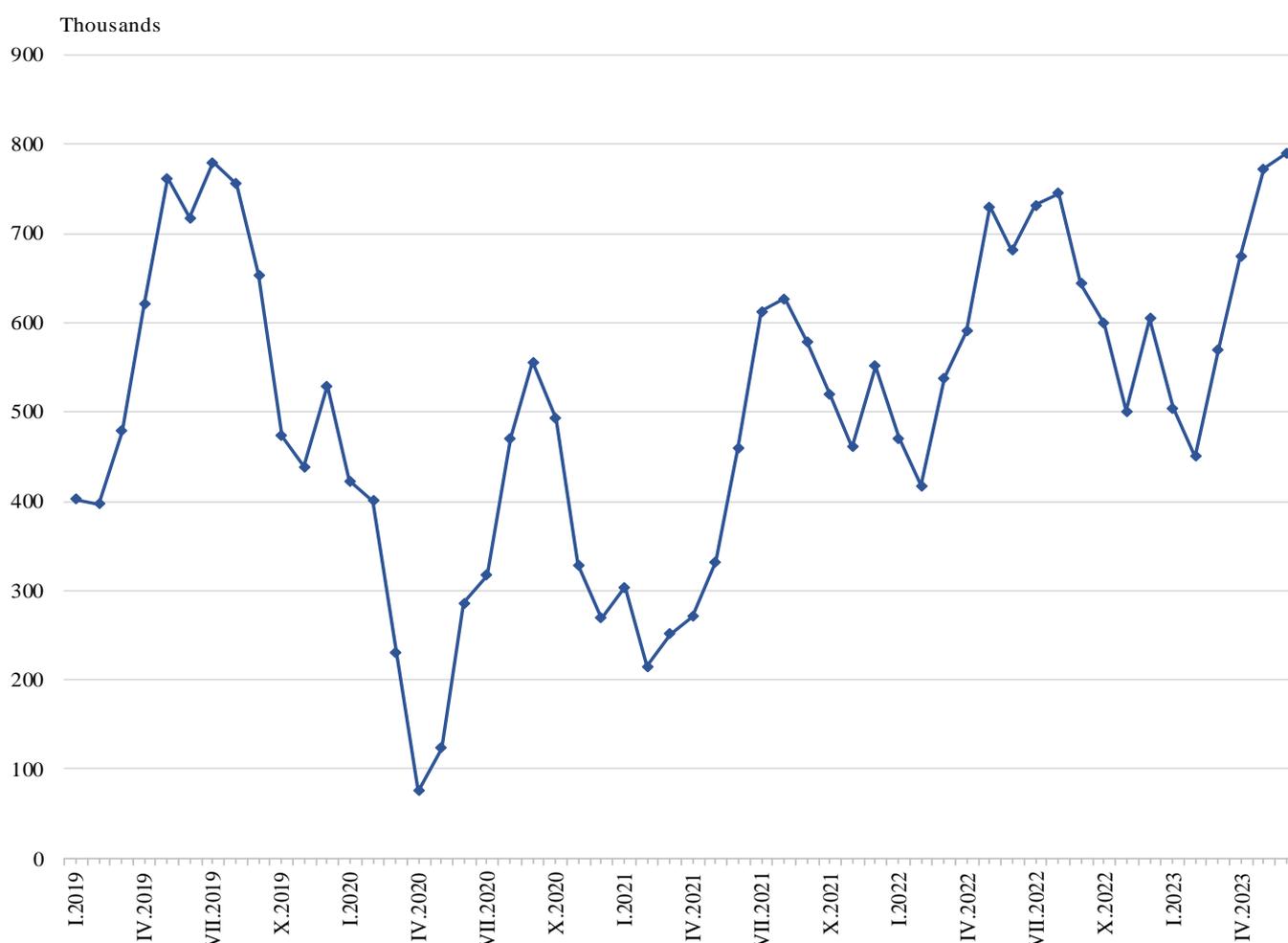


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JUNE 2023

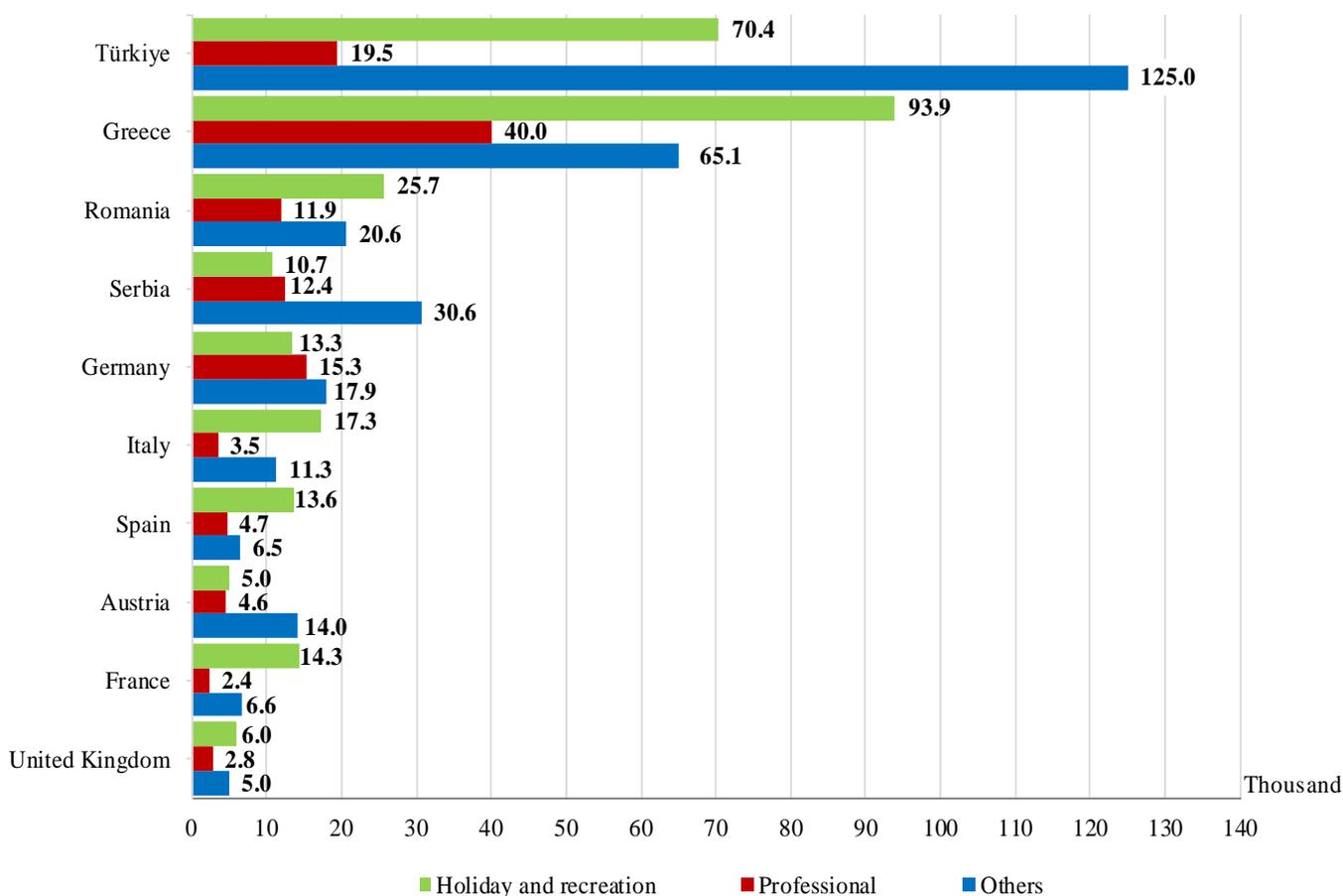
In June 2023, the number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 790.3 thousand (Annex, Table 1), or 16.1% above the registered in June 2022. An increase in the trips with all observed purposes was registered.

Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months



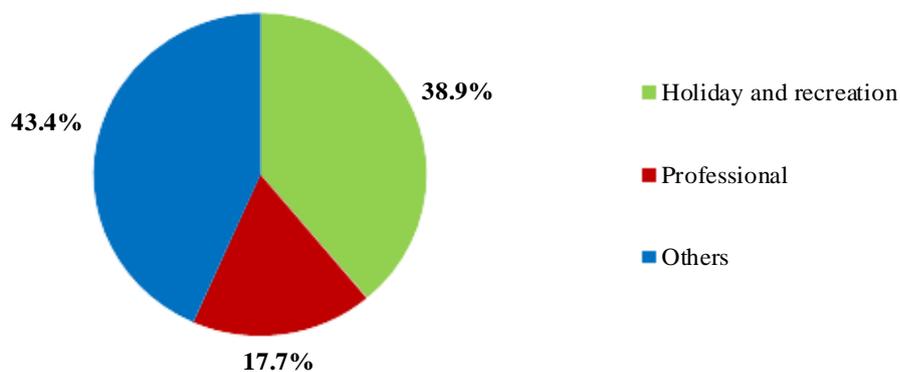
Most trips of Bulgarian residents were made to: Türkiye - 214.9 thousand, Greece - 199.0 thousand, Romania - 58.2 thousand, Serbia - 53.7 thousand, Germany - 46.5 thousand, Italy - 32.1 thousand, Spain - 24.8 thousand, Austria - 23.6 thousand, France - 23.3 thousand, the United Kingdom - 13.8 thousand (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Top foreign destinations for Bulgarian residents by purpose of visit in June 2023



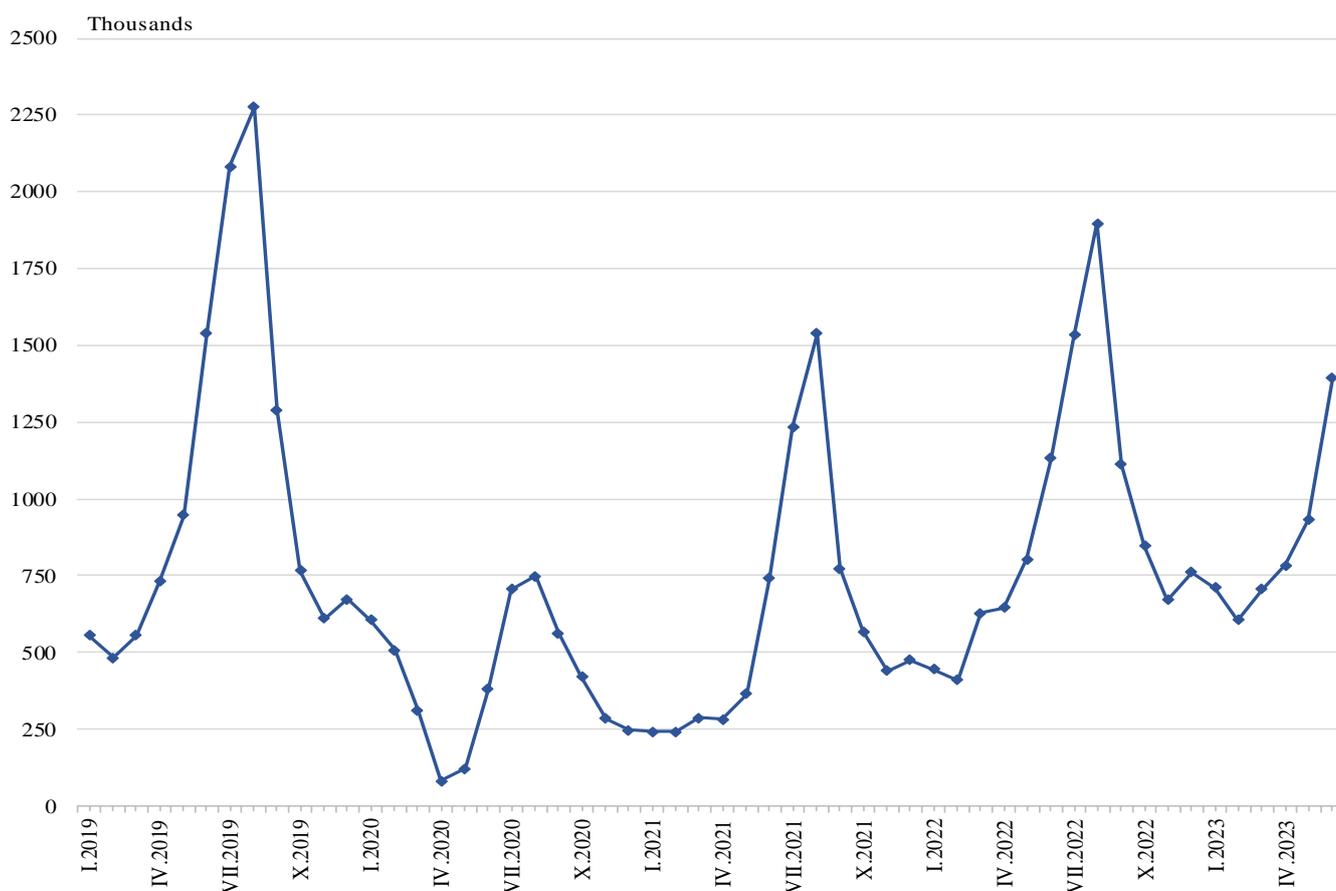
The trips with other purposes (as a guest, education and visiting cultural and sports events) composed the greatest share of the total number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad - 43.4%, followed by those with holiday and recreation purpose - 38.9%, and with professional purpose - 17.7%.

