

Helping refugees in times of crisis



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Guests Welcome WUK



From open borders to emergency regulations

Aug.

- Inhumane conditions in Traiskirchen, people show solidarity and bring food, clothes and other things needed to Traiskirchen,; 70 people found dead in truck, Austrians travel to Hungary to take asylum seekers across the border

Sept.

- Austria and Germany open their borders to welcome asylum seekers, impressive surge of solidarity (new NGOs and initiatives), border controls start again after two weeks

Okt.

- Hungary builds fence and tightens its laws, people now travel through Croatia and Slovenia to reach Austria and Germany

Nov.

- Balkan states start to push back asylum seekers randomly („war refugees“ vs. „economic refugees“)

Dez.

- Austria builds its first fence at Spielfeld

Jän.

- The Austrian governments wants to implement „upper limits“ for asylum seekers, „temporary asylum“ and harsher conditions for family reunification

Feb.

- The Austrian government copies demands of Austrians far-rights („Freedom Party) and implements daily and hourly upper limits for refugees at the border in Spielfeld

März

- Austria and other states like Macedonia manage to „shut down“ the „Balkan route“, Austria wants to implent emergency regulations to make upper limits legally possible

Apr.

- The Austrian parliament agrees on emergency regulations for asylum procedures, „temporary asylum“ and harsher conditions for family reunification

„Emergency procedure“

Austrian government and a commission of the Parliament declare „state of emergency“

...if there's an endangerment of public safety and/or order

Asylum seekers have to apply for asylum at registration centers at Austria's borders

fast-track-procedures

No asylum procedure, if asylum seekers travelled through „safe country“ and have no family in Austria

Push-Backs

Possibility to appeal

Appeal has no suspensive effect

Memories of the past (1933)



March 4th 1933:
Austria's parliament
dissolves

March 7th 1933:
Austria's
government
declares to now
rule on the basis of
the „Wartime
Emergency
Authority law“

Consequences: civil
war, „Austrian
fascism“

What will the future bring? - Dangers

- Both next president and next chancellor may be members of FPÖ (Freedom party, far-rightists)
- Victor Orbán's authoritarian style as role model
- even harsher asylum laws possible

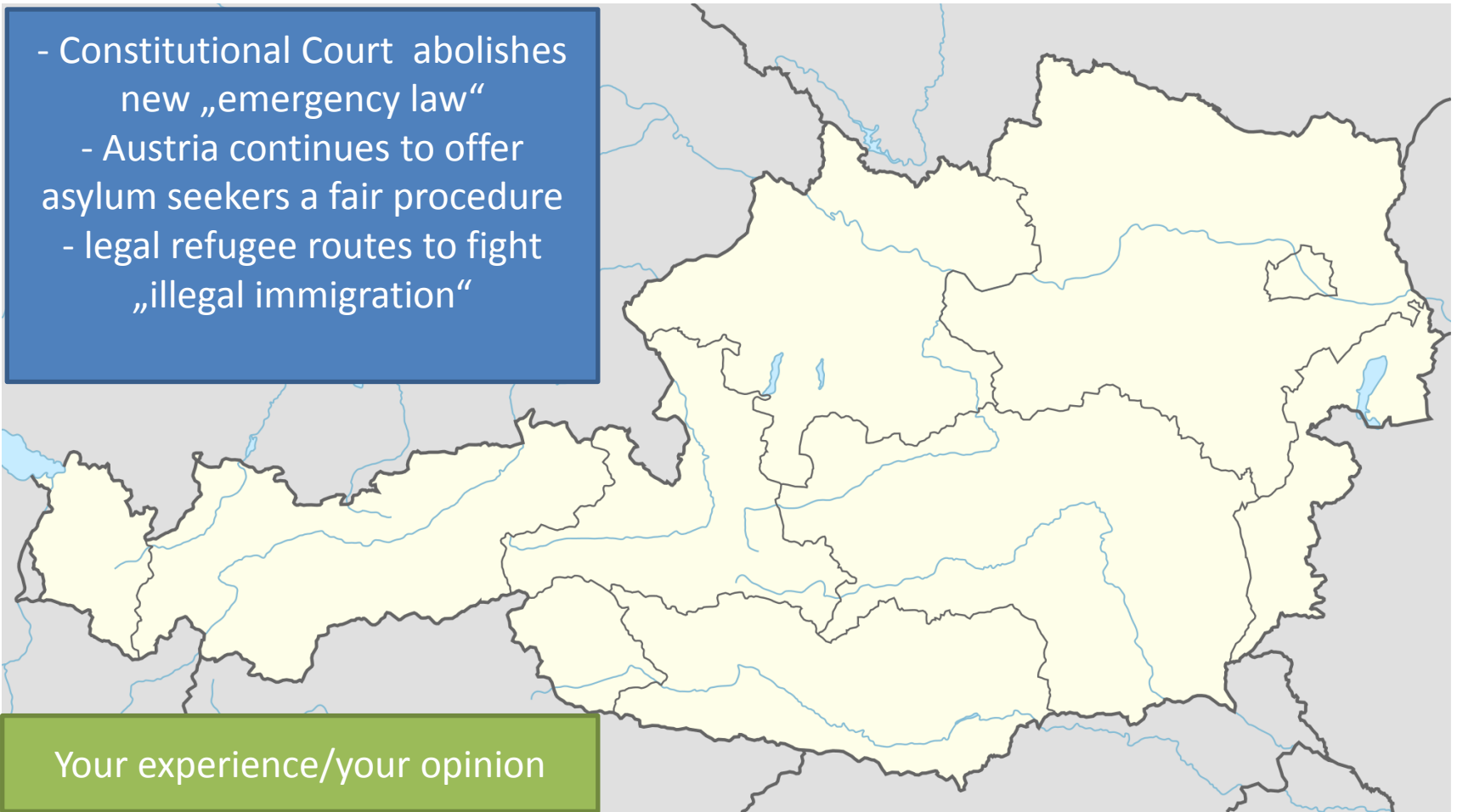
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What will the future bring? - Hopes

