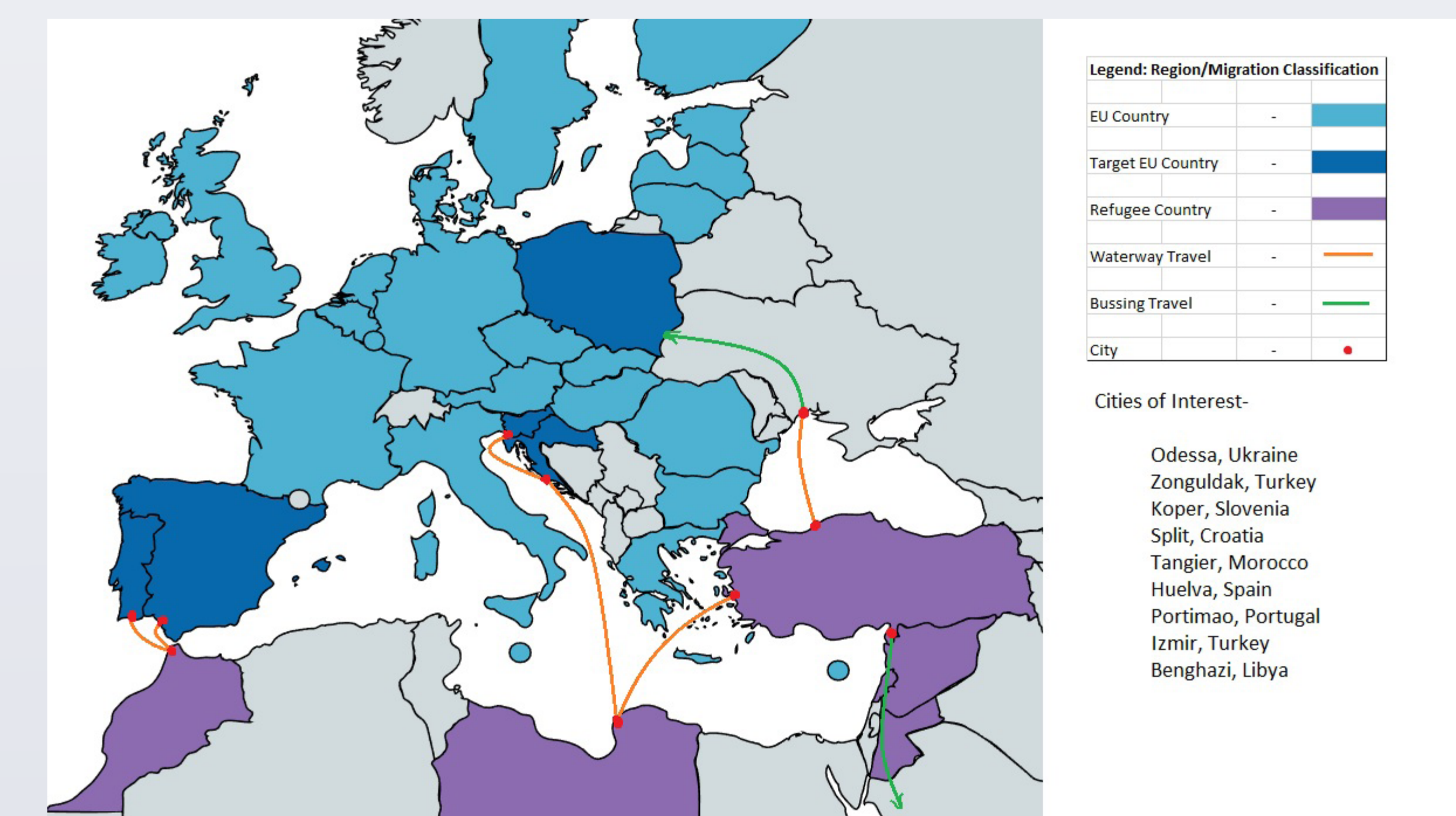
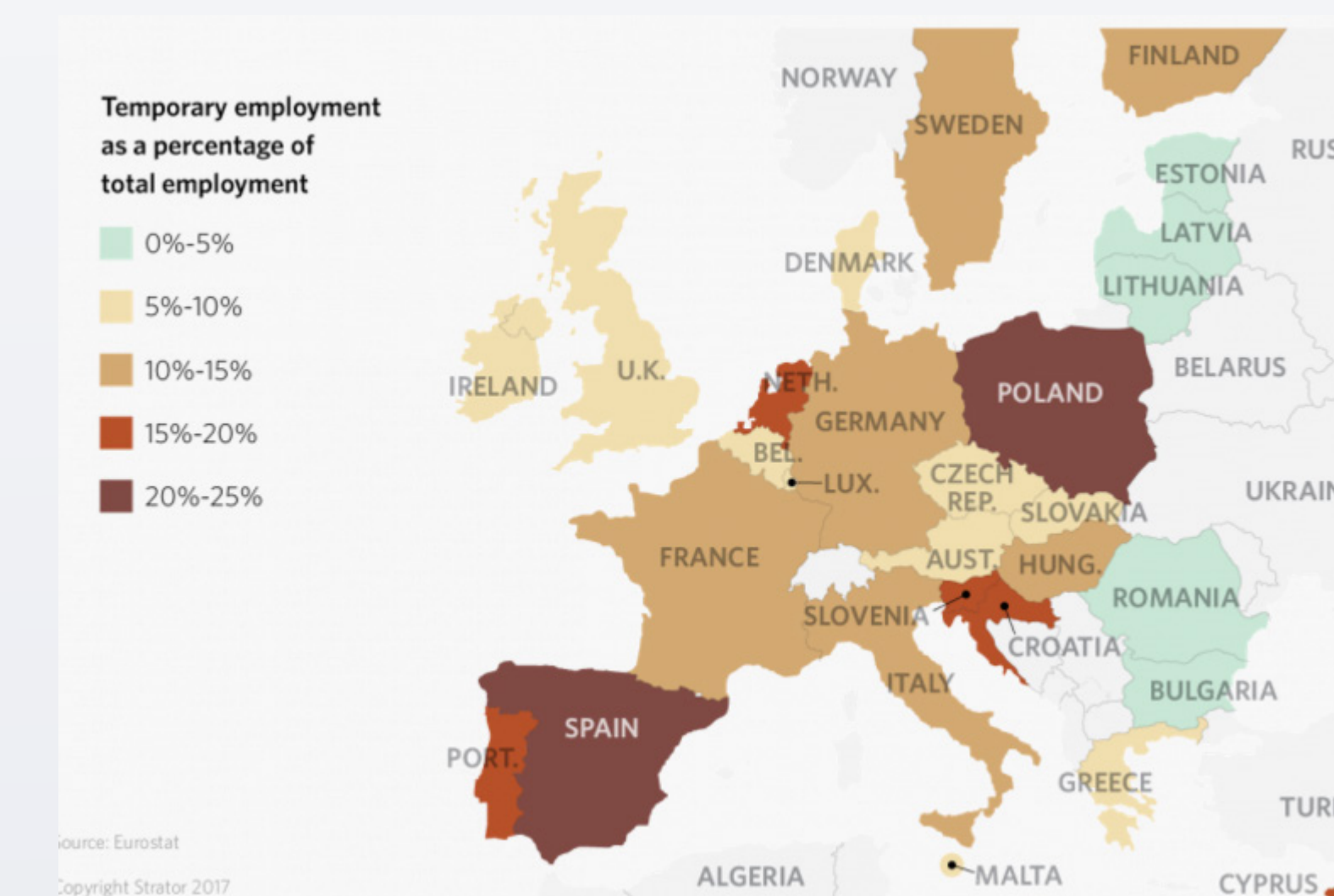
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Statistics:

Country	Refugees per 1000 Citizens (2015)
Germany	3.1
Turkey	23.72
Lebanon	208.1
France	4.13
Netherlands	4.89
Spain	0.33
Portugal	0.07
Italy	1.57
Greece	0.75
Poland	0.04
Slovenia	0.14
Croatia	0.17
Netherlands	4.89
United Kingdom	1.82
Saudi Arabia	9.61

Source: UNHCR



Partners:

- International Rescue Committee
- Save the Children
- Doctors Without Borders
- Mercy Corps
- UNHCR

