

# Protecting Rights at Borders (PRAB) in 2023

## 5.081

total number of persons\* who reported a pushbacks in 2023 and who were interviewed by a PRAB partner

## 28.609

total number of pushbacks documented by PRAB initiatives and/or Governments' procedures

Adults

Children (in families)

UASC\*\*

Key highlights and country of origins



440

165

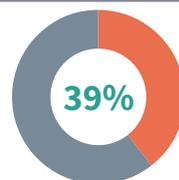
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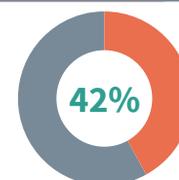
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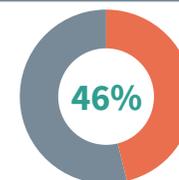
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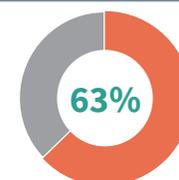
% OF PEOPLE REPORTING DENIAL OF ACCESS TO ASYLUM



% OF PEOPLE REPORTING PHYSICAL ABUSE/ ASSAULT

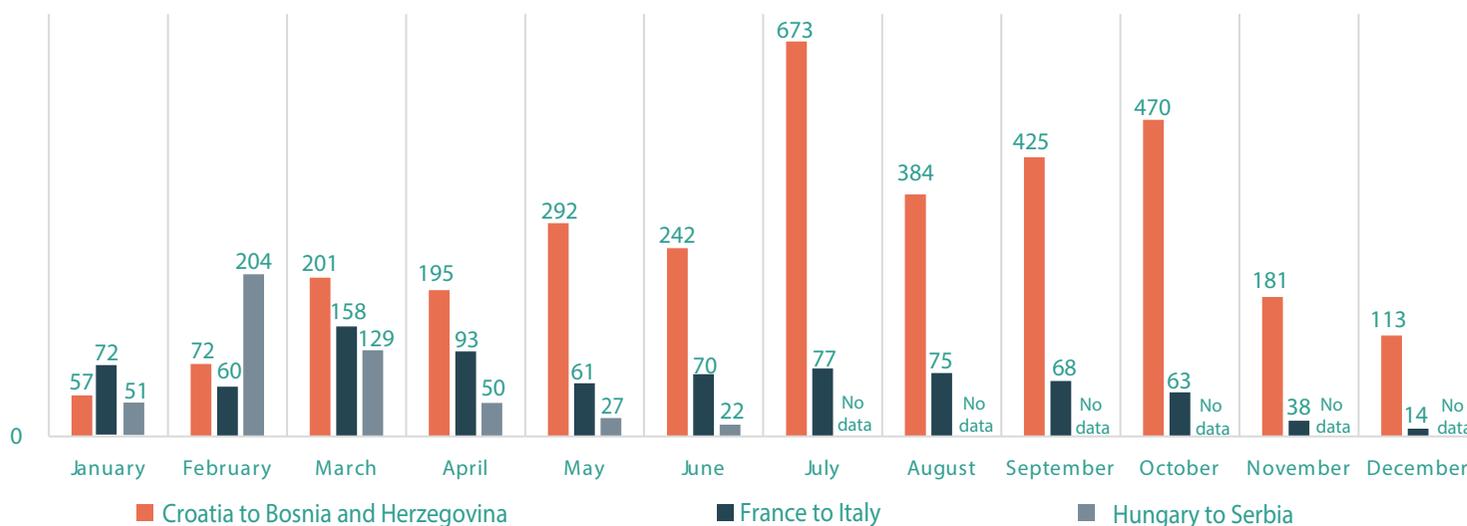


% OF PEOPLE REPORTING THEFT, EXTORTION, DESTR. OF PROPERTY



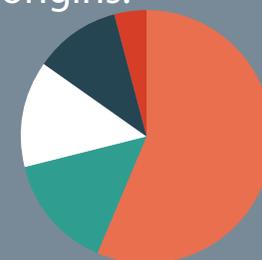
% OF PEOPLE REPORTING ABUSIVE / DEGRADING, TREATMENT

TREND OVERVIEW OF PREVAILING COUNTRIES OF PUSHBACK INCIDENTS



### Top 5 country of origins:

- Afghanistan - 47%
- Morocco - 12%
- Syria - 11%
- Pakistan - 9%
- Bangladesh - 3%



Children reporting pushbacks - 733 (14%)

UASC \*\* reporting pushbacks - 305 (42%)

\* The number of persons reporting pushbacks does not necessarily represent the number of unique individuals as the same individual(s) may experience repeated pushbacks. However, repeated cases represent distinct instances of pushbacks, each pushback is recorded as a separate case.

