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## **Language Support for Adult Refugees: a Council of Europe toolkit**

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# Outlines

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The policy of the Ministry of Interior  
in the field of migrants integration:

- Aims
- Partners
- Funding
- Impact of refugees and piloting of the Toolkit



## **Internal affairs and migration fluxes (1)**

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- The Ministry of Interior is the Italian Institution deputed for the public security
- Within this mandate it increased its involvement in the migration issues in particular starting from the 90s, thus when Italy changed from a country of emigrants to a country of immigrants
- In the recent past immigration experienced an exponential growth: a 20 fold increase in 20 years

## Internal affairs and migration fluxes (2)

### Natural balance\* and Migrants' balance\* across centuries



- 2016: 5,2 million foreigners have the residence in Italy
- 8.1% migrants in relation to the overall population ( $\approx$  59 million)



# A central function

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- According to the new scenario the Ministry of Interior assumed a key role:
  1. coordinating the actions of other Ministries (in particular Health, Labour, Social policies, Foreign affairs, Education)
  2. extending its action also to the field of learning and assessment of Italian language



# Italian as second language: which partners

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1. Ministry of Education (MIUR, Ministry of Instruction, University and Research)
  2. Regions
  3. Municipalities
  4. CLIQ consortium (composed by the 4 evaluation centres officially recognized for the certification of the Italian language)
- More in details, within the Ministry of Education, a key role is played by a network of public school for adult learners called CPIA (Provincial Centre for the Adult Instruction)



# The assessment of Italian language

- Language requirement for long term residence permit (CEFR A2 since December 2010- DM 4/6/10)
- Language requirement for residence permit (CEFR A2 + KoS, only speaking, since March 2012 – DPR 179/2011, within the *Integration agreement*)
- State funding



# The learning of Italian language

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- EU funds through 2 programs (6 years for each program):
  1. **F.E.I.** (European Fund for Integration (2010-2016))
  2. **F.A.M.I.** (Fund Asylum Migration and Integration) (2016-2022)
- For the management of these funds in Italy the only authority responsible is the Department for Civil Liberty and Immigration of the Ministry of the Interior





## **FEL: main aspects (1)**

- Beneficiaries: third-country nationals aged more than 15 years, with regularly permit to stay in Italy (refugees were excluded)
- The types of intervention were as follows:
  - a) National value projects (for instance projects managed by CLIQ)
  - b) Regional Projects (managed by each of the 20 Italian Regions)
  - c) Projects with specific value (related to particular contexts or specific research and managed by single schools or associations, universities, NGOs, etc.)



## **FEI: main aspects (2)**

- Within each of the 3 types of intervention FEI provided different lines of action: the line number one (linguistic integration) was the most important, thus with the largest amount of funding:
  - ✓ 186 projects (duration 1 year for each) were funded in the amount of € 73,821,354.56
  - ✓ Thanks to these projects 190,000 migrants benefited for free language and KoS tuition (CEFR A1 and A2 courses: 100 hours for each, according to the MIUR guidelines)
- Other lines of action to be mentioned: social housing; access to the job market



# From FEI to FAMI: 2 aims

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1. Consolidate the intervention of FEI, giving continuity
2. Improve the intervention of FEI, filling gaps and concrete answering to an evolving scenario



# First aim: 2 common points

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1. Same types of intervention (national, regional and specific projects) and same lines of action
2. Same priority given to the financing of training activities: € 84 million provided



