

Bastion or Gateway?

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Introduction

- Analysis of the institutional framework
- Textual analysis
- Interviews
- Fieldwork

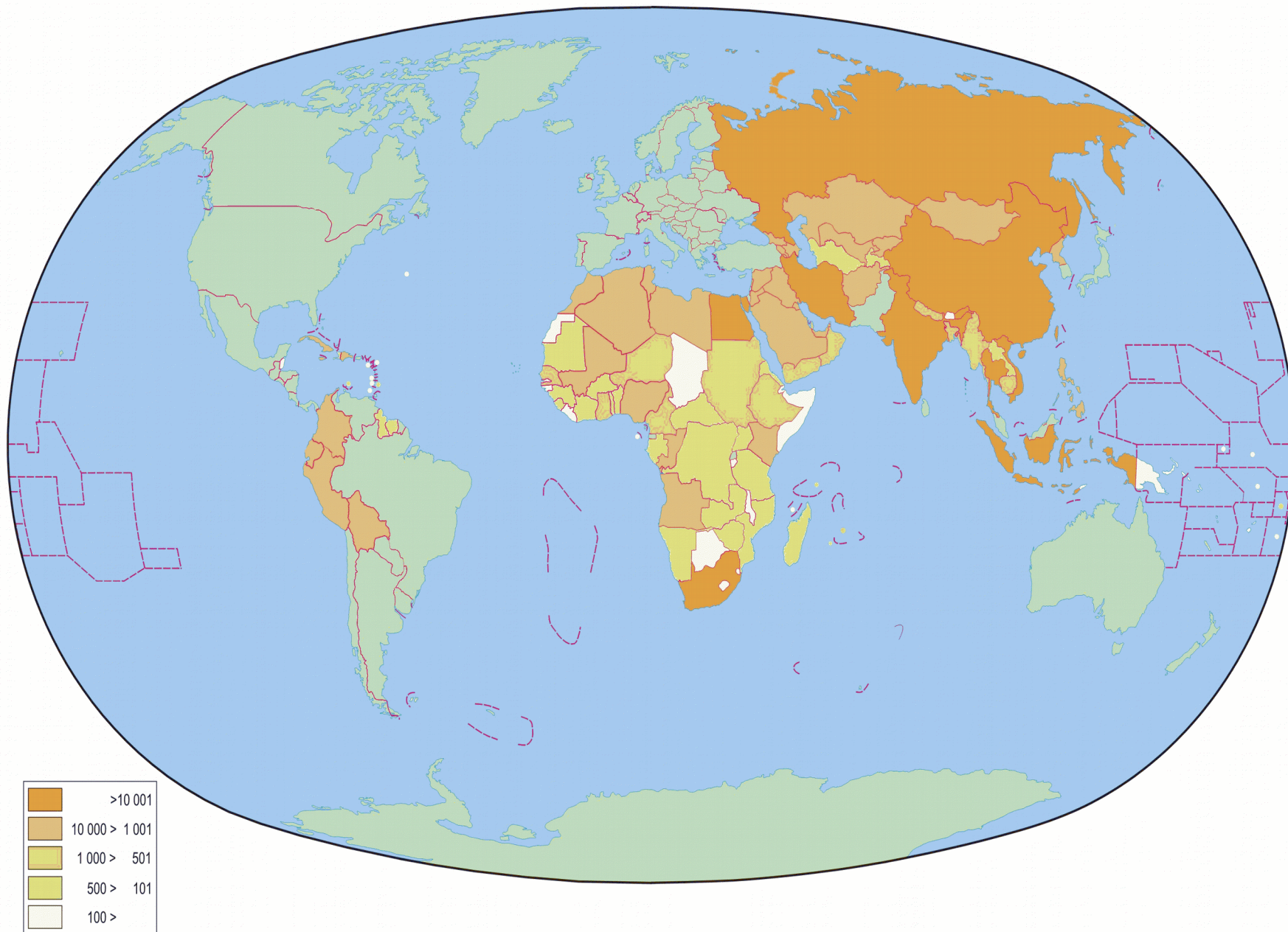
Concepts and problems

- Globalization, openness, floating borders
- Border as contingent closure
- The border area of two migratory systems