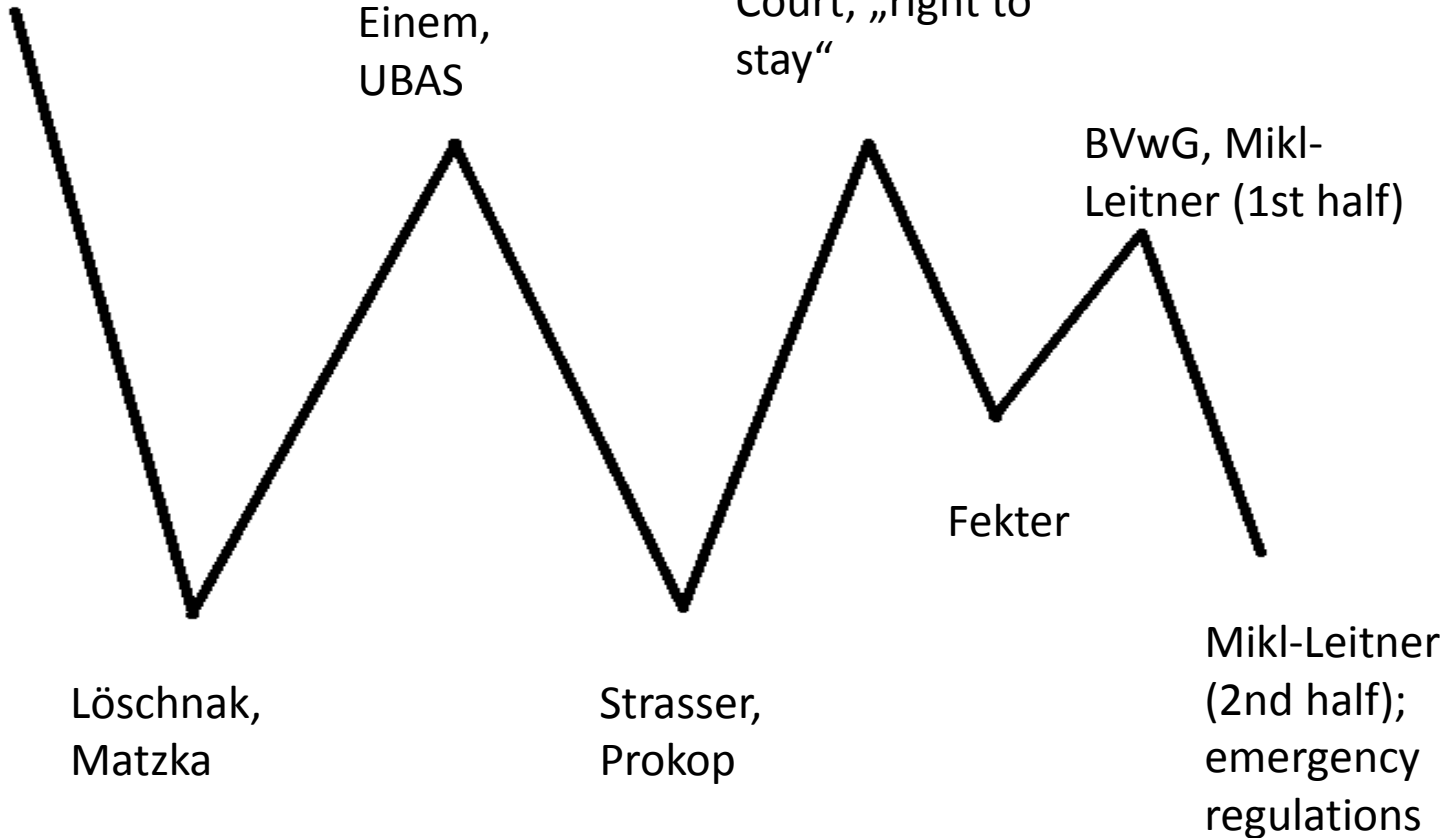
- Constitutional Court abolishes new „emergency law“
- Austria continues to offer asylum seekers a fair procedure
- legal refugee routes to fight „illegal immigration“

Your experience/your opinion



Ups & Downs (Austria)

Turning point:
cold war ends



Our demands

- Fair asylum procedures
- No upper limits
- No emergency regulations
- No Dublin-regulation, no quota system
- Asylum seekers shall choose where they want to find protection – States with more asylum seekers shall get benefits from European Union

