



UNECE Meeting of the Group of Experts on Migration Statistics: EGRISS and the International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS)

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Outline

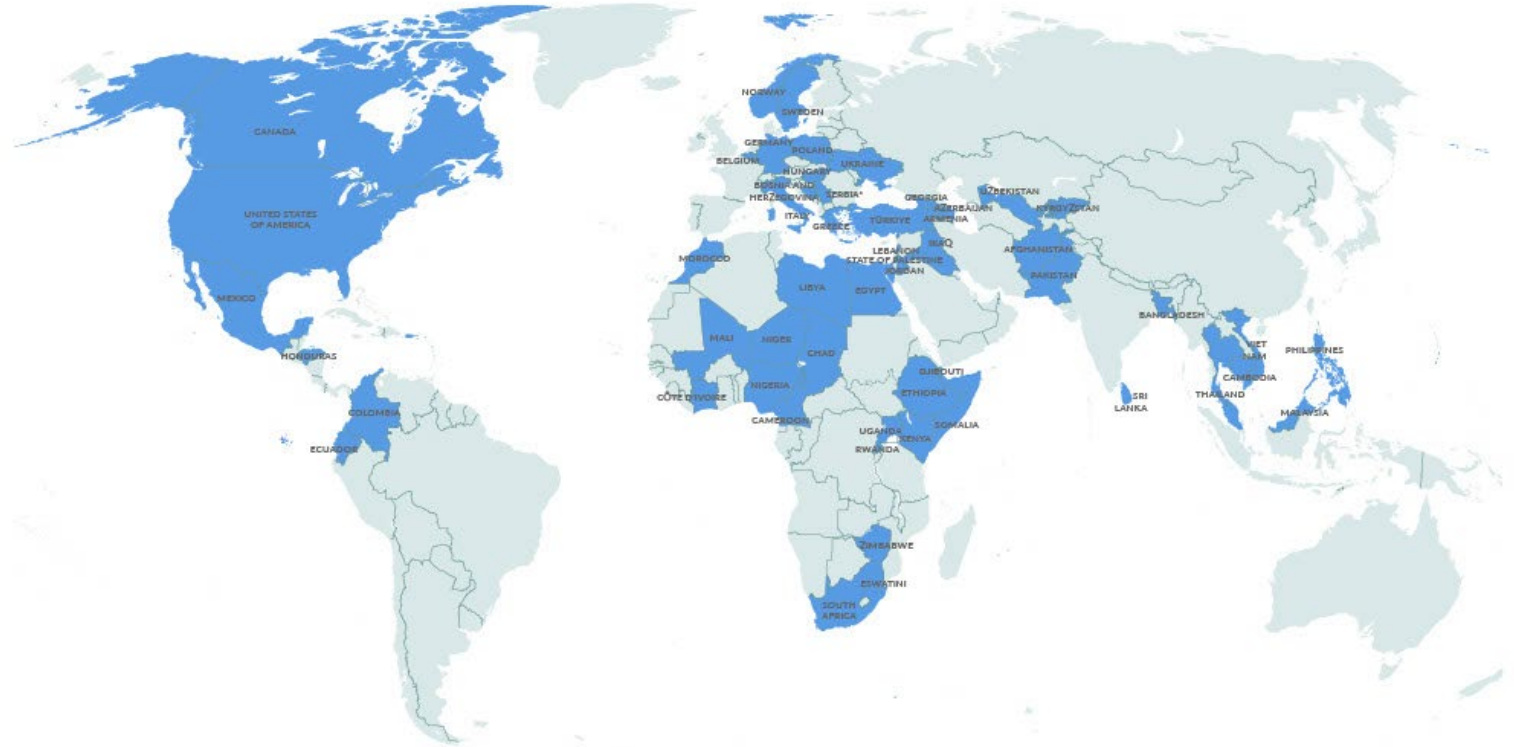
- EGRISS overview
- The International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS)
- Examples of implementation
- Ideas for collaboration with UNECE

EGRISS Membership

54 Countries | 34 Regional and International Organizations

Steering Committee:

1. Colombia
2. Kurdistan
3. Norway
4. Ukraine
5. African Union (AU)
6. Eurostat
7. Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)
8. International Organization for Migration (IOM)
9. Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS)
10. United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
11. United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)
12. World Bank
13. WB-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement



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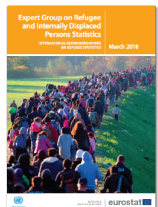
*The highlighted country of Serbia is referring to the participation of Kosovo Region only.
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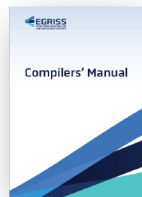
EGRISS key achievements & current mandate