Figure 3. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in June 2023



In June 2023, the number of visits of non-residents to Bulgaria was 1 392.1 thousand (Annex, Table 2), or 23.0% more in comparison with June 2022 (Figure 4). An increase in the trips with holiday and recreation purpose - by 47.4%, and with other purposes - by 6.6% was registered, while those with professional purpose decreased by 1.5%. Transit passes through the country were 30.9% (430.2 thousand) of all visits of non-residents to Bulgaria.

Figure 4. Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by months



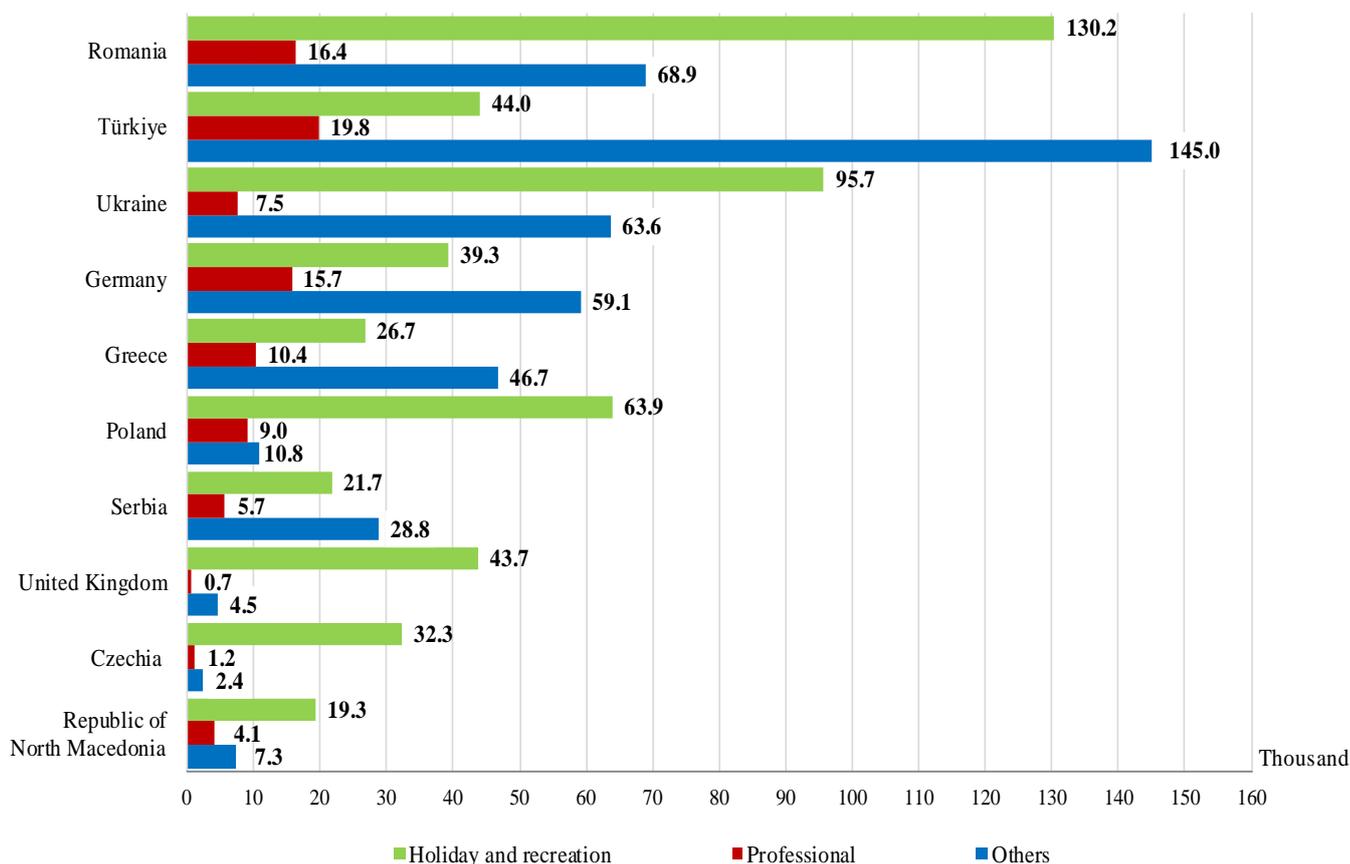
The share of visits of EU citizens was 49.0% of the total number of non-residents' visits to Bulgaria and reached 682.0 thousand, the largest being by visitors from Romania - 31.6%, Germany - 16.7%, Greece - 12.3, and Poland - 12.3%.

