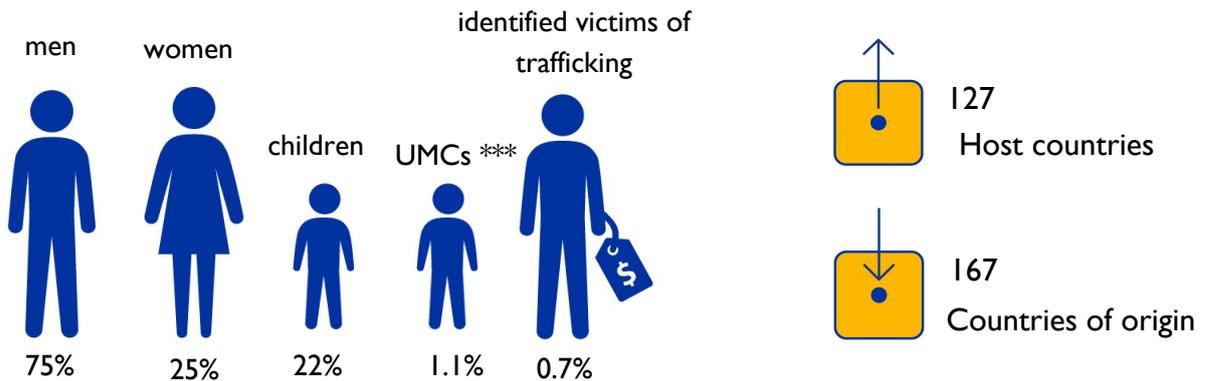


ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION (AVRR)*

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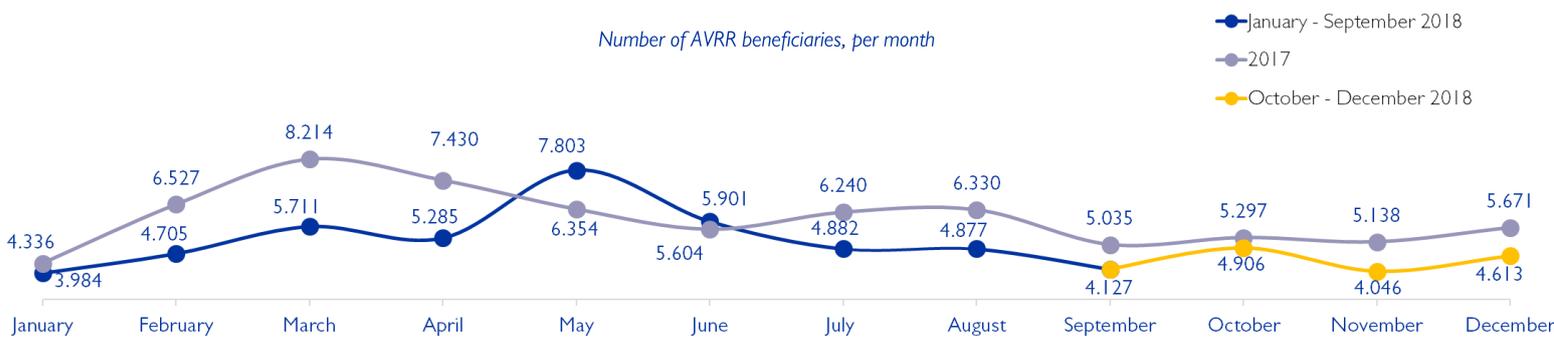
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13, 565* MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH AVRR,** FROM 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2018



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61,266 MIGRANTS ASSISTED WITH AVRR FROM 1 JANUARY TILL 31 DECEMBER 2018



Main trends – The number of voluntary returns in 2018 remained relatively stable as compared to 2017.

Figures presented in this Bulletin confirm the decrease in the number of AVRR beneficiaries from the European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland. Similarly to last year, such decrease can be explained by a combination of structural and contextual factors, varying from country to country: lower influx of migrant arrivals and asylum applications ; and changes in national migration and asylum policies, including increased emphasis on forced returns or restrictions in AVRR eligibility criteria. By contrast, data confirms the increasing number of voluntary returns from transit countries, particularly from Niger, and the increasing number of South-South voluntary returns, mainly within Africa.

