

# UNACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINORS IN ITALY

Semiannual Report  
*data as of December 31, 2023*



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.

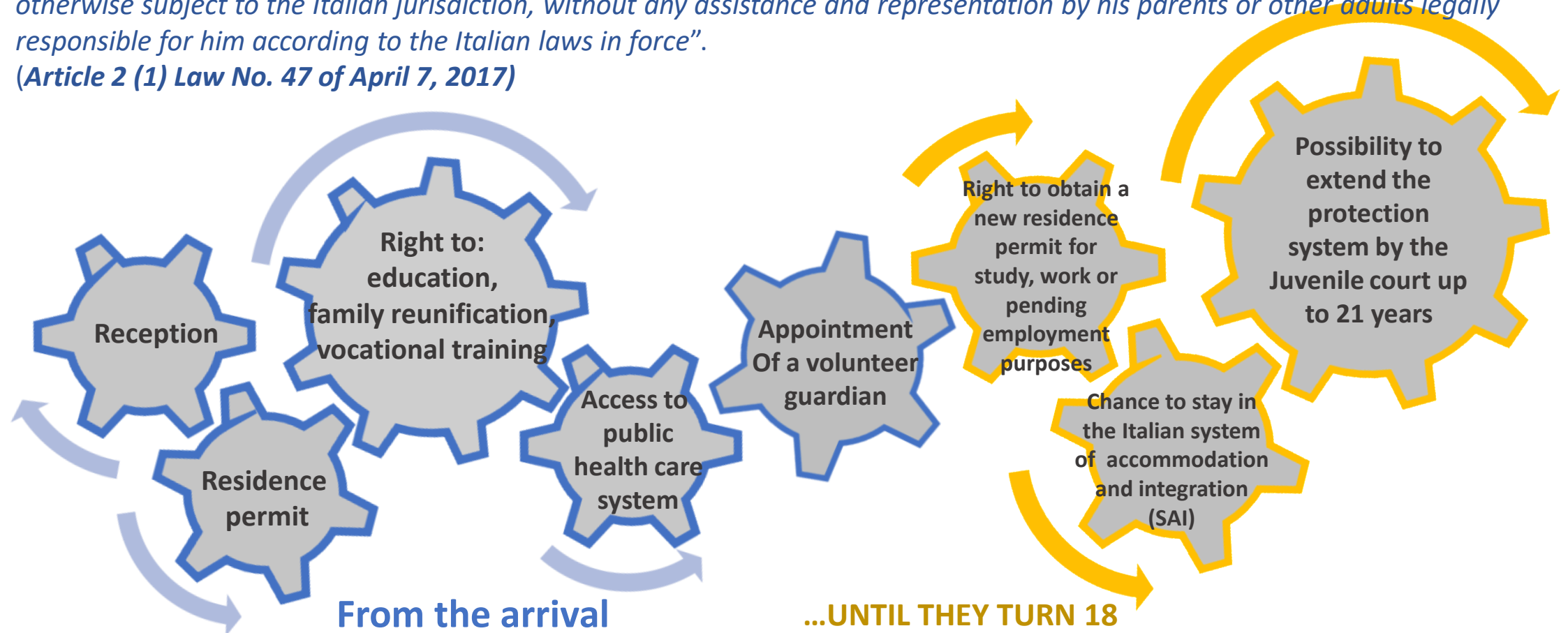
All the semiannual reports on unaccompanied foreign minors and the monthly statistical reports with the main data in Italy are available on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (<https://www.lavoro.gov.it/temi-e-priorita/immigrazione/focus-on/minori-stranieri/Pagine/Dati-minori-stranieri-non-accompagnati.aspx>).



## 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



MANDATORY OPINION ON THE  
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PROCEDURE



FAMILY TRACING



INTEGRATION POLICIES

### MAIN ACTIVITY



Monitoring the presence of the  
minors and tracking their  
movements on the  
Italian territory