1ST MANDATE
IRRS ENDORSEMENT



2016 - 2018

2ND MANDATE
IRIS ENDORSEMENT



2018 - 2020

3RD MANDATE
IMPLEMENTATION AND
IROSS DEVELOPMENT



2020 - 2024

- Formally established in **July 2016**, with the Terms of Reference approved by the Bureau of the UN Statistical Commission
- Core achievement of 1st mandate: **International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS) and Technical Report on Statistics of IDPs**
- Core achievement of 2nd mandate: **International Recommendations on IDP Statistics (IRIS) and a first draft of Compilers' Manual.**
- Mandate extended for a third phase to focus on **implementation** and **International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics**

3rd Mandate Priorities: Thematic focus areas

Promotion & dissemination



- Advocacy events
- Publications & website
- Networks

Capacity development



- Technical support
- Regional workshops
- E-learning

Methodology & guidance



- Compilers' Manual revision
- Methodological gaps & research

Statelessness statistics



- International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROSS)

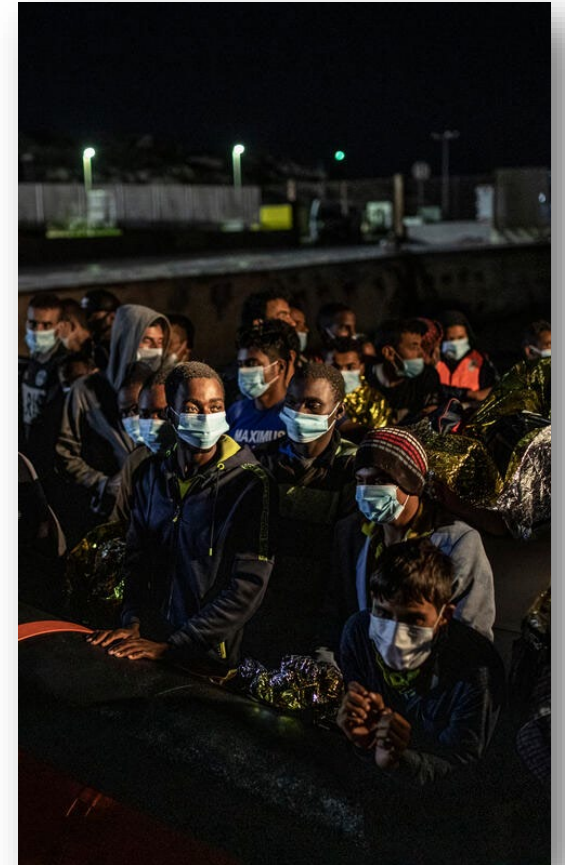
Importance of official statistics on refugees and asylum seekers



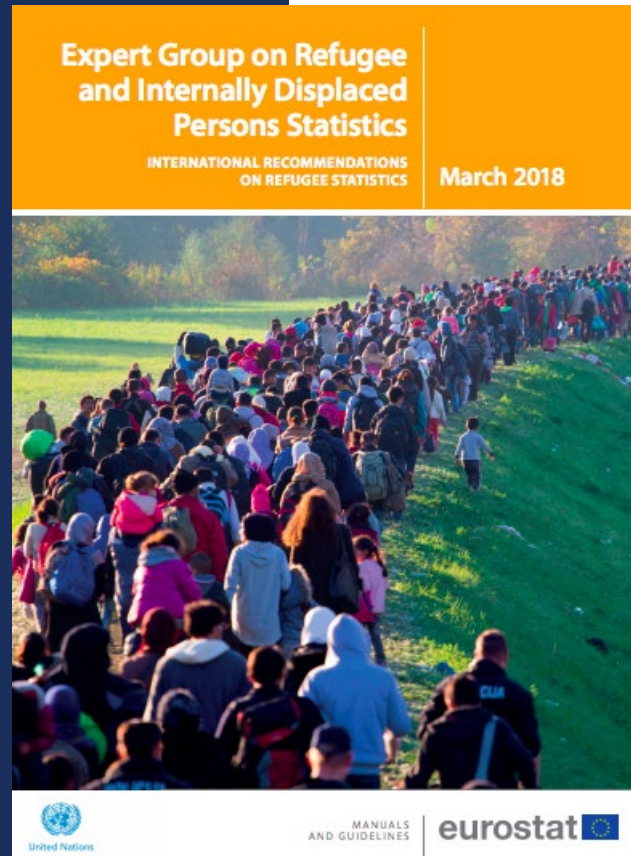
- Guide governments and regional and international organizations in **policy development, resource allocation and programmatic interventions**, including associated **monitoring and evaluation** efforts
- Help meet **international commitments**, such as the [Agenda 2030](#) and the [Global Compact on Refugees](#).
- Enhance **regional cooperation** through more transparent and comparable statistics