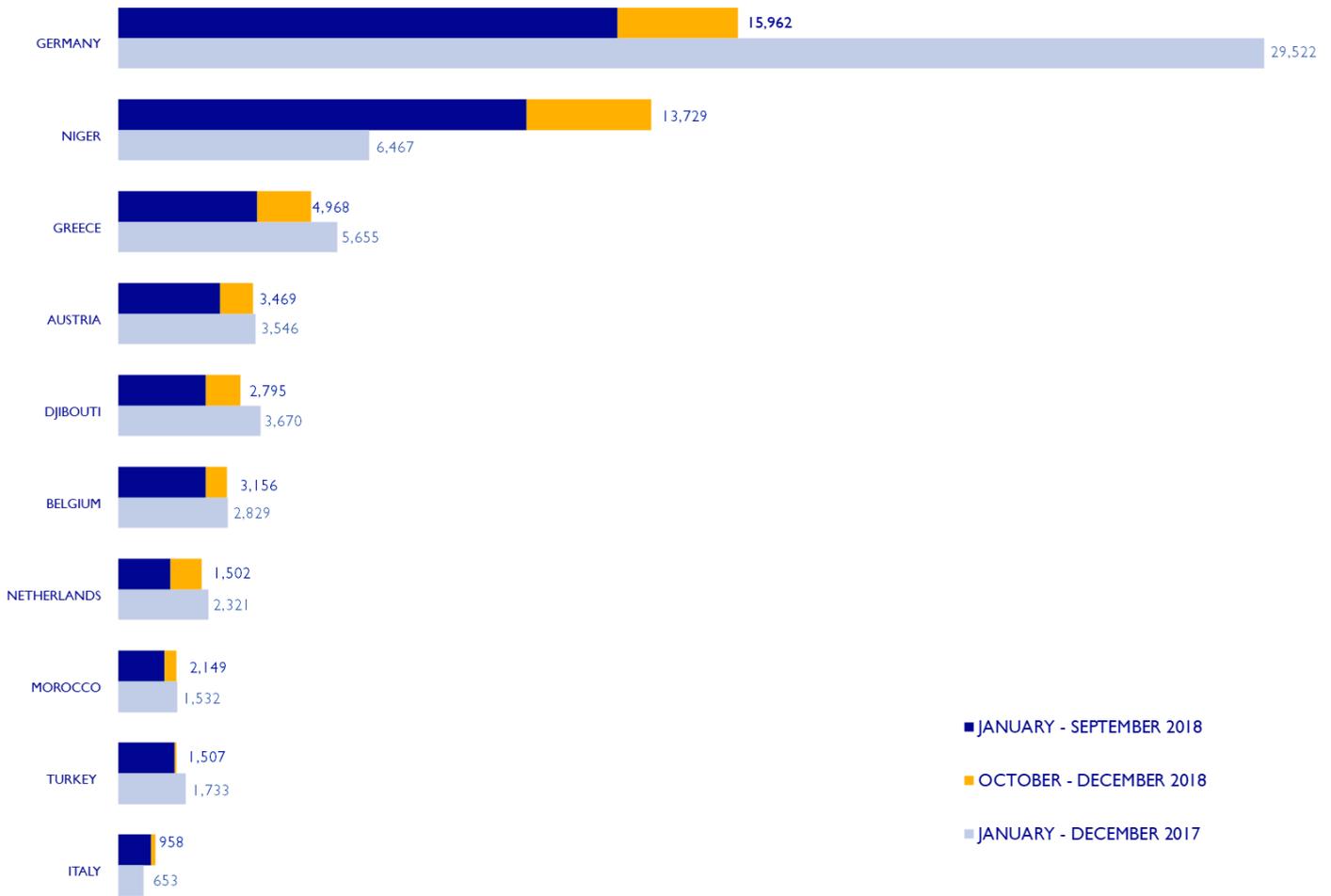
A sudden peak can be noticed for the month of May in the graph above. This can mainly be explained by the temporary scale-up of AVRR operations from Niger, due to high numbers of migrants hosted in IOM's transit centers in the country. Considering the increase in AVRR beneficiaries in the West and Central African region, this also explains a slight change in the main countries of origin. Four countries from the West and Central African region now rank among the top ten countries of origin.

* Data provided in this bulletin is provisional and should therefore be considered as an estimation.

** Figures on reintegration assistance are consolidated at the global level and presented in the annual AVRR Key Highlights.