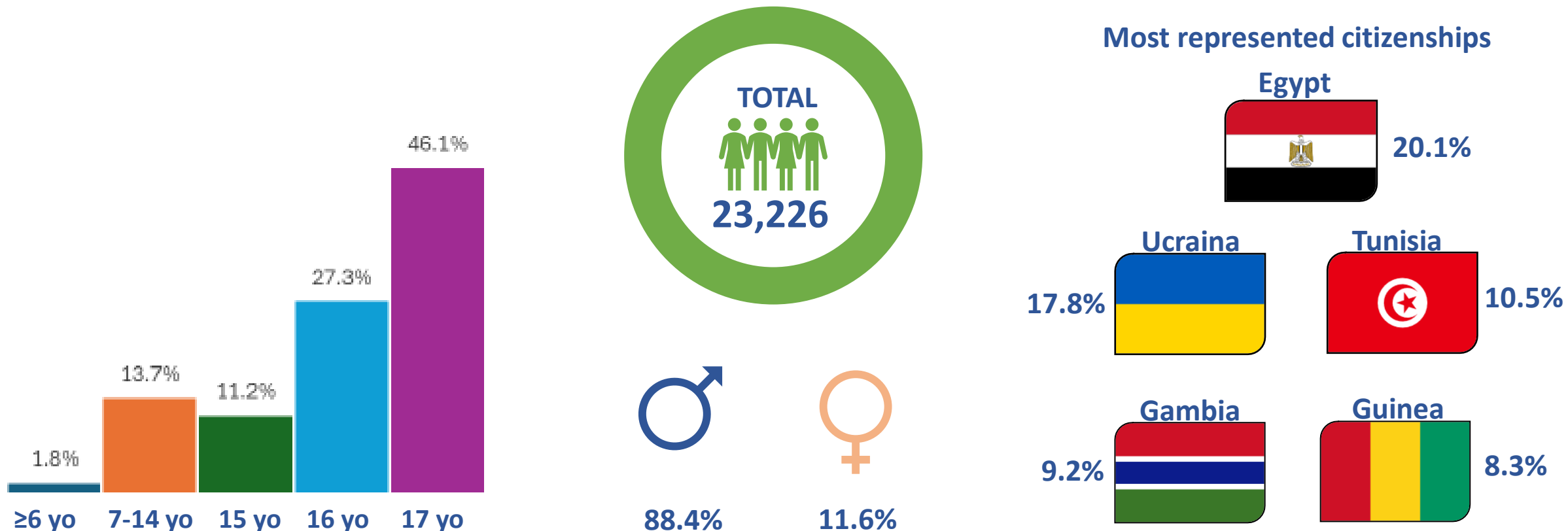


National Database on UAMs



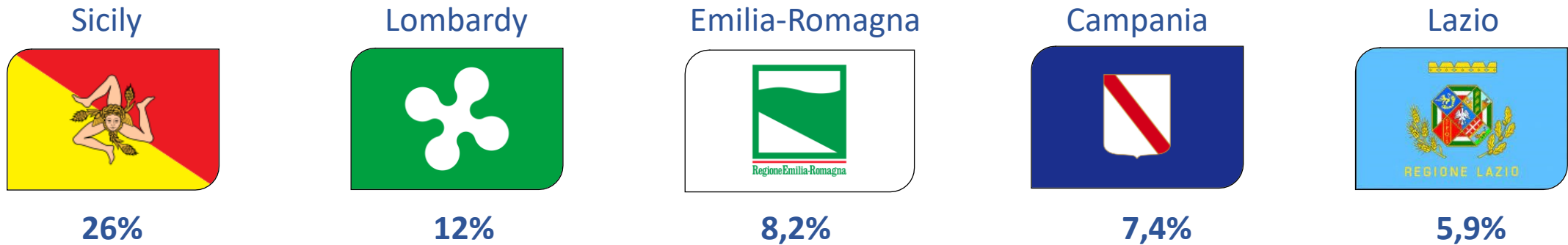
Handling personal  
data of minors and information about their  
status and placement on the territory

## UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN ITALY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023



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### Regions hosting the largest number of minors



