

UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Semiannual Report
data as of June 30, 2024



The Directorate General for Immigration and Integration Policies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies publishes a monitoring report on unaccompanied foreign minors every six months, it is the main and the most up-to-date source of information on this issue in Italy. In addition to the data on the presence of the unaccompanied foreign minors and the data on the new arrivals, the report presents the latest updates on national and international legislation on this issue. The report also presents the pathways of social and work integration, including some stories of the protagonists. This report is enriched by contributions from other international institutions and organizations, which investigate various aspects of the phenomenon.

All the semiannual reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).

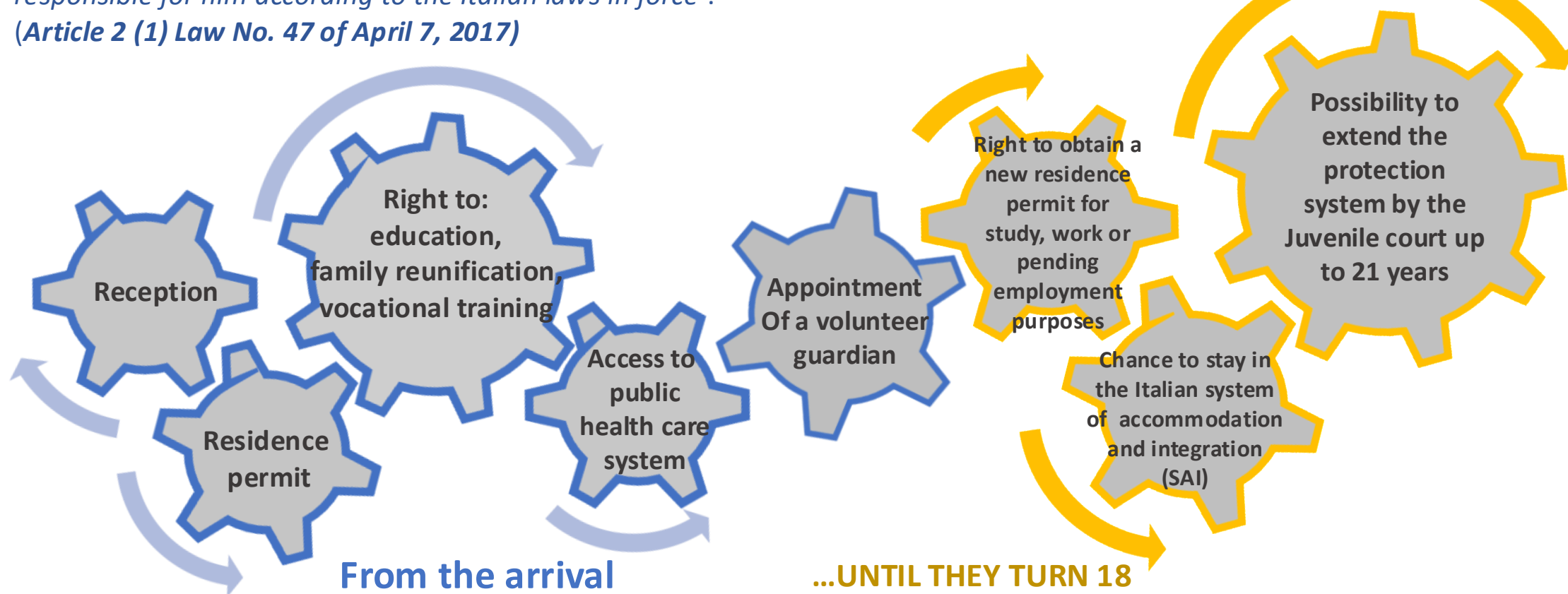


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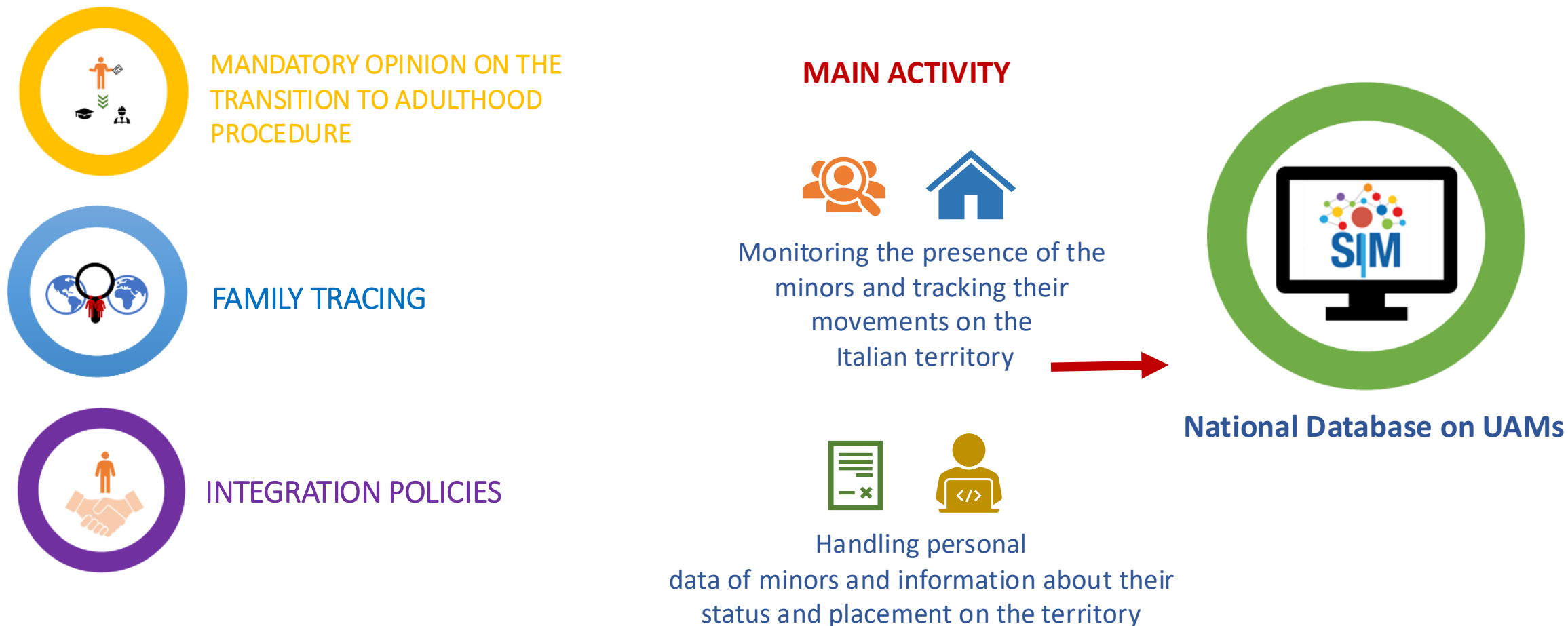
THE SPECIAL CARE AND PROTECTION OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY

"(...) is a minor who has neither Italian nor EU citizenship, who is, for any reason, in the territory of the State or who is otherwise subject to the Italian jurisdiction, without any assistance and representation by his parents or other adults legally responsible for him according to the Italian laws in force".

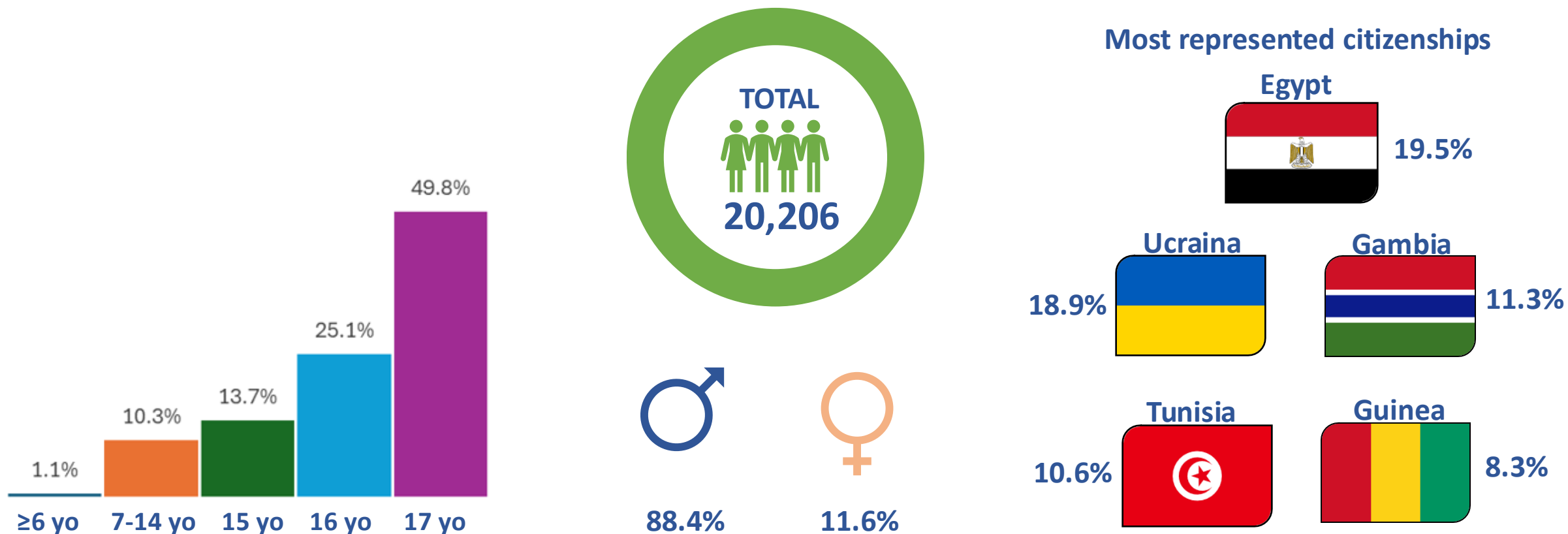
(Article 2 (1) Law No. 47 of April 7, 2017)



