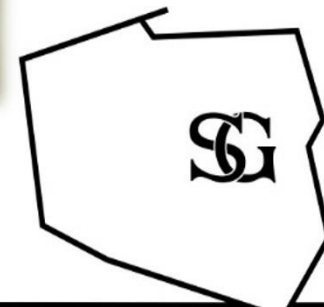




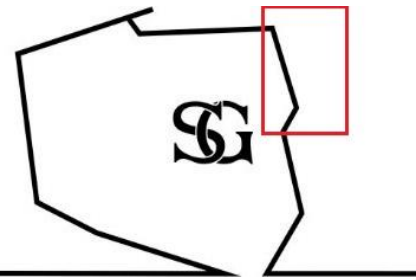
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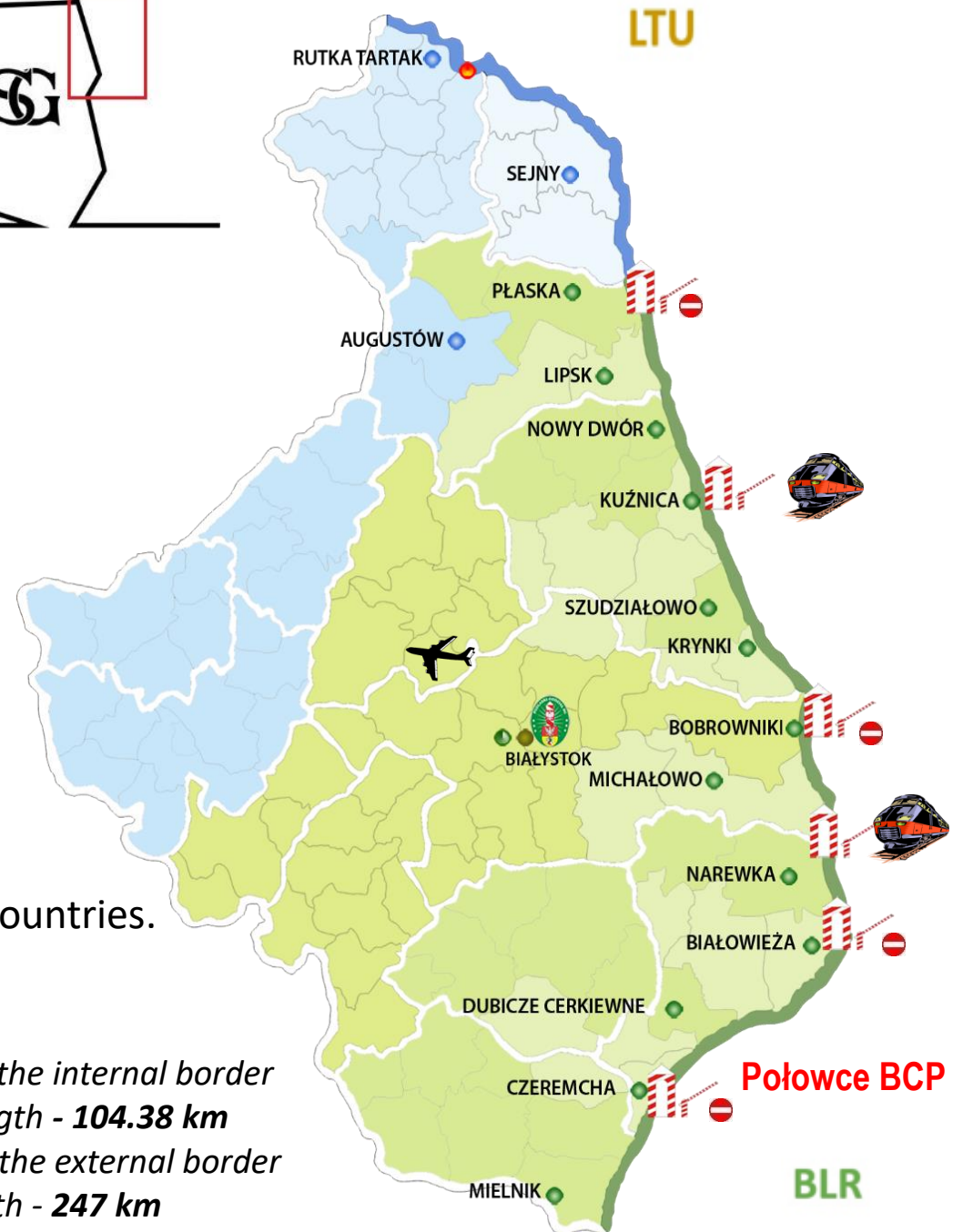


- Main tasks:**
- State border protection,
 - Border traffic control.