### Hospitality



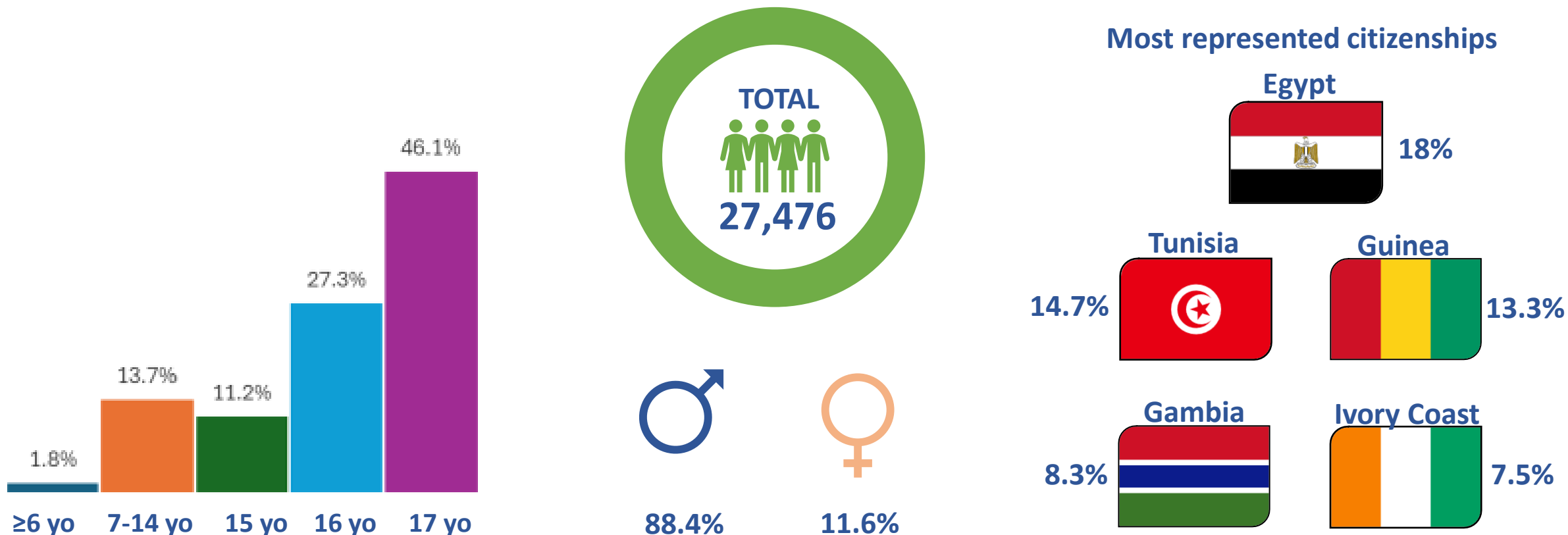
Reception facilities **80%**

Private **20%**

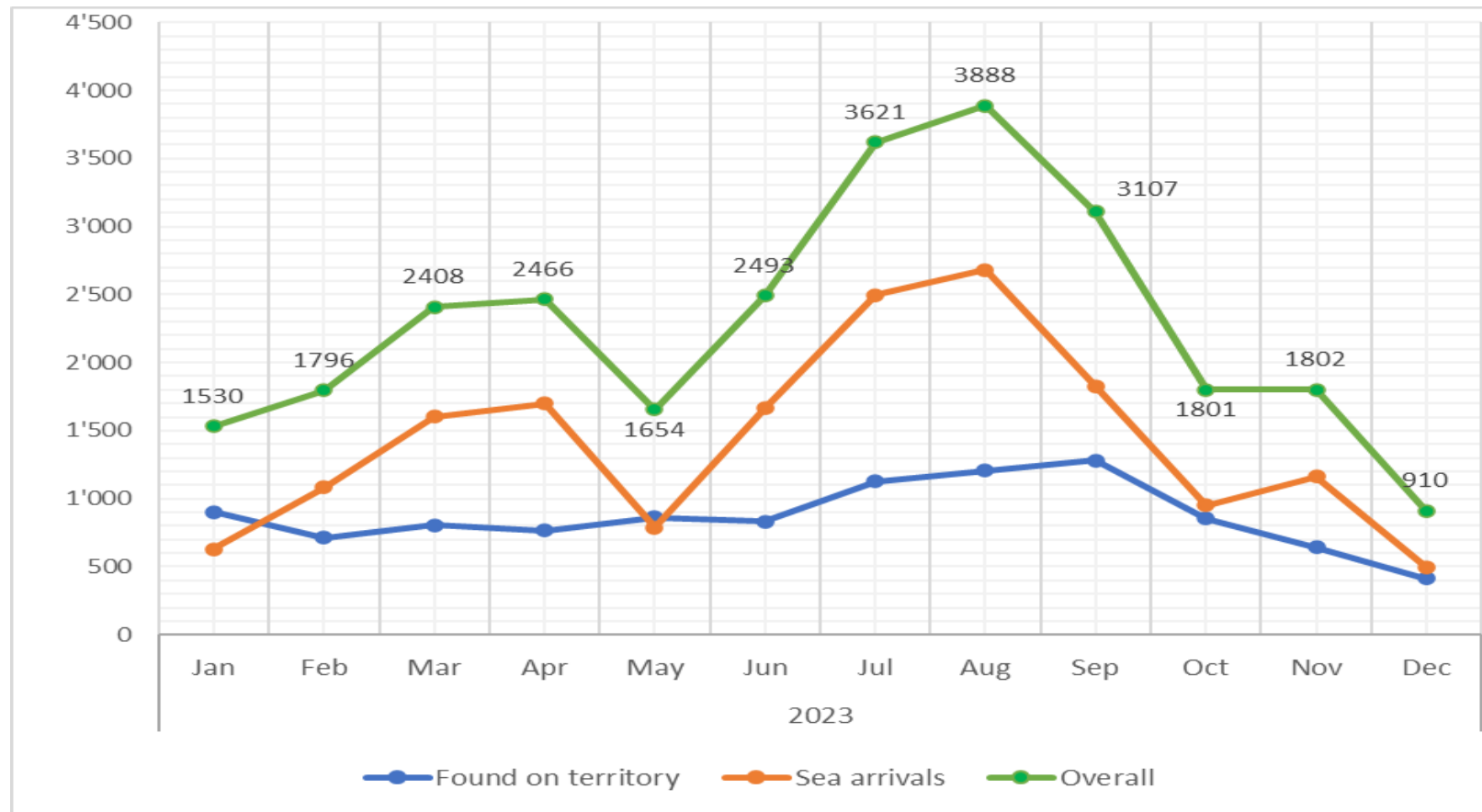
→ First reception facilities **27%**

→ Second reception facilities **53%**

## ENTRY FLOW OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS INTO THE ITALIAN TERRITORY DURING 2023



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**3,009** in the 2023

**Most represented citizenships**  
Egypt (36.6%), Albania (19.5%),  
Bangladesh (16.7),  
Kosovo (10.1%), Tunisia (8.1%)

**Most involved Regions**

Lombardy(24.3%),  
Lazio (13.5%),  
Emilia-Romagna (11.1%)  
Friuli-Venezia Giulia (10%),



FAMILY TRACING



**132** in 2023

*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

*Fokhor Uddin*



Fokhor, originally from **Bangladesh**, arrived in Milan in 2020 at just sixteen years old. He will then be placed first in a community for minors in Montoggio, near **Genoa** and then in another in Genoa. Here he began studying for the eighth grade and in the meantime worked for four hours a day in a grocery store. But the turning point comes when he becomes of age and finds a job as an **assistant chef in a restaurant in Varazze, in the province of Savona**, where he has the opportunity to express himself and finally become independent. Furthermore, the restaurant is located right on the sea, a circumstance which, especially in summer, makes his working days particularly pleasant, because when he gets off work, together with his colleagues, he often goes to the beach to take a bath or eat an ice cream.

Momodou, known as Sheriff, arrived in Italy from **Gambia** in 2016 at the age of seventeen. He was welcomed into a community in the province of Salerno and subsequently into one in **Naples**. Sheriff finds the opportunity to play football in a team in the Cassino area. Unfortunately he has a serious knee injury. A bad blow which however Sheriff manages to overcome also thanks to the support of the Naples community where he is a guest. Here, in fact, after the delicate surgery, he carries out the physiotherapy sessions that will allow him to return to playing. In the meantime, however, he obtained a work grant to do an **internship in an ice cream laboratory**, a very stimulating experience. He also finds space in a new team but this time in Calabria and works hard to support himself by working as a courier in Naples.

*Momodou Jallow*



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*Israr Bhatti*