EGRISS in Europe

- **Political motivation** to improve statistics routed in the 2015-16 'migrant/refugee crisis'
- **Eurostat and Norway** as founding members and still actively engaged
- Priority region for **EGRISS Subgroup 1** (co-led by Eurostat, Hungary and ECA) to enhance **promotion/dissemination** in the region
- Strong interest to **exchange experience** between countries (focus on **administrative data usage** but not only)
- **Growing momentum** (and new members) linked to current Ukraine situation

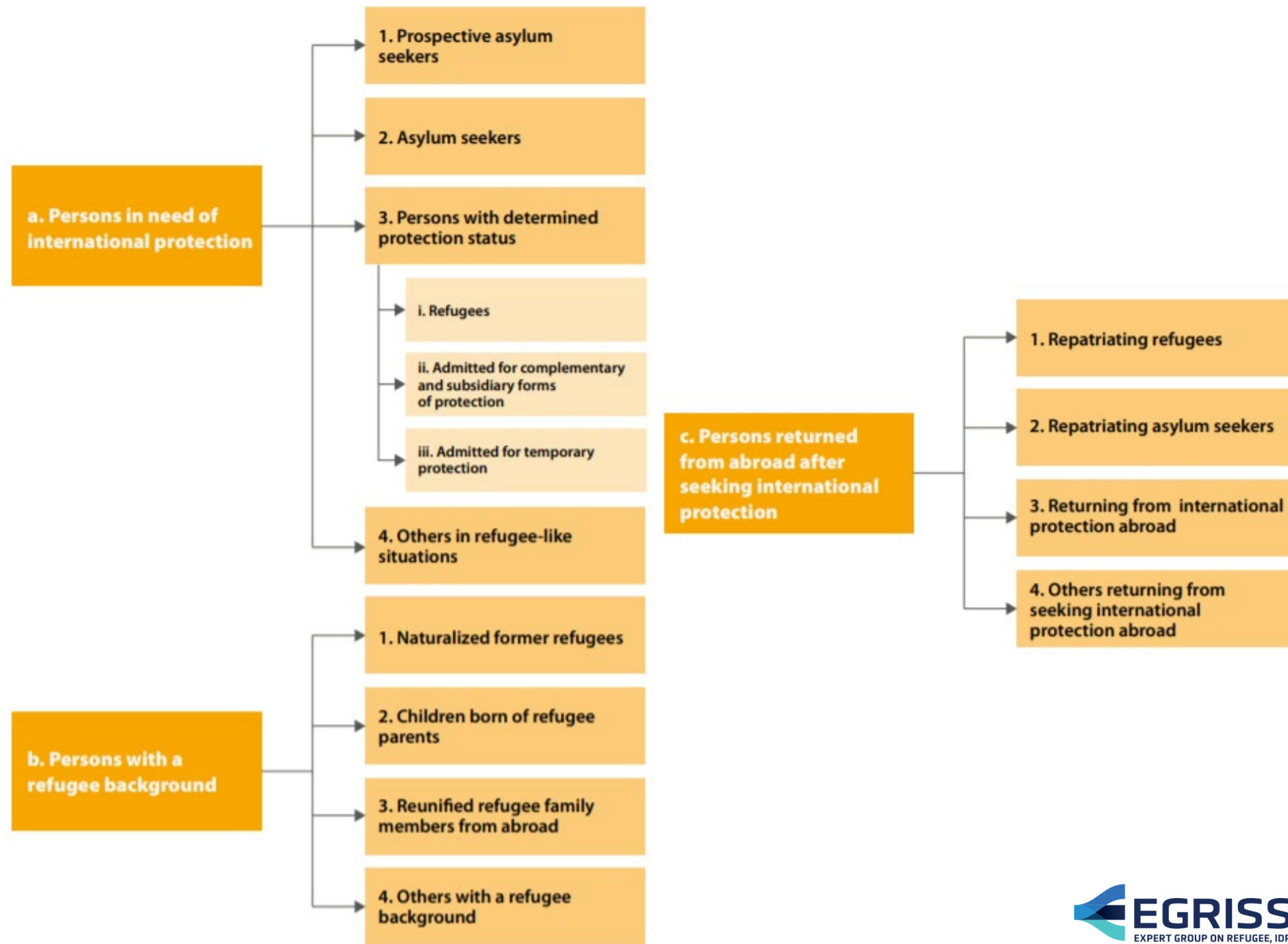


What is in the International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics?