Threats:

- Hybrid activities:
instrumentalization of migration,
disinformation activities of Belarus.
- Irregular migration:
constant and unpredictable,
with the involvement of the Belarusian services,
dependent on Russia's current goals
and long-term plans towards the EU and NATO countries.
- Organizers/facilitators/couriers.

- **3** Border Guard Stations on the internal border with Lithuania. Border length - **104.38 km**
- **13** Border Guard Stations on the external border with Belarus. Border length - **247 km**



Połowce BCP

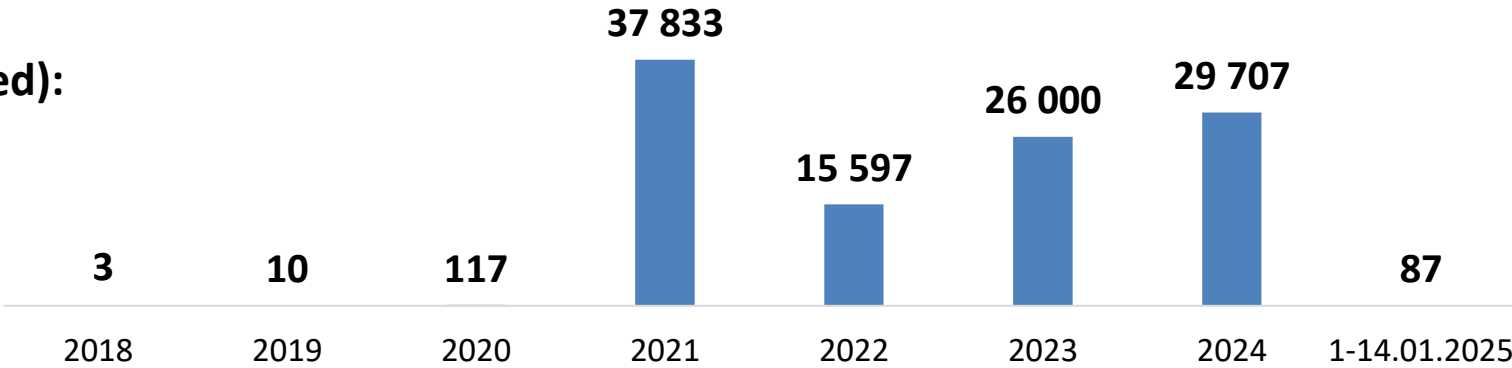
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Migration pressure

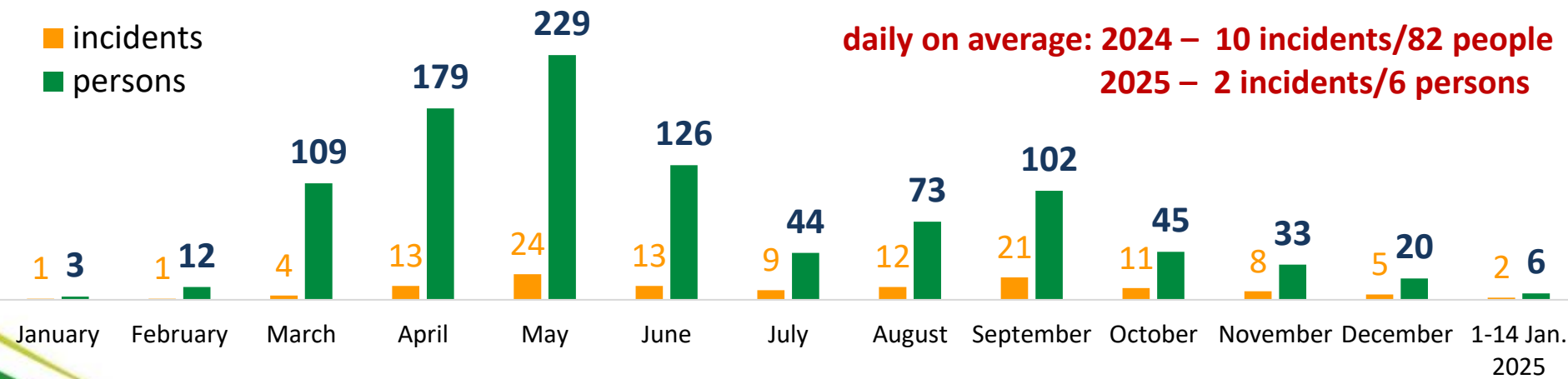
Main nationalities (persons apprehended):

- 2021: IRQ, AFG, SYR, SOM;
- 2022: IRQ, SYR, TUR, IRN, SDN, AFG;
- 2023: AFG, SYR, IRN, SOM;
- 2024: ETH, ERI, SOM, SYR, YEM, SDN.