\*\* This number only includes the persons who reported a pushback and underwent a thorough interview process, using the joint PRAB data collection tool to record their demographics, migratory routes, and the rights violations they reported being exposed to. The numbers reported by the PRAB initiative represent a fraction of the people who are pushed back at Europe's borders. The infographics in this overview are based only on the data collected in the joint data collection tool."

\*\*\* UASC - Unaccompanied and Separated Children, out of total number of children



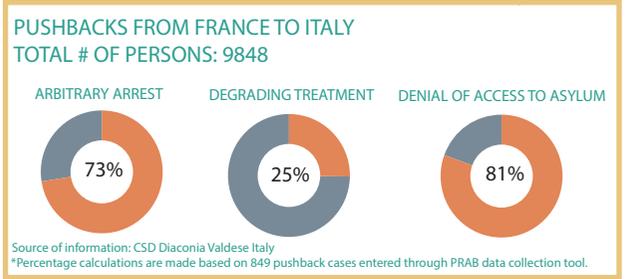
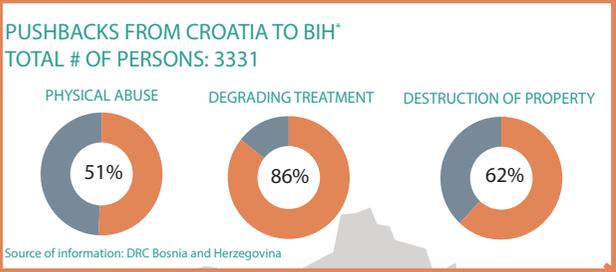
# OVERVIEW OF PREVAILING RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ACROSS BORDERS

The rights violations at Europe's borders must end, PRAB calls for:

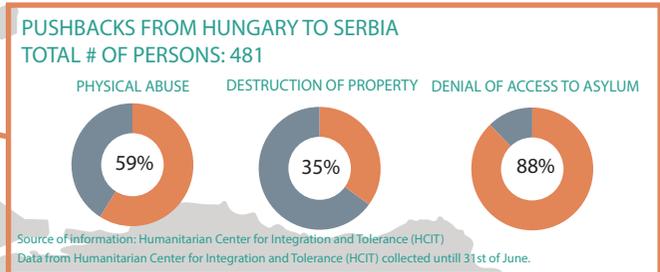
1. End the systematic use of pushbacks and the tacit approval of them.
2. Ensure effective border monitoring mechanisms, with a scope and mandate to cover places where pushbacks take place.
3. Provide safe and legal pathways to protection.
4. Limit derogations of the right to asylum, also in cases of increased arrivals.

**PUSHBACKS FROM LITHUANIA TO BELARUS**  
 TOTAL # OF PERSONS: 2294  
 Source of information: Diversity Development Group  
 Source of information: Sienos Grupe

**PUSHBACKS FROM POLISH - BELARUS BORDER**  
 TOTAL # OF PERSONS: 9531  
 Source of information: SIP Stowarzyszenie interwencji prawej  
 \*Data collected via civil society organizations working at the border in Poland.



**PUSHBACKS FROM NORTH MACEDONIA TO GREECE**  
 TOTAL # OF PERSONS: 2779  
 Source of information: Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA)



**PUSHBACKS FROM GREECE TO TURKIYE\***  
 TOTAL # OF PERSONS: 181  
 Source of information: Greek Council for Refugees  
 \* This data reflects the legal procedures started by GCR addressing pushbacks incident

