

Fedasil - Belgium



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Asylum in Belgium

Federal Agency for the reception of asylum seekers



Organisation of asylum & migration in Belgium

- ▶ Political organisation: 1 state secretary
 - asylum, reception, forced and voluntary return
- ▶ 4 Administrative organisations:
 - ▷ Aliens Office
 - ▷ Visas / access to the territory
 - ▷ Registration / Dublin
 - ▷ Detention / Forced removals
 - ▷ Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons
 - ▷ Aliens Litigation Council
 - ▷ Asylum and subsidiary protection (grant / appeal)
 - ▷ Fedasil (Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers)
 - ▷ Reception of asylum seekers
 - ▷ Voluntary return / refugees resettlement

Organisation of asylum & migration in Belgium

▶ Organisation in terms of competences: Belgium is a federal state:

▷ Federal competence:

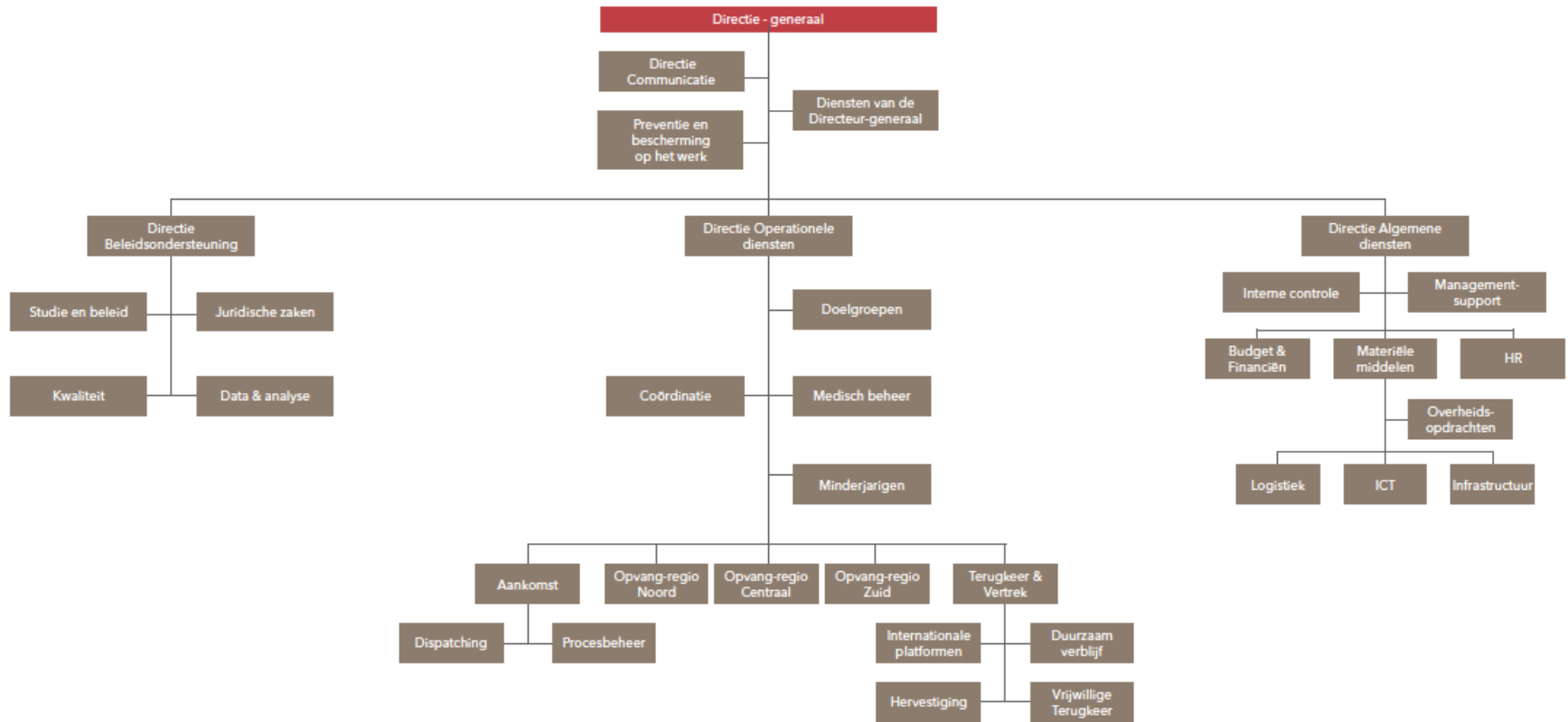
- ▷ Reception and asylum legislation
- ▷ Organisation and financing of reception
- ▷ Organisation of voluntary and forced return