Migrant profile

- Mostly men (about 50 nationalities: from Africa, the Middle East, Afghanistan, Asia), Russian visas,
- crossings in groups, the groups are well coordinated and organized,
- **high level of aggression towards Polish patrols, also inspired by the Belarusian side.**









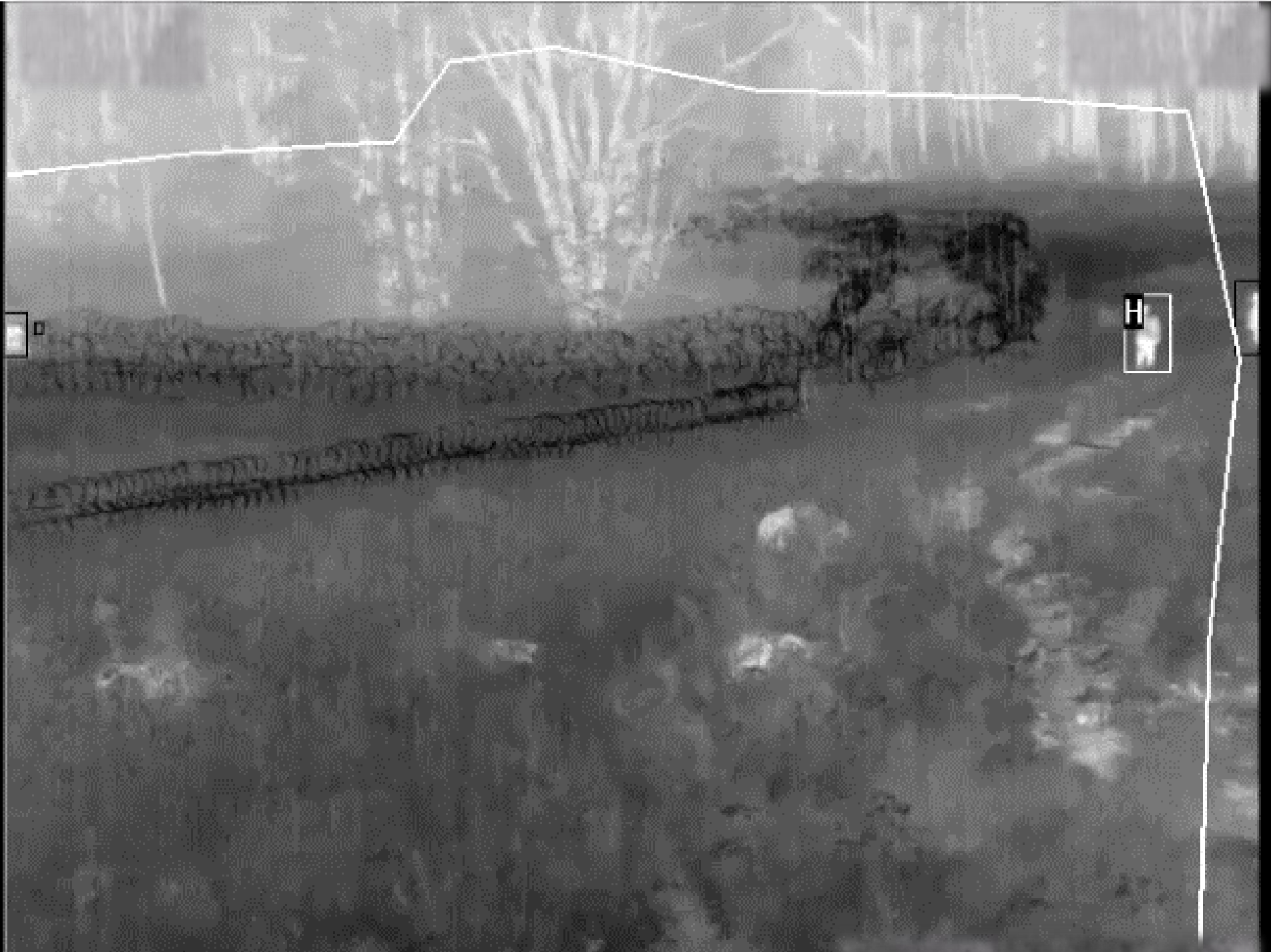
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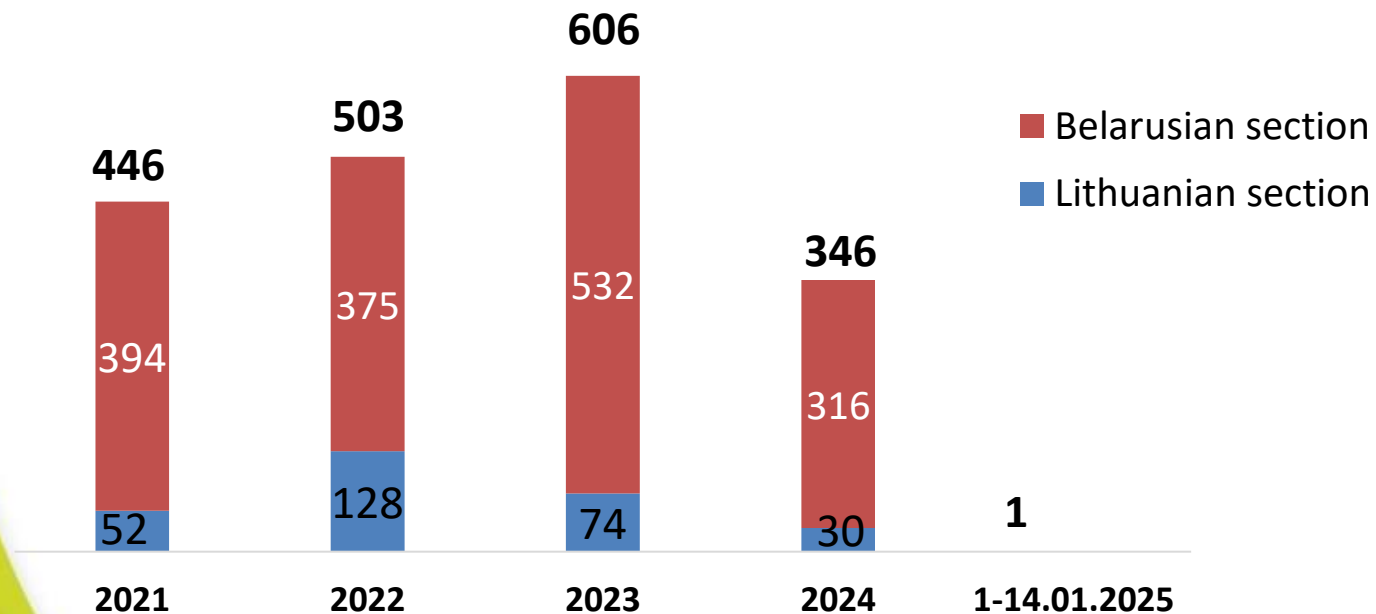