THE RESPONSABILITIES OF THE DG FOR IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION POLICIES

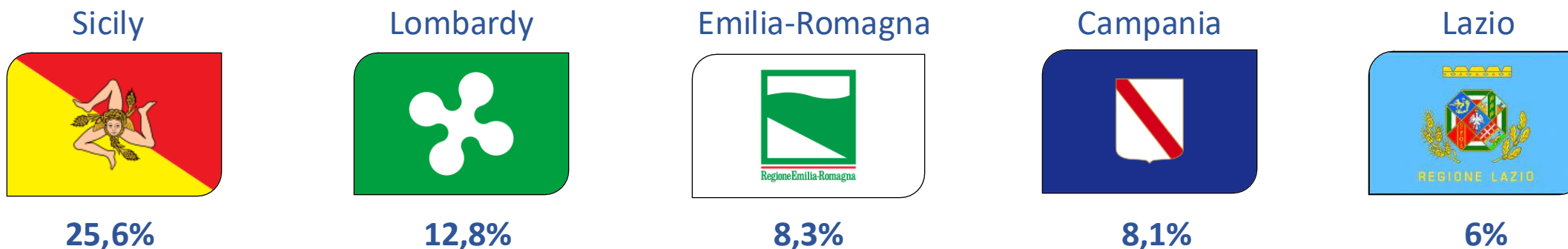


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Regions hosting the largest number of minors



