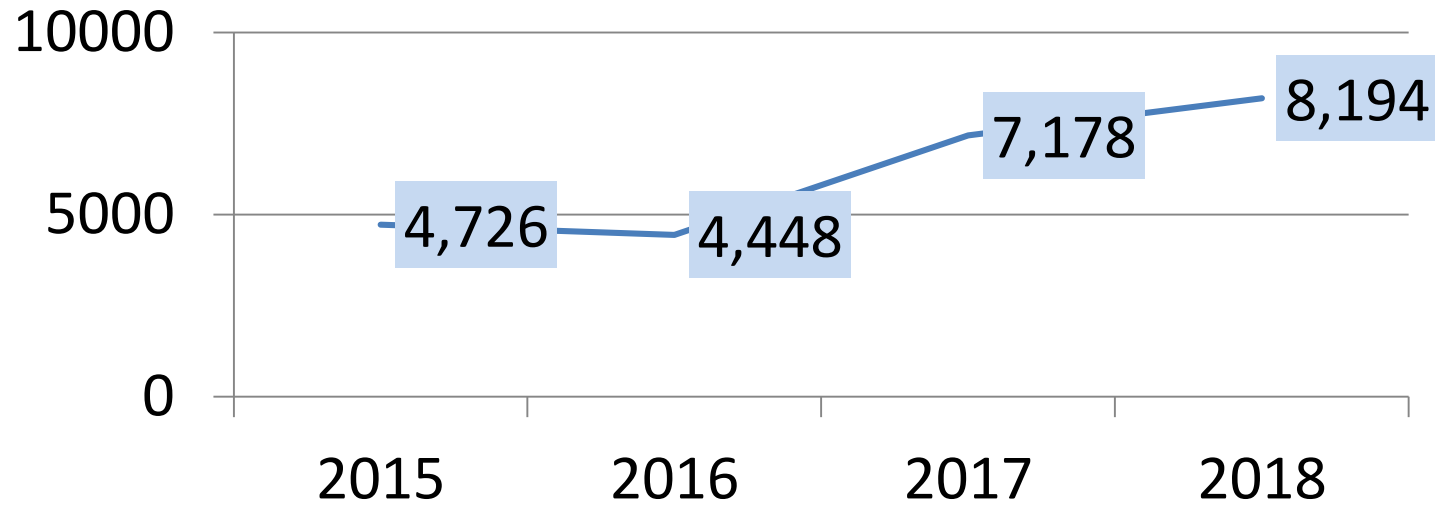


# **VISA LIBERALIZATION ON TARGET COUNTRIES**

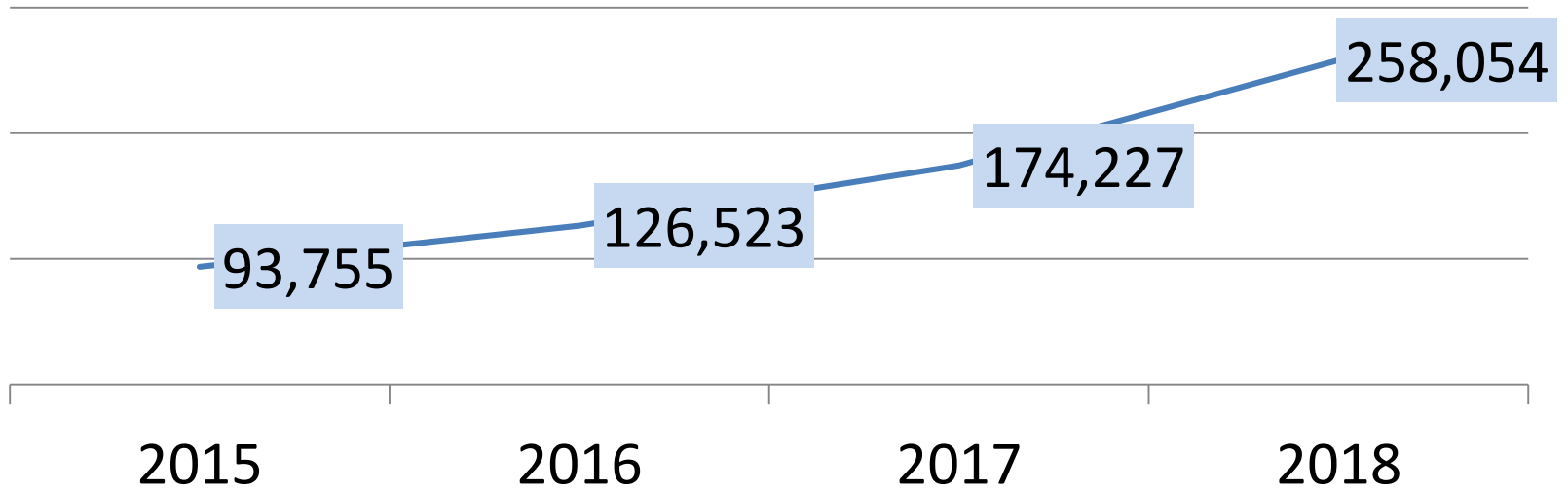
# **Lithuanian approach**

- The visa free regime for our Associated partners - a major success of completed reforms