Organizers/facilitators



Main nationalities:

2021: UKR, SYR, GEO, PL, DEU, IRQ

2022: UKR, GEO, BLR, PL

2023: UKR, GEO, BLR, UZB, POL

2024: UKR, POL, BLR, MDA, GEO

2025: UKR





Organization of border protection

BORDER GUARD

coordinating the activities of: the Armed Forces of the Polish Army,
the Police,
cooperating services.

- Preventing irregular border crossings,
- buffer zone – decrease in irregular border crossings by 43%,
- international protection and humanitarian/medical assistance,
- organizing returns to countries of origin.



Organization of border protection – best practices



Operational and investigative activities:

- Recognizing and combating migration crime, mainly facilitators,
- cyber reconnaissance,
- cooperation with Europol.



Foreigners Registration and Verification Centers:

- Verification procedures,
- ensuring safe and humane rules for the stay of foreigners, until they are placed in the centers for foreigners.



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Humanitarian Support Network:

- Human Rights Advisor of the Commander of the Podlaski Border Guard Division and Coordinators on human rights and humanitarian support at each Border Guard Station.
- Border Guard Part – time Serach and Rescue Teams,
- cooperation with other services and aid institutions
(incl.: State Emergency Medical Services, Military Emergency Medical Services, Doctors Without Borders, Polish Red Cross).

Cooperation with the countries of the north-eastern region: Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland.

- Exchange of experience and best practices in the field of hybrid activities, in particular instrumentalized migration, state border security,
- joint activities, training.