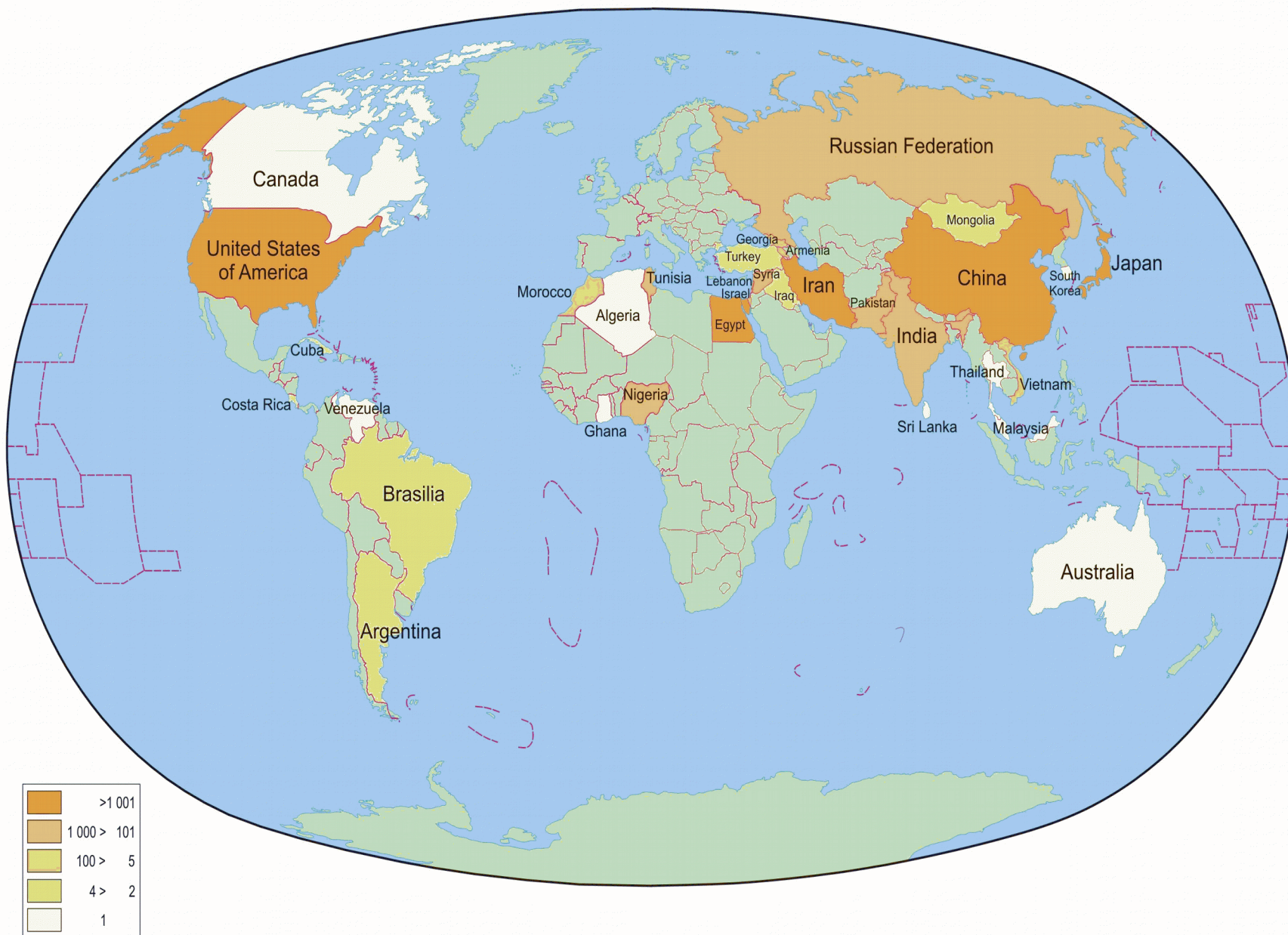
Map

- Map of Hungarian consulates
- Empty spots Africa and Latin America
- Difficulties in Africa
- Double policy in Latin America