Israr was only fourteen when he left **Pakistan** with the idea of arriving in Europe. He arrived in Gorizia in 2019, then, at sixteen, he was welcomed into a center for minors in **Verona** and began studying the language and exploring various professions. Initially he did an internship in a fast food restaurant, then he worked in various pizzerias and restaurants and for a period he also worked as a courier. He currently works well as a goods **loading/unloading worker for a fruit and vegetable company** that works at the Verona market. He also has a passion for cricket, which until not long ago he even managed to practice in Verona together with Pakistani and Indian friends.

Having left **Senegal** in 2015 to reach Europe, Moussa arrived in **Naples** at seventeen in 2017. Here he entered a community for minors, attended school and cultivated his passion for cooking. Thanks to his commitment he will achieve the desired goals: the eighth grade and above all the chef diploma, of which he is particularly proud. Cooking is in fact what he absolutely prefers to do. **He currently feels comfortable in a restaurant in the city** where he can prepare his signature dishes: baked pasta and fried seafood. He doesn't say too much about the future, he doesn't know if he will stay working there or change again, anything can happen. It certainly fuels the dream of becoming a chef and, why not, of one day opening his own restaurant in Naples, a place where he can enjoy not only Italian dishes but also those of his country.

*Moussa Diedhiou*



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### *Boubakar Sow*



Boubakar **would like to be a tailor**, an activity he also carried out in his country of origin, **Gambia**, until he decided to leave for Europe with the aim of finding a job to help his family and become independent. He will arrive in Italy in 2020, in Lampedusa, at the age of sixteen, finding hospitality in a center for minors in **Calabria**, to be precise in **Celico**, in the province of Cosenza. Here he learned Italian and attended school to obtain the eighth grade. In the meantime he did an internship as a tailor. However, after the internship the company does not have the possibility to hire him and Boubakar will have to look for another job, for example as a **painter and bricklayer for a company** that operates in Cosenza. Not his dream job, but certainly a job that allows him to stay in Italy while waiting to realize his dream of being a tailor.



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