Integrated border infrastructure





Integrated border infrastructure - detection of incidents

Detection of an incident
(thermal camera
and/or detection cable)

Automatic transfer
of information
to the Surveillance Center

Analysis of the Incident
- operator in the
Surveillance Center

Positive result
- transfer of information
to the appropriate
BG Station,
Intervention.

 Technical barrier – 186 km
 Electronic barrier – 247 km



**Alarm in
surveillance
center**

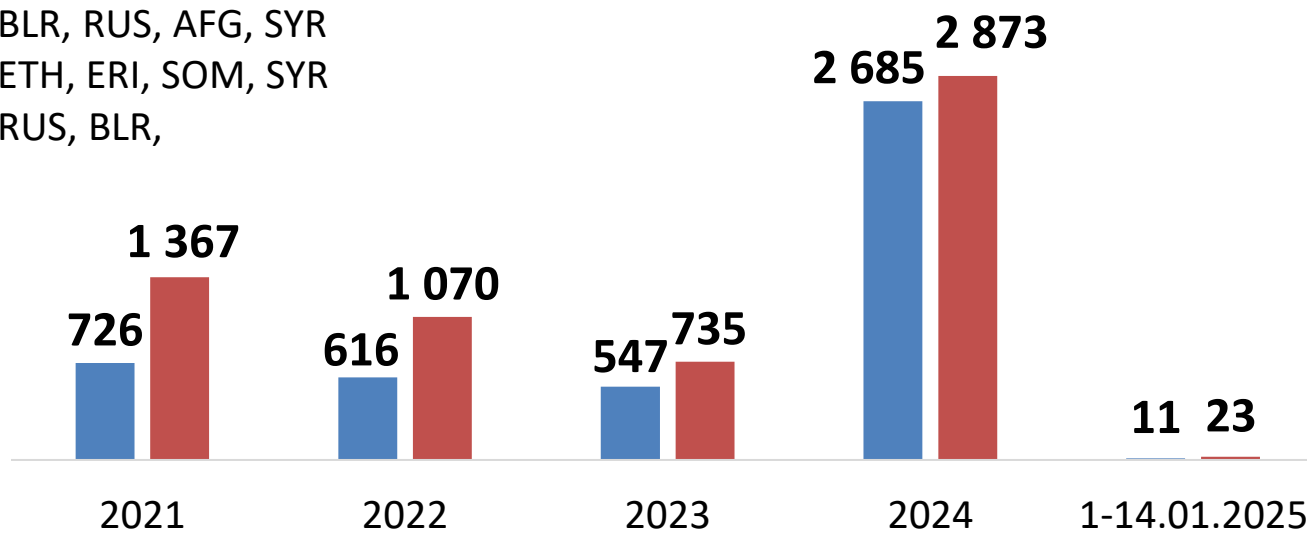


Applications for international protection



TOP 2021: IRQ, AFG, RUS, BLR
2022: RUS, BLR, IRQ, SYR
2023: BLR, RUS, AFG, SYR
2024: ETH, ERI, SOM, SYR
2025: RUS, BLR,

List of countries – suspended returns:
 Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen,
 Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia,
 Venezuela (from July 24, 2024),
 Ukraine (special procedure).



■ number of applications
■ number of people

2024 rok



In 2024, the vast majority of migrants applying for international protection in Poland were represented by activists with powers of attorney.



Personnel and equipment resources

In the border protection:

Border Guard:

- almost 2 200 border guards of the Podlaski BG Division, support from other Border Guard Divisions (2024 – over 4500 officers).

Support from other services:

- Polish soldiers,
- Policemen.



Support for migrants

Life rescue actions

Due to the inaccessible terrain (floodplains, swamps, forests) search and rescue operations were carried out from land, water and air with the participation of other services, incl.:

- **Air Ambulance,**

- **Fire Brigade,**

- **Polish Armed Forces (PA, TDF)**

using specialised equipment: helicopters, boats, drones.

In 2024:

- **411** incidents, in which **480** were provided with help,
- **307** foreigners were hospitalised,
- **333** ambulance calls,
- **101** actions undertaken by Search and Rescue Teams, in which **154** people were provided with help.

Since the beginning of the migration crisis:

- **1 668** foreigners hospitalised,
- **1 216** ambulance calls.

Cost of medical assistance provided:

- ED and hospitalisations – **1 183 530 EUR.**
- medicines – **12 705 EUR.**





Thank you for attention.



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