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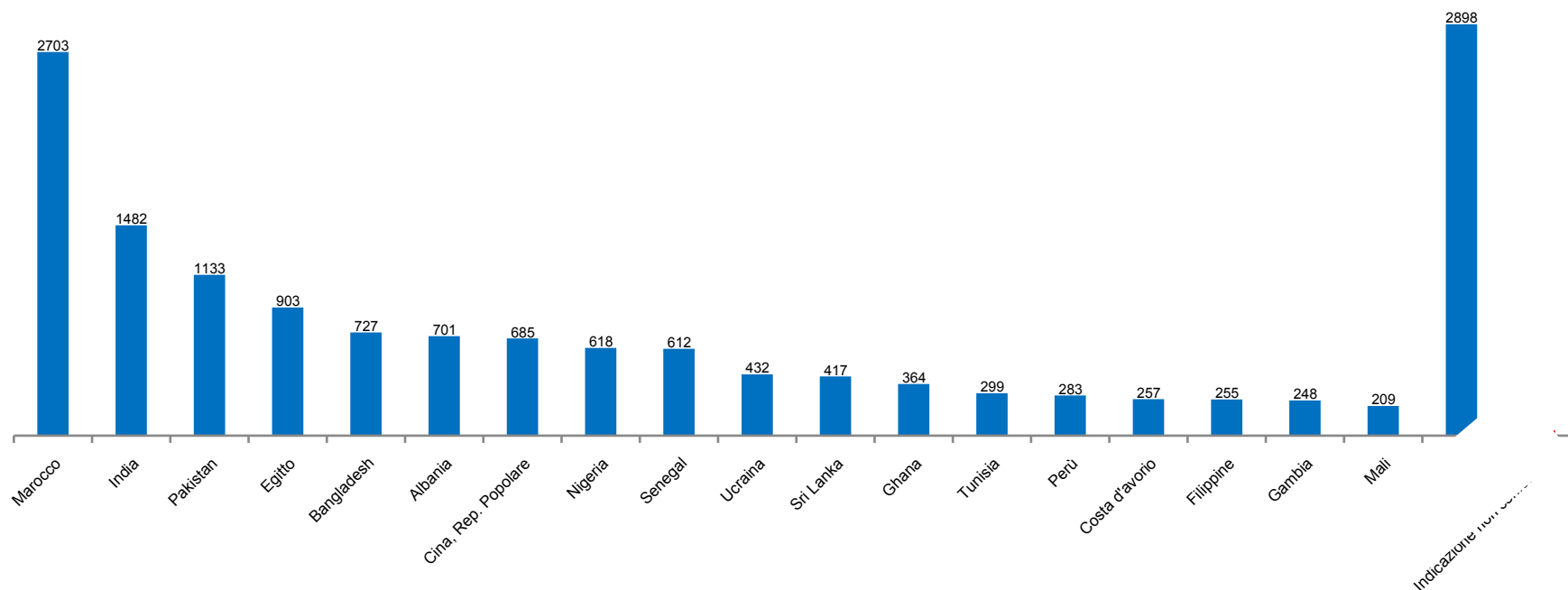


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## Migrants involved in FAMl linguistic support (first 2 years: 2016-2017)

**15.262**

First 3 countries of origin: Morocco, India, Pakistan



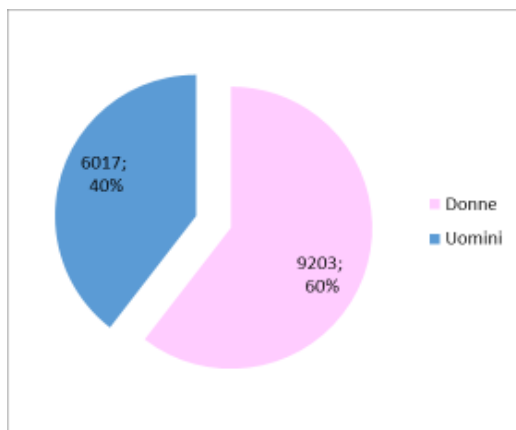


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## Migrants involved in FAMI linguistic support (first 2 years: 2016-2017)



Gender: overall data **60% female**

~~Majority of female~~ with particular regard to:

Morocco (82%)

Ukraine (74%)

Tunisian (70%)

