

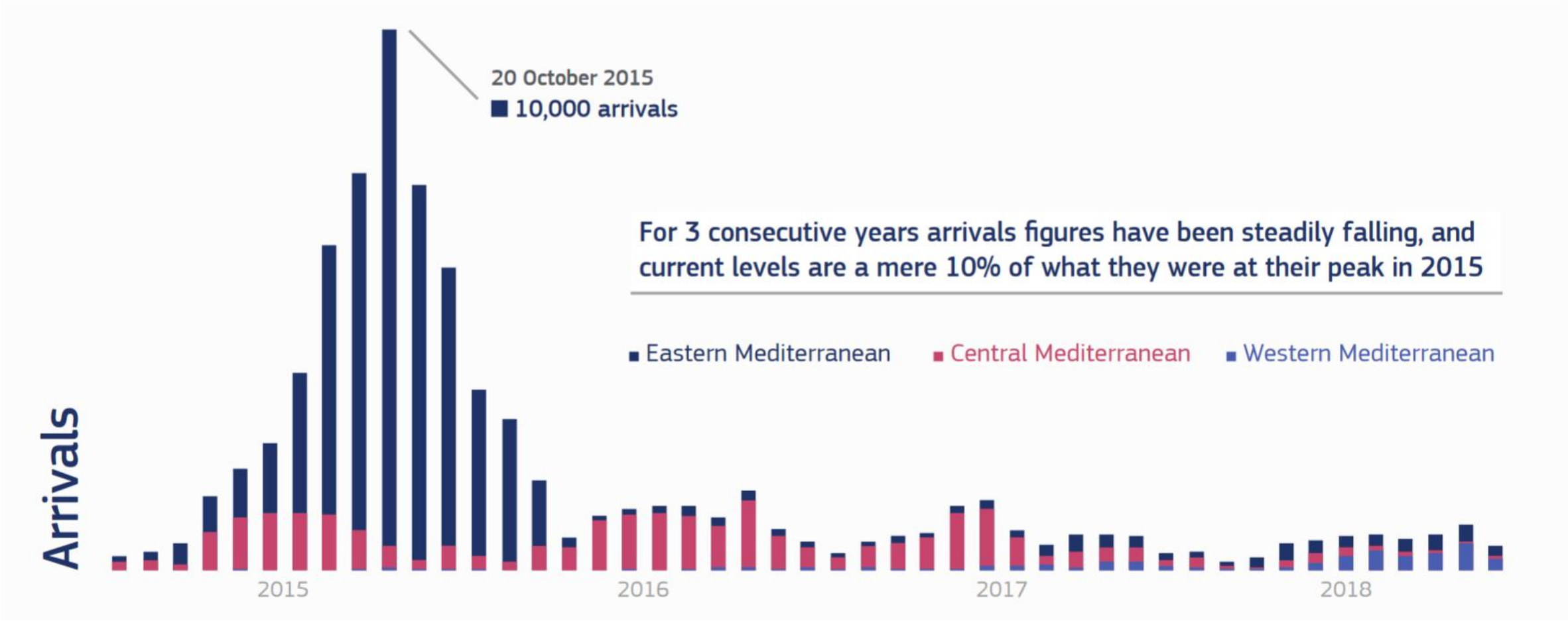


Presentation of the Position Paper

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The European migrant crisis (2013-2016)



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The European migrant crisis (2013-2016)

- European Migrant Crisis hit the poorly prepared EU
- Over 1 million people arrived in 2015
- European Union took action to tackle problem, with success:
 - Financial, operational and material support for most affected Member states Greece, Italy and Spain
 - EU-Turkey Statement
- 2018: only 150,000 arrivals
- The EU is not in the crisis anymore



Remaining Problems

- Political and social division
- The Quota system failed
- Some countries have to carry most of the burden
- Lack of solidarity creates tensions between countries
- Unity of EU at stake



The rule of law

- *„The Union is founded on the values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.”*
 - Article 2, Treaty on European Union
- Rule of law fundamental for EU
- Poland and Hungary under Article 7 procedure
- Weak and ineffective mechanism as unanimity required



Europe needs to work together

- European Commission wants the best for all Member states and its people
- Find a solution for Migration
 - On which All Member states agree
 - is based on the principal of solidarity
- The Rule of law needs to be respected
- Need more cooperation between the countries and on EU level



Without a solution (1)

- New Multiannual financial framework (2021-2027) not possible
- No new priorities
- Negative consequences citizens and businesses:
 - 1,000,000 students for Erasmus+
 - 100,000 EU-funded cohesion projects
 - More than 10,000 people lose their job
 - other infrastructure projects and construction projects



Without a solution (2)

- EU will be weakened
- Further strengthening of Euroscepticism
- Possible disintegration
- Europe's influence diminishing on world stage



Difficulties in upcoming negotiations



Migration:

Emotionally charged subject
Opposing positions that are difficult to reconcile
Domestic politics touched – asylum system, boarder management



Rule of law:

Infringement requires unanimity
– Poland and Hungary form coalition
Concerned countries will perceive it as punishment and inference sovereignty and the internal affairs



Europe at the crossroads



No agreement:

No proper solution on a national level

Expectations and results diverge

Fuel Euroscepticism

May lead to a divided and less relevant continent



Find a joint solution:

Beneficial for all sides

Show the value added of EU

Stronger and more trusted Europe

Secure and improve relevance at world stage



For the negotiations

- Respectful and fact based discussion
- Remember that you are among friends not enemies



The End



Questions?