The visits of non-residents in the group 'Other European countries'¹ were 546.7 thousand, or 39.3% of all visits to Bulgaria. The highest number of visits from Türkiye - 208.8 thousand, or 38.2% in this group was registered.

Most visits to Bulgaria were from: Romania - 215.5 thousand, Türkiye - 208.8 thousand, Ukraine - 166.8 thousand, Germany - 114.1 thousand, Greece - 83.8 thousand, Poland - 83.7 thousand, Serbia - 56.2 thousand, the United Kingdom - 48.9 thousand, Czechia - 35.9 thousand, Republic of North Macedonia - 30.7 thousand (Figure 5).

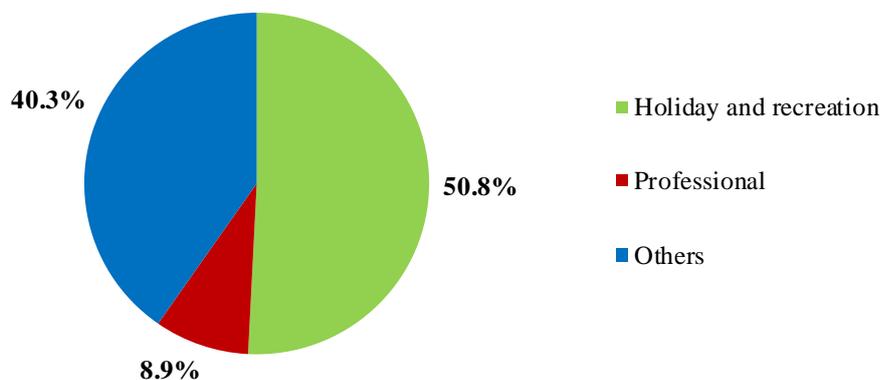
¹ Group 'Other European countries' includes countries in Europe outside the EU and all data are provided by the Ministry of Interior.

Figure 5. Top visits by non-residents to Bulgaria by country of residence and purpose in June 2023



In June 2023, the predominant share of the visits was with holiday and recreation purpose - 50.8%, followed by trips with other purposes - 40.3%, and with professional purpose - 8.9%.

Figure 6. Structure of visits of non-residents to Bulgaria by purpose in June 2023





Methodological notes

The definitions recommended by the World Tourist Organization and the Methodological manual for tourism by Eurostat are applied by the National Statistical Institute.

In accordance with these definitions, **an international tourist** is any person who travels to a country other than his/her permanent residence for less than a year and whose main purpose is not doing any activity for payment in the place visited.