▷ Regional competence:

- ▷ Integration
- ▷ Education
- ▷ Housing
- ▷ Reception of specific target groups (psychological, medical, minors), whether financed by the federal state or not

Organization chart Fedasil

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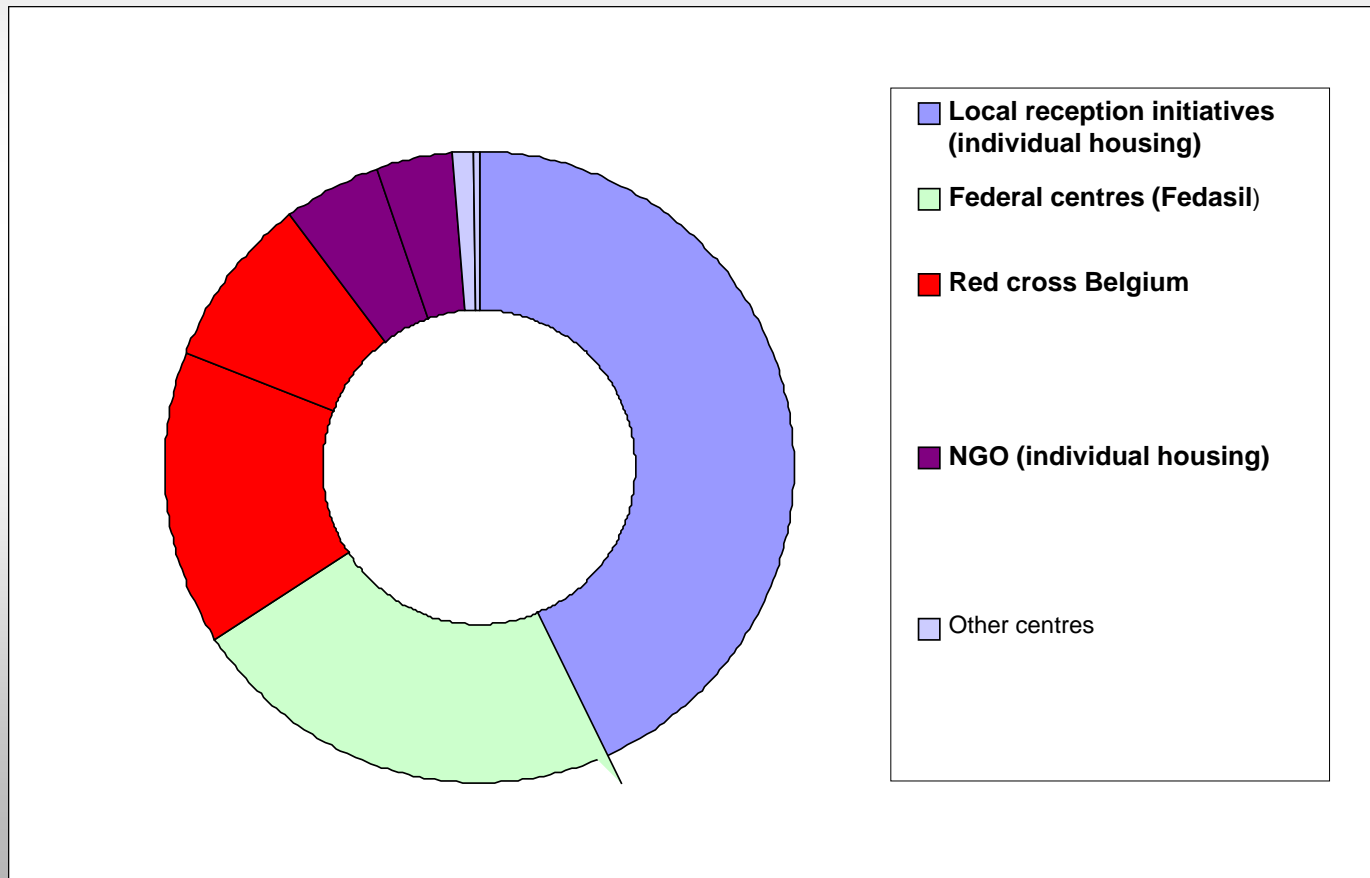


