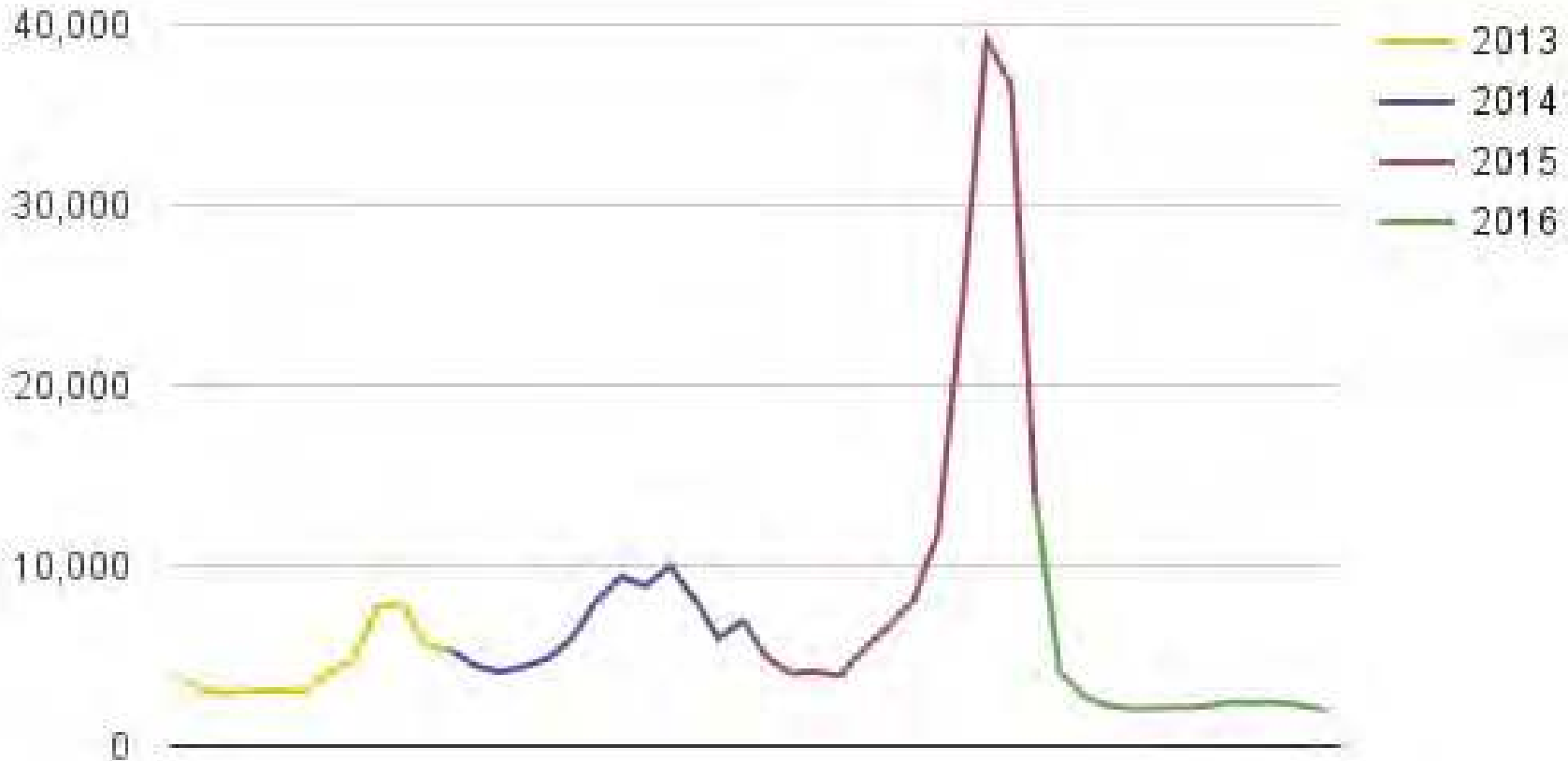




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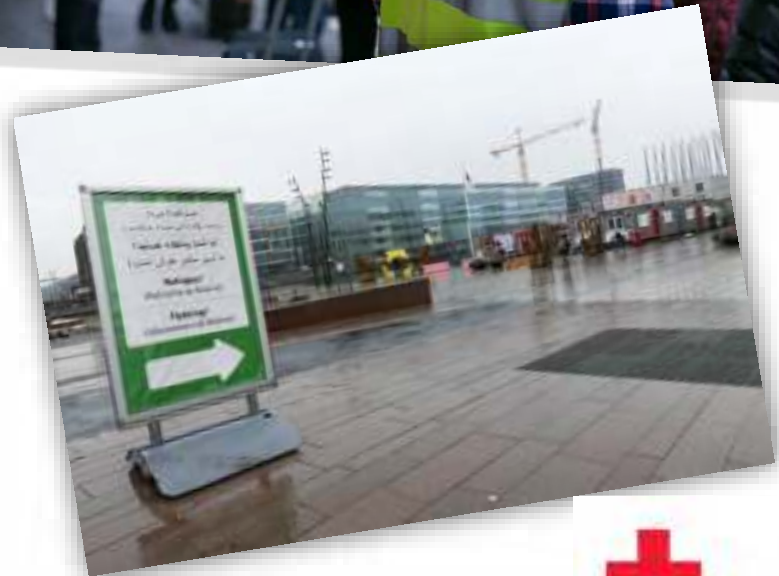
An historical fall

Asylum applications 2006-2016



An historical fall

- Nearly 163,000 asylum seekers, of which 134,000 came during the fall
- The highest monthly figure in October: 39,200
- Urgent need for accommodation
- The asylum process became significantly prolonged



Lessons learned from the former Director of the Swedish Migration Board

- Constant communication, internally and externally
- Think of all perspectives. What are the consequences?
- Proportions. Do not play it down, do not exaggerate
- Show empathy and a humanitarian commitment
- Clear set of values to guide you
- Have the courage to make difficult decisions and prioritize
- Take command, active action, concrete action
- Keep calm
- Consider the long term perspective - perseverance
- Involve others. The entire society's responsibility
- Establish a good



What did the Red Cross do?

The Swedish Red Cross mobilized all over the country





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FAMILY LINKS



Together we need to:

- Commit to work in solidarity within the EU - no one can do it alone
- Establish a good dialogue and exchange of information between authorities and civil society and between countries
- Uphold the respect for and actively protect the core humanitarian values, human dignity and human rights



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To be able to:

- Ensure the right to seek international protection and family reunification (both in principle and in practice)
- Find adequate solutions to the complex and borderless challenges and humanitarian needs



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