The purposes of visiting a country are the following:

- Excursion, holiday or entertainment (visits to cultural or historical landmarks, sport events and others);
- Visiting friends and relatives;
- Professional purposes (business trips, participation in conferences, congresses, concluding deals, etc.);
- Other (education, medical treatment, etc.) purposes.

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad and visits by non-residents to Bulgaria are obtained on the basis of monthly information received from the Ministry of Interior and a sample survey of the National Statistical Institute among residents and non-residents passing through border checkpoints.

Data on the number of trips of the citizens of the European Union are estimated on the basis of the information obtained from the Ministry of Interior and the airport authorities. Data on the number of citizens from 'third countries' are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

Data on the purposes of the trips are obtained on the basis of the NSI's regular monthly sample survey of passing residents and non-residents through the border checkpoints.



Annex

Table 1

**Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit
and country of destination in June 2023**

(Number)

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	790293	307059	140000	343234
EU	471229	204739	96757	169733
Austria	23602	5006	4576	14020
Belgium	11457	1598	4322	5537
Croatia	4671	3002	992	677
Cyprus	1143	762	-	381
Czechia	9066	3217	2509	3340
Denmark	3852	815	347	2690
Finland	588	294	192	102
France	23335	14286	2476	6573
Germany	46533	13297	15339	17897
Greece	199036	93850	40053	65133
Hungary	5408	2458	983	1967
Ireland	1072	605	231	236
Italy	32101	17352	3470	11279
Malta	1725	987	375	363
Netherlands	7398	1011	925	5462
Poland	5979	2392	1993	1594
Portugal	1715	1247	-	468
Romania	58161	25659	11937	20565
Slovakia	4344	1086	724	2534
Slovenia	2276	1138	249	889
Spain	24833	13580	4656	6597
Sweden	1926	963	215	748
Other EU countries	1008	134	193	681
Other European countries	299775	92107	38641	169027
Norway	1691	242	483	966
Republic of North Macedonia	13509	4298	3070	6141
Russian Federation	88	-	-	88
Serbia	53690	10738	12390	30562
Switzerland	1959	438	293	1228
Türkiye	214930	70387	19539	125004
Ukraine	76	-	-	76
United Kingdom	13832	6004	2866	4962
Other countries	3624	1389	1027	1208
Canada	764	229	164	371
Israel	1180	688	295	197
USA	1680	472	568	640
Rest of the world	15665	8824	3575	3266



Table 2

Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria
by purpose of visit and country of origin in June 2023

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	1392143	707311	124483	560349
EU	682041	367630	74595	239816
Austria	12432	4045	2853	5534
Belgium	10247	3628	2322	4297
Croatia	2730	2005	162	563
Cyprus	1634	762	541	331
Czechia	35902	32327	1210	2365
Denmark	7026	4110	1277	1639
Finland	4418	2576	547	1295
France	14149	5239	2924	5986
Germany	114131	39305	15716	59110
Greece	83841	26750	10409	46682
Hungary	14786	7886	263	6637
Ireland	5913	4730	296	887
Italy	15127	6462	2631	6034
Malta	276	174	102	-
Netherlands	11680	4880	1029	5771
Poland	83657	63852	9014	10791
Portugal	2042	1076	324	642
Romania	215547	130164	16497	68886
Slovakia	11659	6164	1681	3814
Slovenia	1563	1204	207	152
Spain	6404	3443	2287	674
Sweden	14300	7994	908	5398
Other EU countries	12577	8854	1395	2328
Other European countries	546694	250449	39994	256251
Norway	10682	6825	737	3120
Republic of North Macedonia	30710	19304	4141	7265
Russian Federation	21621	17476	514	3631
Serbia	56168	21720	5654	28794
Switzerland	3039	1736	867	436
Türkiye	208823	43992	19819	145012
Ukraine	166772	95660	7537	63575
United Kingdom	48879	43736	725	4418
Other countries	42548	36192	961	5395
Canada	2642	1902	75	665
Israel	23594	22889	232	473
Japan	932	704	82	146
USA	15380	10697	572	4111
Rest of the world	120860	53040	8933	58887