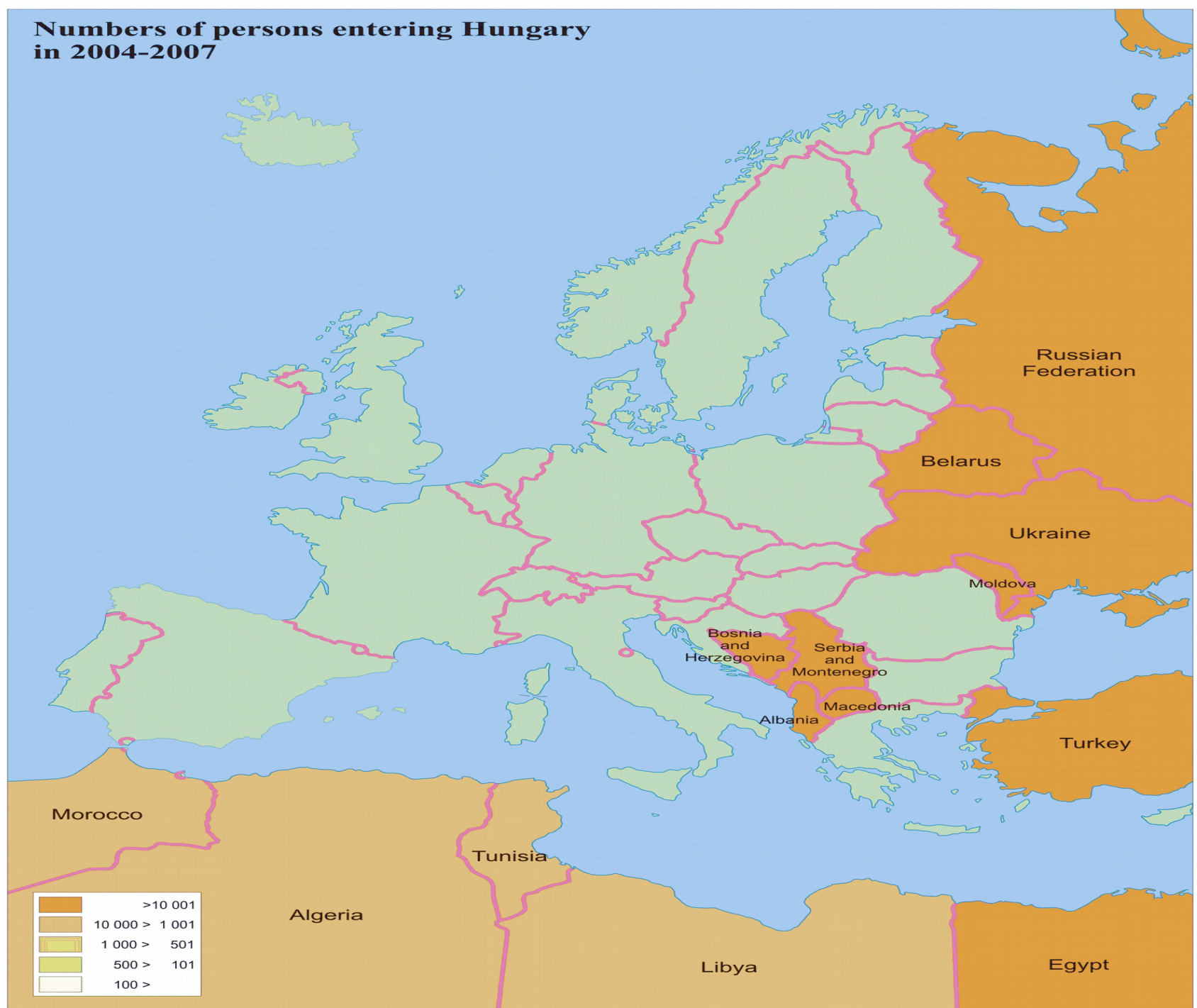
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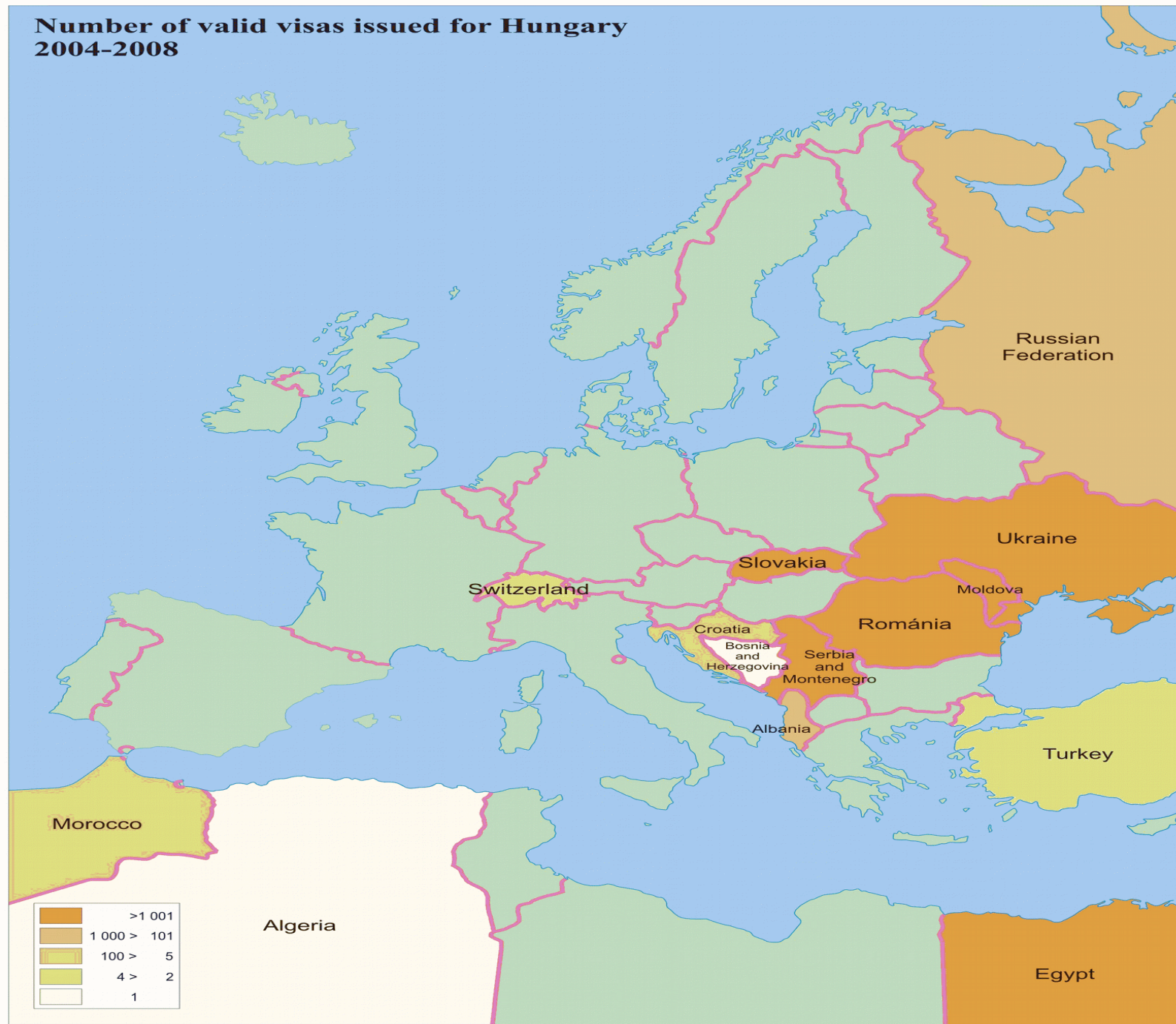
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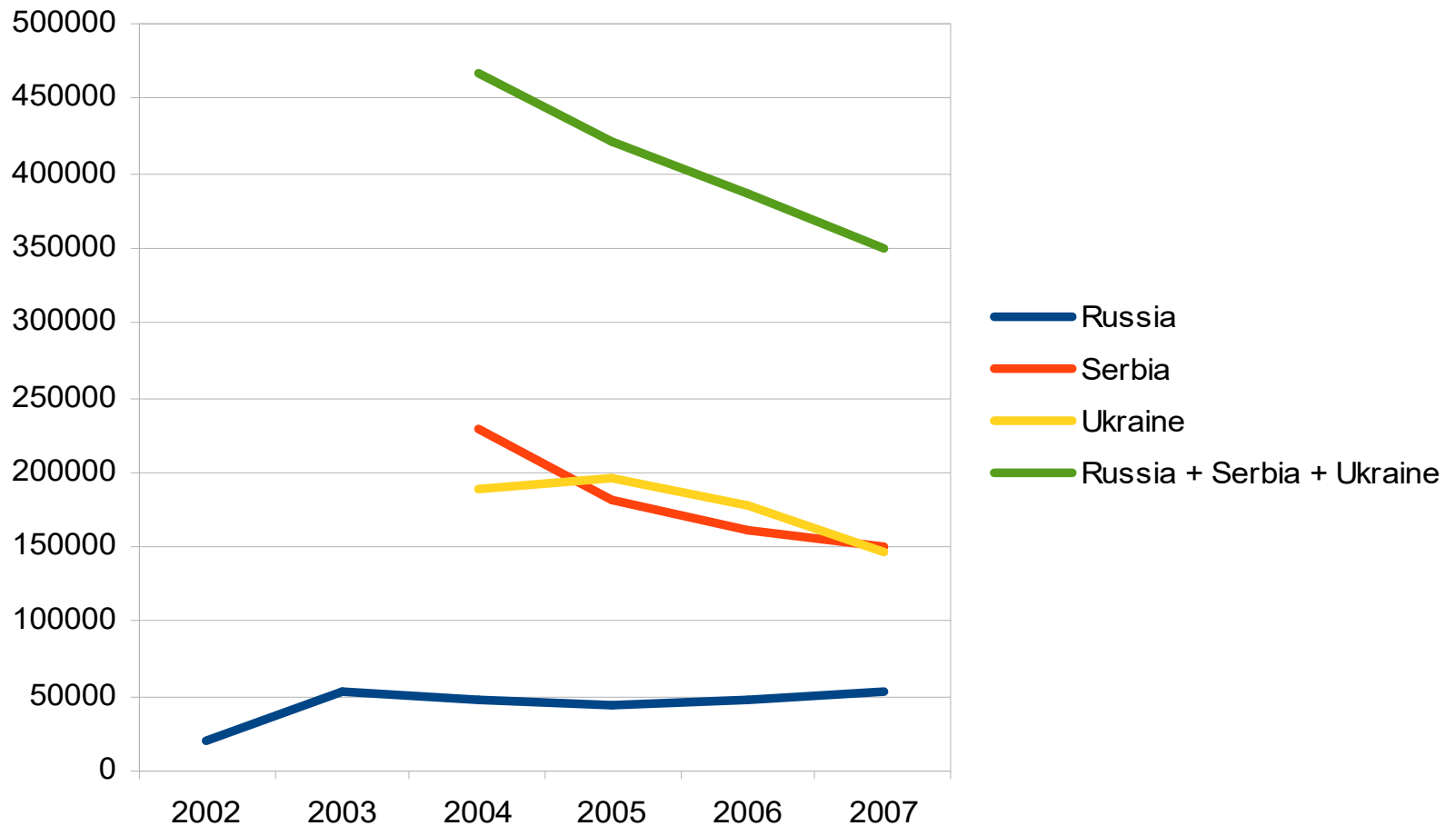
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Figures (Number of visas)



Decline and explanations

- Further decline in 2008
- Declining attraction
- Customs regulations
- Schengen regulations
- Other ways of assuring visa

Political ideas and identity

- Temporary bastion
- Good student
- National goal: only Hungarian minorities
- Institutional history

Inclusion and exclusion

- Drop in numbers of applications
- Creative positive discrimination toward Hungarian minorities.
- Forms and agreements (network, letters of confidence, reimbursement, border agreement, discourse)

Inclusion and exclusion

- Class position
- Race
- Income and supporting documents (land registration etc.)
- Hygiene
- Distance
- Extra costs
- Countryside

Policy recommendation

- Extension logic
- Openness
- Practicalities
- Regulation

Policy recommendation

- All applications, also those not accepted for consideration, should be logged and included in the statistics.
- An option of appealing ideally at the EU level.
- submitting visa documents electronically
- Visa fees should be lowered as much as possible.
- Approach
 - a comprehensive cost/benefit analysis of foreigners visiting Hungary,
- Evaluation and changes in the Visa Facilitation Agreements.
- Hungary suggests the further facilitation of the present Schengen regime vis-à-vis certain countries.
- Road maps to the visa free-regime for the Eastern Neighbourhood countries.