- 1 Creation of a **statistical framework** standardizing **relevant terminology** and classifications
- 2 List of **basic data tabulations** and indicators
- 3 Assessment of **data sources (admin data, census, and surveys)** and **methods** and ways to improve them
- 4 Identification of **socioeconomic indicators** for refugee integration and wellbeing
- 5 List of recommended **SDG indicators** to be disaggregated by forced displacement
- 6 Steps to improve **statistical coordination** at national, regional, international levels

IRRS Statistical Framework



IRRS key messages

- **Common definitions:** Statistical framework and definitions recommended in the IRRS to be used at country, regional and international level to enhance comparability of data over time and between countries.
- **Inclusion in National Statistical System (NSS):** Refugee statistics should be included in scope of **NSS** (and coordination responsibilities of NSO) as refugees are part of the resident population of a country.
- **Adapt data sources:** Existing data sources (census, national surveys, admin registries) should be adapted/capitalized on to produce refugee statistics sustainably. Ad hoc/displacement specific data sources can also be pursued as a second option.
- **Socio-economic analysis:** Beyond stocks and flows, recommended indicators for integration and wellbeing measurements should be used.
- **Fundamental Principles of official statistics and “do no harm”** should be followed in the collection, production and dissemination of official statistics on refugees.
- **Effective coordination:** between producers and users of displacement statistics is essential. Inclusion in **National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)** can be helpful.

Examples of implementation

- EGRISS Secretariat regularly monitors implementation of IRRS and IRIS by countries and institutions, through annual survey and “ad hoc” data collection.
- Feeds into both quantitative annual overview and more in-depth case studies sharing experiences and lessons learnt.

IRRS implementation examples @ country level include:

- census (e.g. South Africa, Kenya),
- surveys (e.g. Morocco, Jordan, Ethiopia)
- use of administrative data (e.g. Germany, Italy)

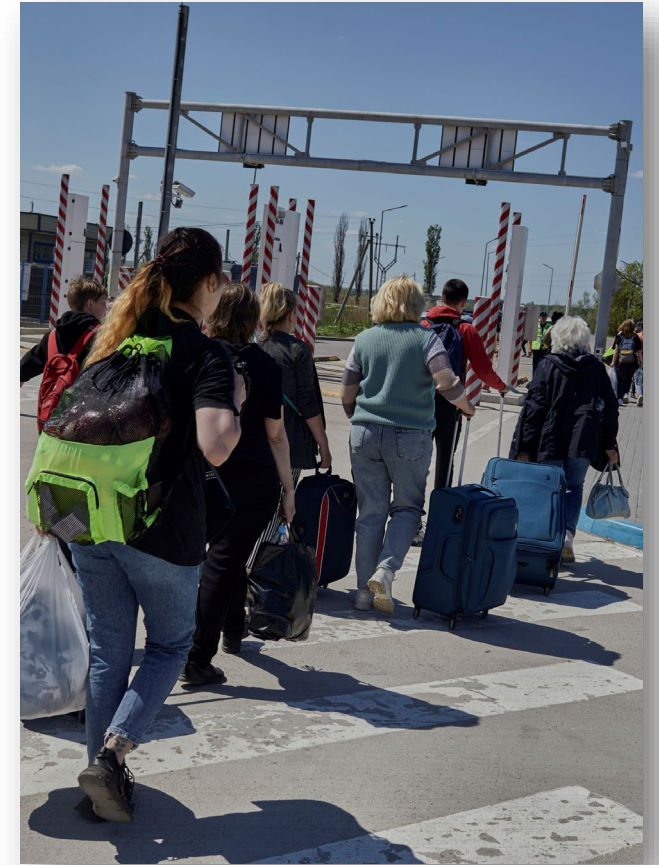


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examples of concrete implementation

Key call to action

- Encourage countries to enhance efforts to **improve national statistics** on refugees and asylum seekers – and other forcibly displaced populations – making use of the Recommendations
- Identify opportunities to **build the IRRS in workstreams of relevant UNECE Expert Groups**
- **Join EGRISS membership** to continue dialogue and seek opportunities for collaboration
- Help us **promote/share** the international recommendations within your networks/region





Thank you!

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