Hospitality



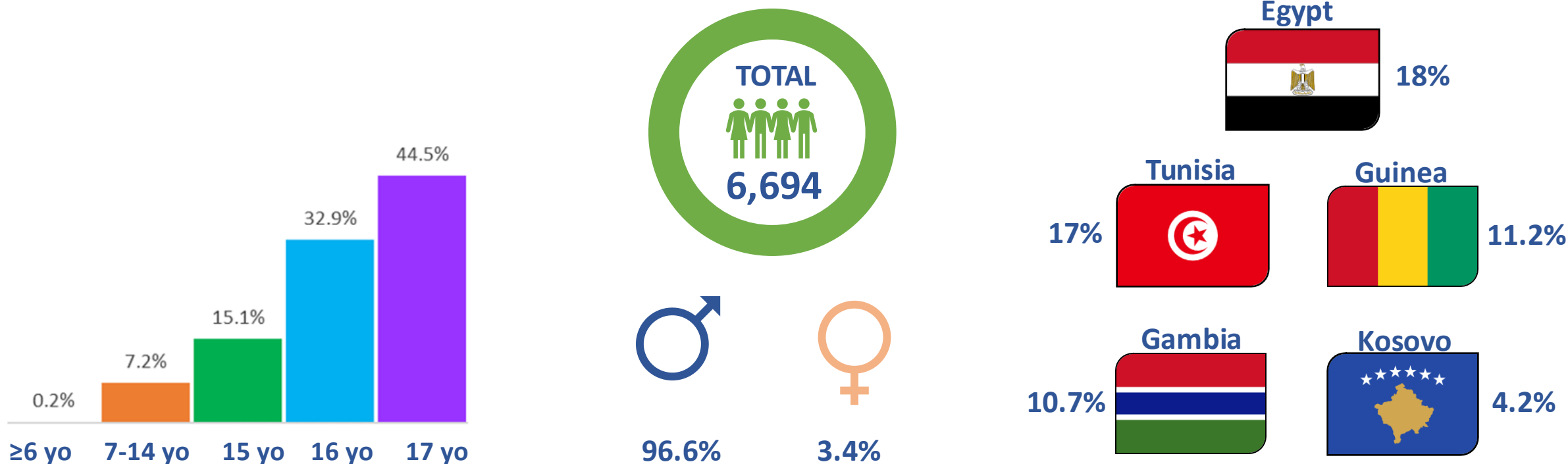
Reception facilities **80%**

Private **20%**

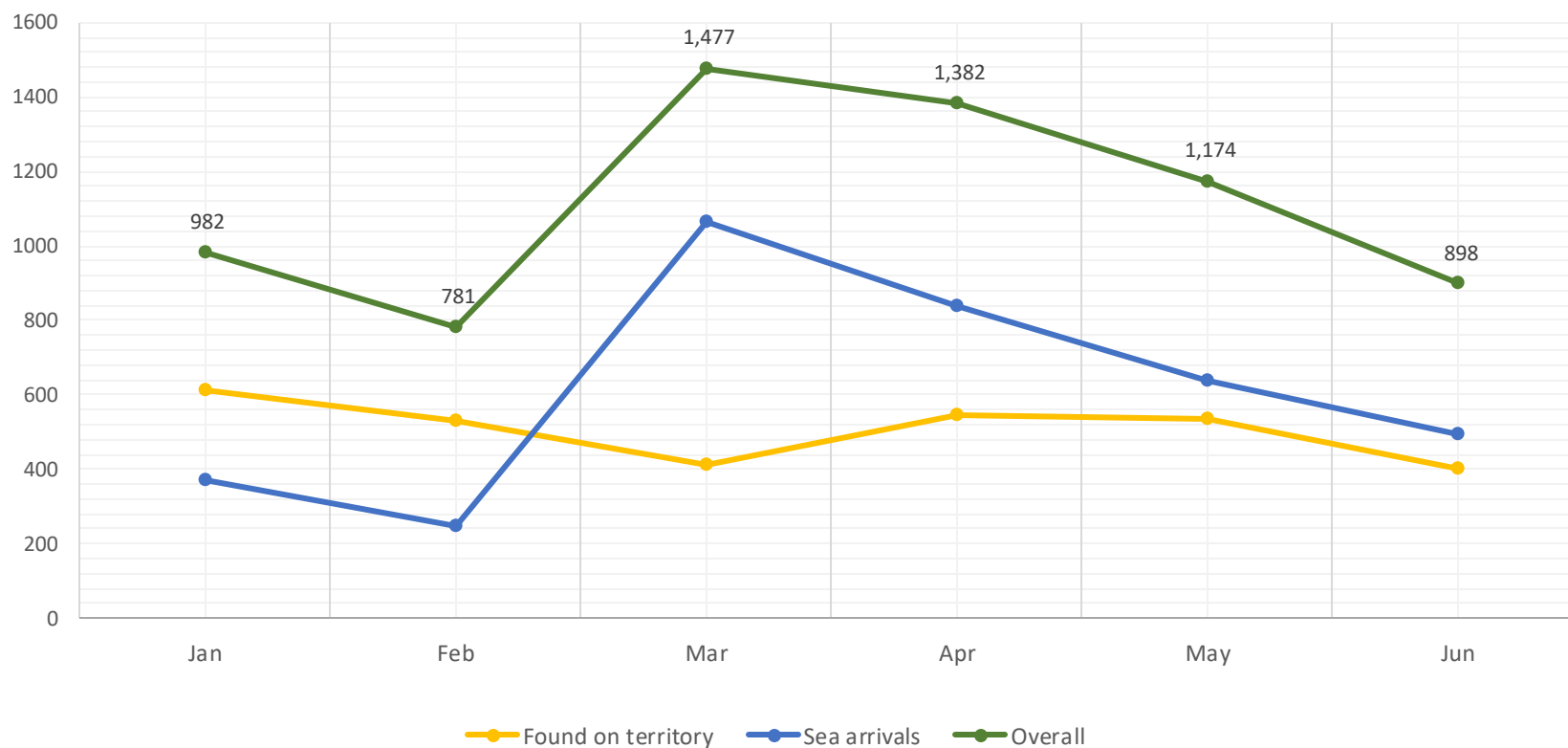
→ First reception facilities **21,5%**

→ Second reception facilities **58,1%**

ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2024



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MANDATORY OPINION ON THE
TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD
PROCEDURE



1,136 in the first half of 2024

Most represented citizenships

Egypt (46%), Albania (12%),
Tunisia (11%),
Bangladesh (8.3%)

Most involved Regions

Lombardy(23%),
Lazio (17.6%),
Emilia-Romagna (11.7%)
Friuli-Venezia Giulia (7%),



FAMILY TRACING



64 in the first half of 2024

The information obtained through family tracing is used to better calibrate the reception and integration process in Italy, and to evaluate the opportunity for assisted voluntary repatriation or family reunification pursuant to the Dublin Regulation.