Key figures

▶ Number of asylum applications 2012:	21.463
▶ Number of asylumseekers (jan – oct '13)	13.671
▶ Reception places (7 nov '13)	21.492
▶ Recognition of refugee status ('13):	16,4%
▶ Subsidiary Protection ('13):	11,4%
▶ Budget Fedasil 2012	€ 381.6 mio
▶ Number of staff	1100

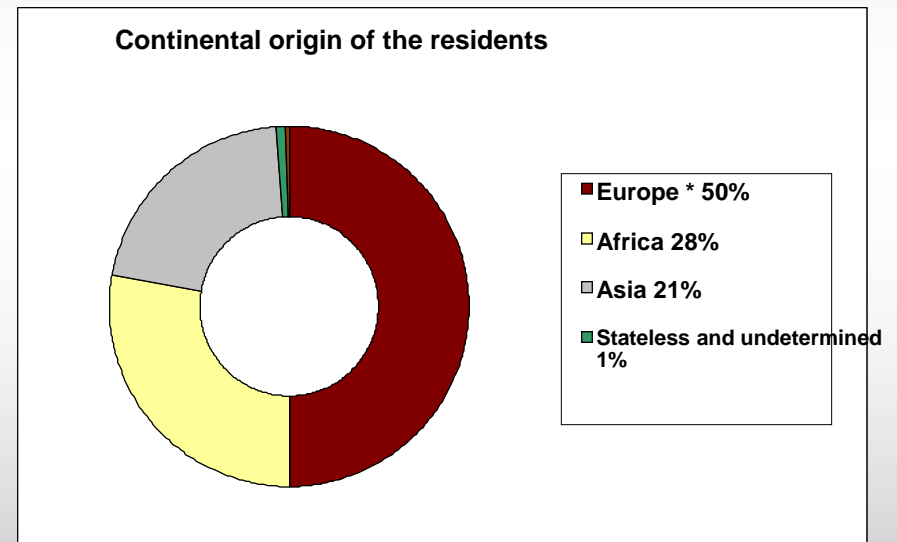
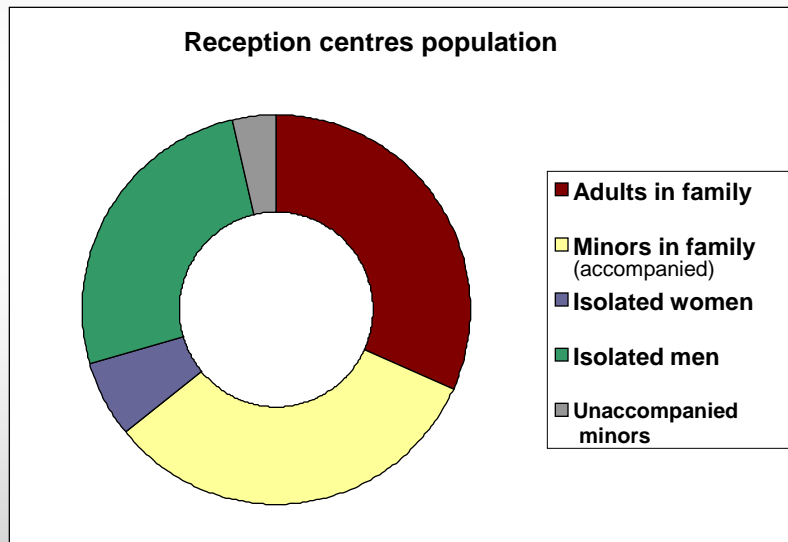
Reception in Belgium