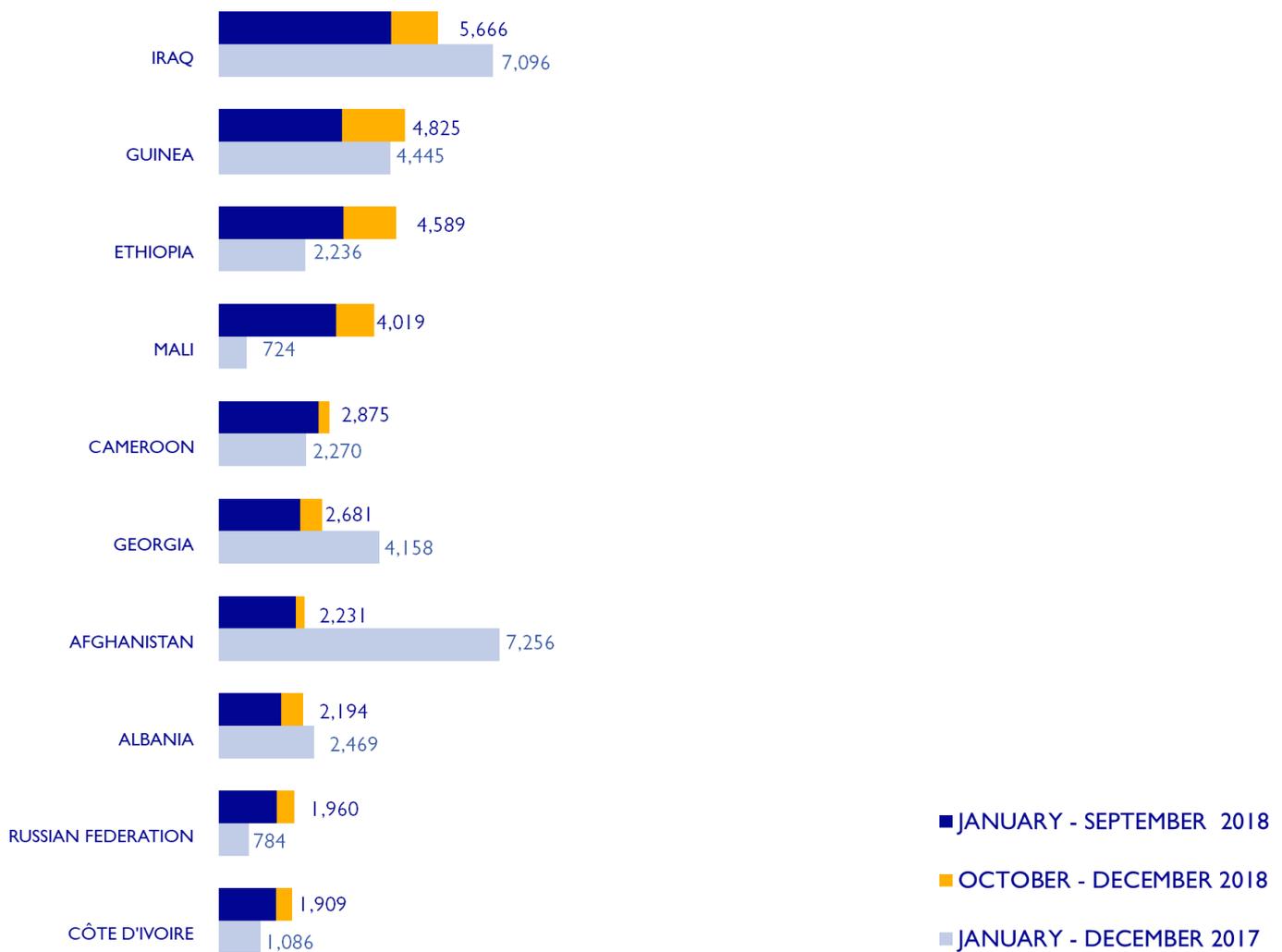
*** Unaccompanied and Separated Migrant Children

TOP 10 HOST COUNTRIES FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 31 DEC. 2018, IN COMPARISON WITH 2017



Host country	January - September	October - December
Germany	12,863	3,095
Niger	10,514	3,215
Greece	3,591	1,377
Austria	2,635	834
Djibouti	2,271	885
Belgium	2,268	527
Netherlands	1,342	807
Morocco	1,195	312
Turkey	1,450	52
Italy	847	111