INTEGRATION POLICIES



Percorsi



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Amadou Fow



Amadou arrives in Italy from **Guinea** in 2021, at 17 years old. **Venice** will be the city that will give him an opportunity. In fact, here he began an internship as a carpenter which led to him being hired on a permanent contract. He builds cabinets, doors, does the painting, and particularly likes making windows. "Before starting this job I knew little about carpentry, even though I had an uncle who was a carpenter who I sometimes went to help. I feel very comfortable here, I learn something new every day." Amadou is now an adult and lives with three other students from other parts of the world. He loves playing football, but is also taking a course to become an educator and thus help other kids who arrive in Italy unaccompanied. "When I was in the community I was helped, I studied and found a job, and now I want to do the same, I want to help others, not make them feel alone".

Michel Ange leaves **Cameroon** in 2020 and manages to reach Italy two years later, reaching as far as **Genoa**. Here he is welcomed into a community for minors where he studies Italian and makes himself available as an assistant cook for the community. The greatest opportunity, however, comes thanks to an internship in a delicatessen/butcher's shop which allows Michel Ange to learn a new trade. Given his commitment and skill, the internship was extended and he was finally hired. However, his dream is another: to study. Here in Italy he discovered that he likes studying and that there are many things you can learn. That's why he goes to school every day after work. His goal is to finish eighth grade, attend high school and then university to become a doctor. "I know it's not easy, but I want to commit, I would like to be a doctor because I want to help people who suffer, I feel that this is what I have to do".

Michel Ange Honang



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Mina Emad Ayad



Mina Emad arrived in Italy from **Egypt** at the age of 15. It's 2016. The first city he sees, **Salerno**, will also be the one that welcomes him from the first day in a community for minors. Here he attended a technical institute specializing in mechanics, mechatronics and automation, where four years later, in 2021, he obtained his diploma. The great opportunity, however, came when an engineering firm in Salerno offered him the opportunity to do an internship. He likes the work, it's exactly what he was looking for. He currently works in the field of construction management and safety of mobile fiber optic construction sites in various areas of the national territory. "But you never stop studying, this year I got a second diploma in electronics, and I would also like to continue my university studies". Mina Emad also lends a hand in the landing operations, seeing herself in the disoriented eyes of the kids, trying not to make them feel alone and giving them advice, especially that of studying.

Redoy wants to reach Europe and in particular Italy where his cousin already lives. It's 2020. Thus he leaves **Bangladesh**, at just 16 years old. He reaches **Turin** where he is welcomed into a community where he has the opportunity to learn Italian, attend school, obtaining the eighth grade, and test himself in some work activity. Things start to look good when, at the age of 18, thanks to the community he participates in a project, carrying out a new internship as a pizza chef, and given his ability to make pizza he is hired on a 36-month apprenticeship contract. Redoy is very satisfied with his situation, but does not hide his desire to return to study, attend high school to then realize his dream of becoming a fashion designer: "When I left Bangladesh I knew nothing about the world, but then I travelled, I When I arrived here, I discovered that there are many things I would like to learn and do."

Redoy Talukder



STORIES OF INTEGRATION PATHWAYS

Arben Talukder

Arben left **Albania** in 2022, aged seventeen, with the aim of arriving in Italy, finding a job and achieving autonomy. From Venice he is taken to **Padua**, where he is welcomed into a center for minors where he has the opportunity to follow an Italian course and begin an internship as a waiter in a restaurant/pizzeria in the city. His commitment is highly appreciated by the owners, so much so that after the six months of training he was hired with an apprenticeship contract, and was also "promoted" to barman. He currently works in the evenings in an environment in which he feels great. "In Albania I had many problems, I came to Italy looking for a job, any job would have been fine, but here I am better than I could have wished for, even with my colleagues." His next goals are to get his driving license and above all to go back to studying : "I would like to commit myself to something, make the most of the time I have available by studying and learning."



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