► Each operator's contribution to the total reception capacity



Reception in Belgium

► Reception centres: a mixed population



* Citizens of Russia, Turkey and countries of Caucasus are included in 'Europe'

Fedasil

► Fedasil: core business

- ▶ Reception of asylum seekers
- ▶ Reception policy
- ▶ Unaccompanied minors
- ▶ Integration of the centres in their neighborhood
- ▶ Resettlement
- ▶ Voluntary return
- ▶ Fedasil International
- ▶ European Refugee Fund



2. Reception in Belgium

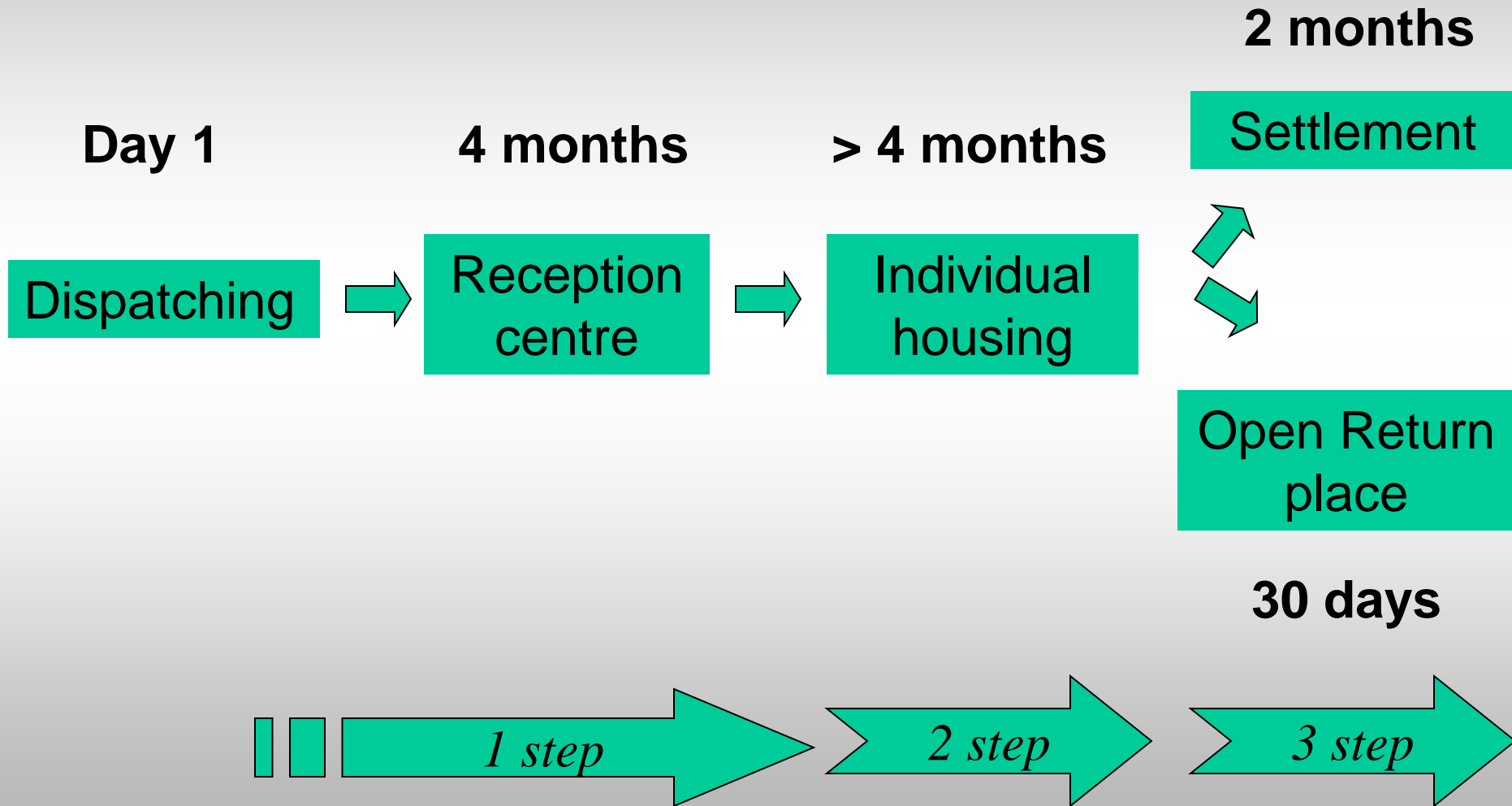
▶ Reception in three steps

▷ First step: stay in collective reception center (during 4 months)