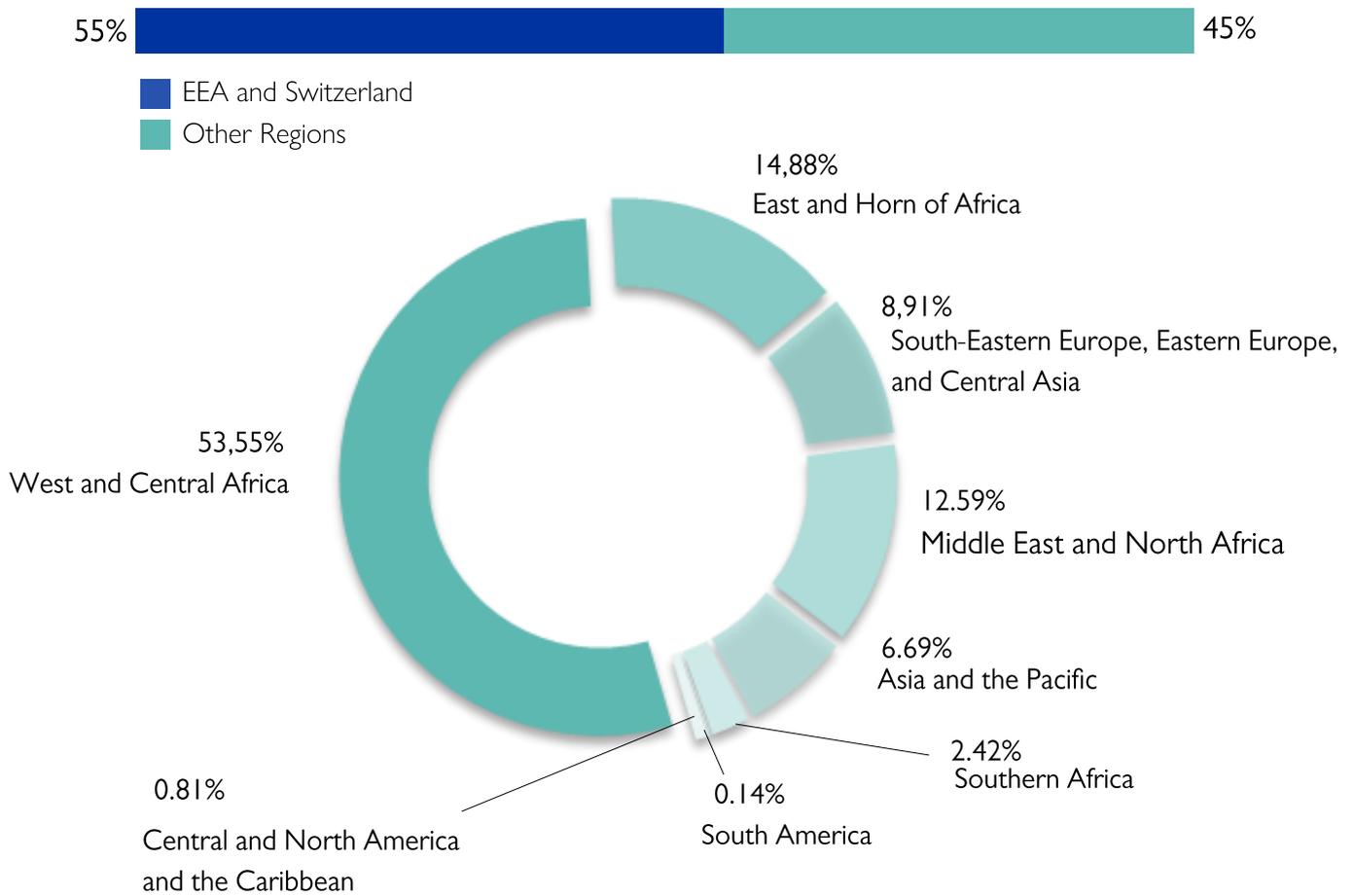
TOP 10 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 31 DEC. 2018, IN COMPARISON WITH 2017



Country of origin	January - September	October - December
Iraq	4,461	1,205
Guinea	3,196	1,629
Ethiopia	3,227	1,362
Mali	3,045	974
Cameroon	2,579	296
Georgia	2,103	578
Afghanistan	1,998	233
Albania	1,626	568
Russian Federation	1,497	463
Côte d'Ivoire	1,482	427

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HOST REGIONS (IN %) FOR AVRR



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REGIONS OF ORIGIN (IN %) FOR AVRR 1 JAN. - 30 SEPT. 2018