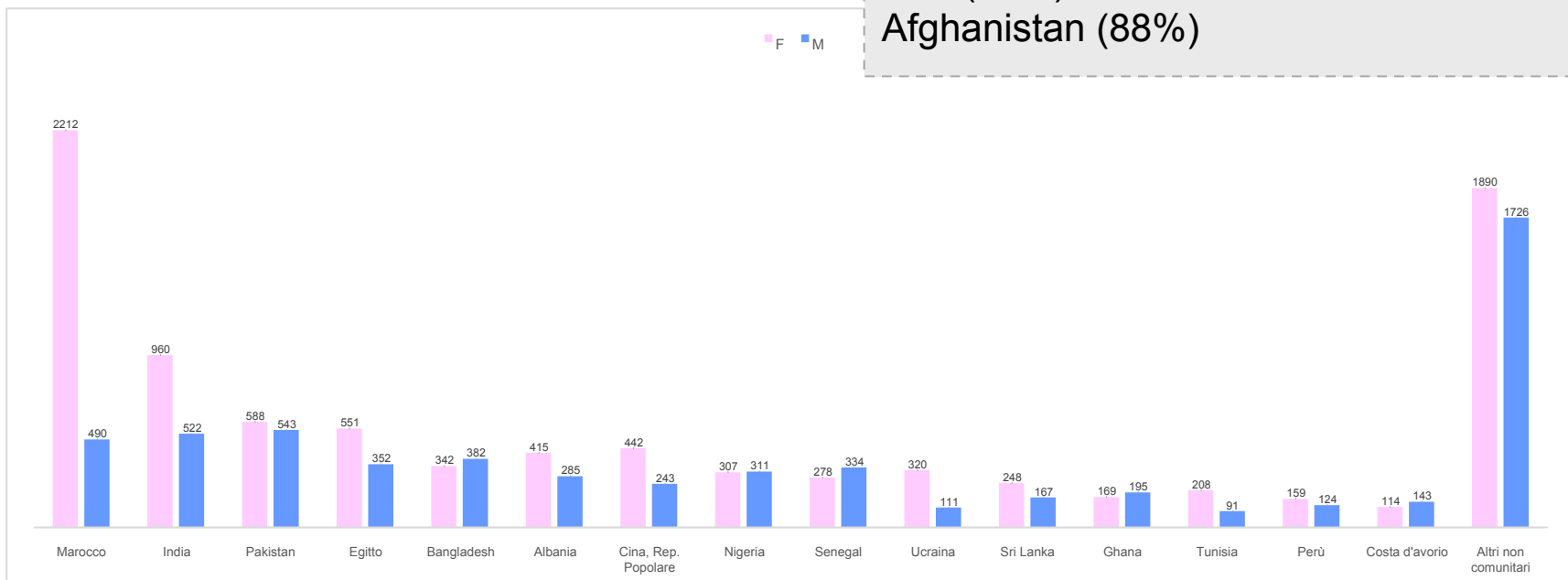
~~Majority of male~~ with particular regard to:

Gambia (95%)

Mali (94%)

Afghanistan (88%)

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## Second aim: 4 improvements

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1. Projects more sustainable (2 years, thus the double)
2. Beneficiaries: refugees can be involved, with a particular focus on the quality of language tuition in the reception system: both in the first shelter (C.A.R.A.) and in the second shelter (S.P.R.A.R.)
3. Language tuition: enlarged offer with Pre A1 (150 hours) and B1 (100 hours) courses, according to the Syllabus from CLIQ are provided in addition to A1 and A2 levels
4. More funding for the complementary services aim to facilitate access to and attendance in training activities (literacy, language and KoS courses) through for instance: babysitting services, travel costs reimbursement, specific support for vulnerable targets



# FAMI and the piloting of the Toolkit

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- Thanks to FAMI a part of the piloting of the Toolkit was funded in relation to the third type of intervention:
- ✓ this implied that the project “*Puglia integrante: dalla vulnerabilità all’integrazione*” (code cup i99g170000400071) was selected among other 7 projects out of 200 that were presented
- ✓ this is because the Ministry of Interior considered the piloting and the Toolkit in a broader sense a projects with an high specific value, as instrument exactly respondent to the challenges referred to the refugee crisis





# **FAMI and the dissemination of the Toolkit**

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- The Ministry of Interior was pleased and honoured to collaborate with the Council of Europe
- In to the hope to implement more Institutional relations in the next future, the Authority responsible for FAMI will work actively for the dissemination of the Toolkit giving information and suggesting its use to all the Italian Regions involved in the language tuition



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# Thanks for your attention

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