▷ Second step: stay in individual reception facilities

▷ **New** third step: stay in a reception center for voluntary return (during 30 days)

Reception chain



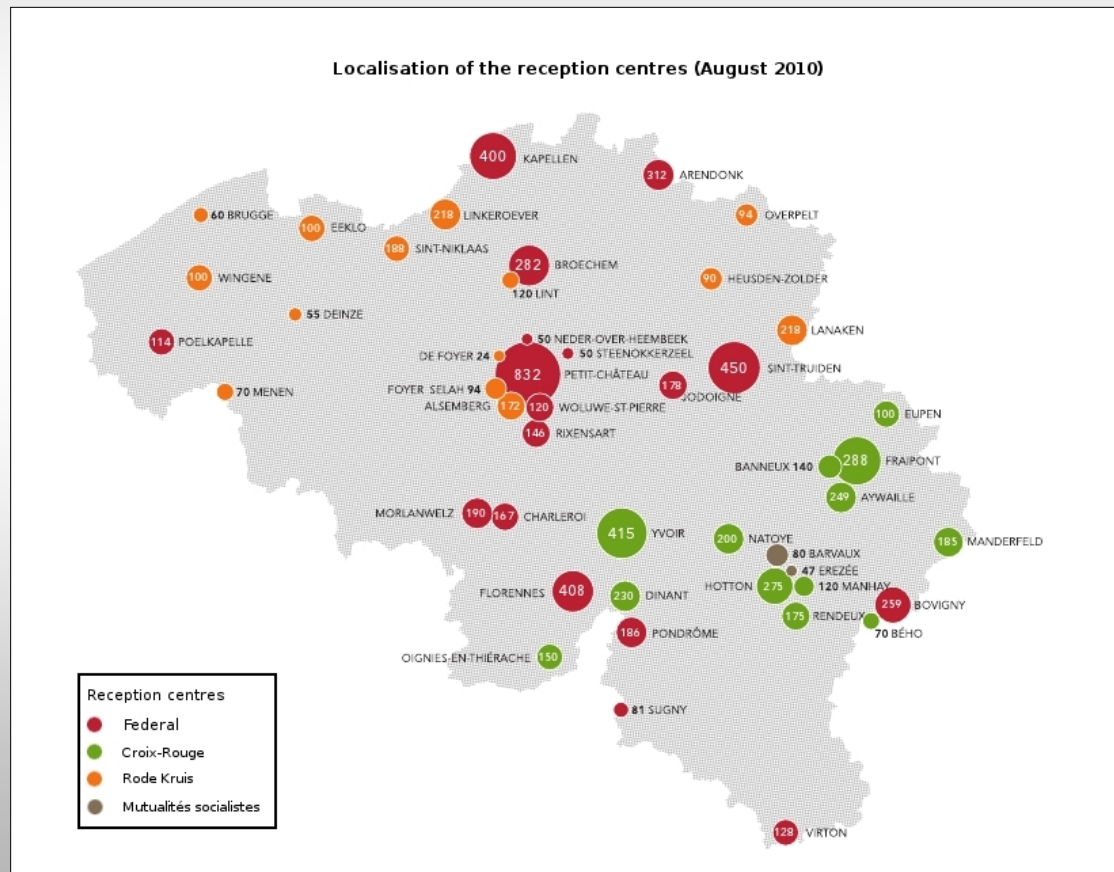
Reception in Belgium

- ▶ 1th step: Collective reception centers



Reception in Belgium

► 48 reception centers: localisation in Belgium



Reception in Belgium

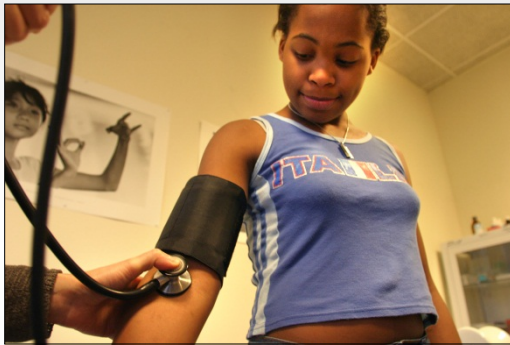
► Reception centres

- material help: basic needs (food and shelter)
- providing assistance
- daily occupation / school



Reception in Belgium

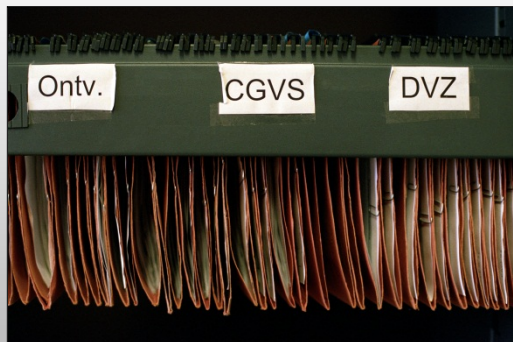
► Reception centres: providing assistance



Medical
assistance



Psychological
assistance



Legal
assistance



Social
assistance

Reception in Belgium

- ▶ 2th step: Individual reception facilities



Initiatives of Public Social
Welfare services

Reception in Belgium

▶ individual housing

- ▶ Furnished private lodging
- ▶ Material help
- ▶ Providing assistance



Reception in Belgium

▶ 3th step: Open Return Places - Voluntary return



▶ What?

⇒ material support

⇒ reintegration programme: assistance in the country of origin

▶ Who?

⇒ Asylum seekers

⇒ Asylum seekers who have been turned down

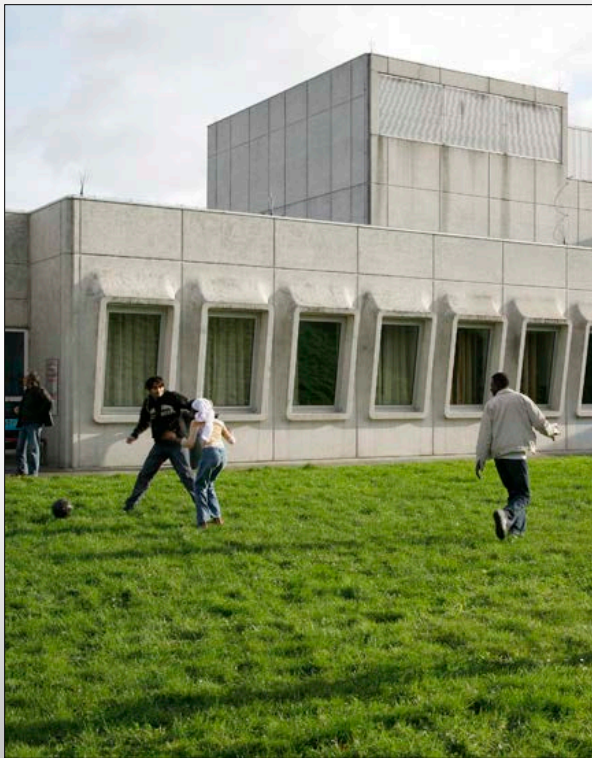
⇒ Illegal immigrants who have never applied for asylum

Reception in Belgium

- ▶ 3th step: Or settlement in municipality
 - ▶ Transition period 60 days
 - ▶ Financial support social welfare
 - ▶ Individual housing → responsibility of refugee
 - ▶ Integration program

Reception in Belgium

► Minors: a three-step reception



1. Observation and orientation centre (OOC)
2. Asylum seeker: collective structure (Fedasil)

No asylum seeker: fitted reception (reception structure for minors, foster home, etc.)
3. Individual housing