- Some challenges and problems are natural, but they are clearly overshadowed by the positives of the visa free travel
- Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova have moved a step closer to the EU with the visa liberalization

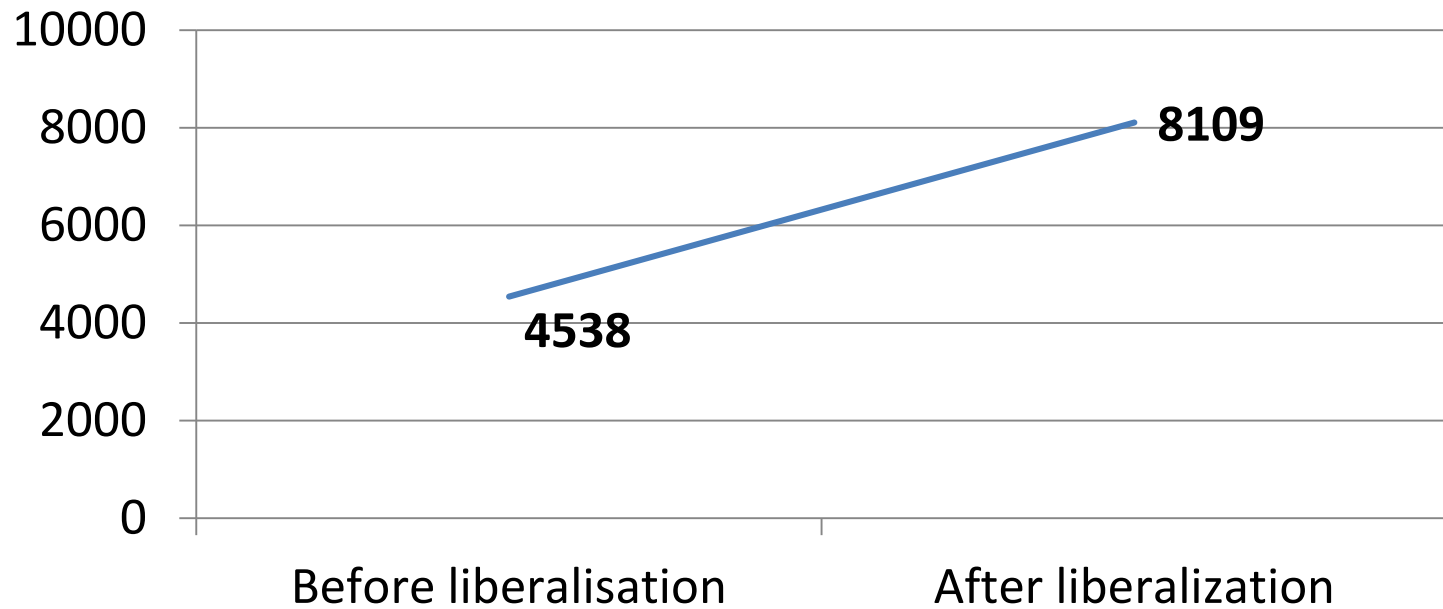
# Arrivals of Georgian citizens



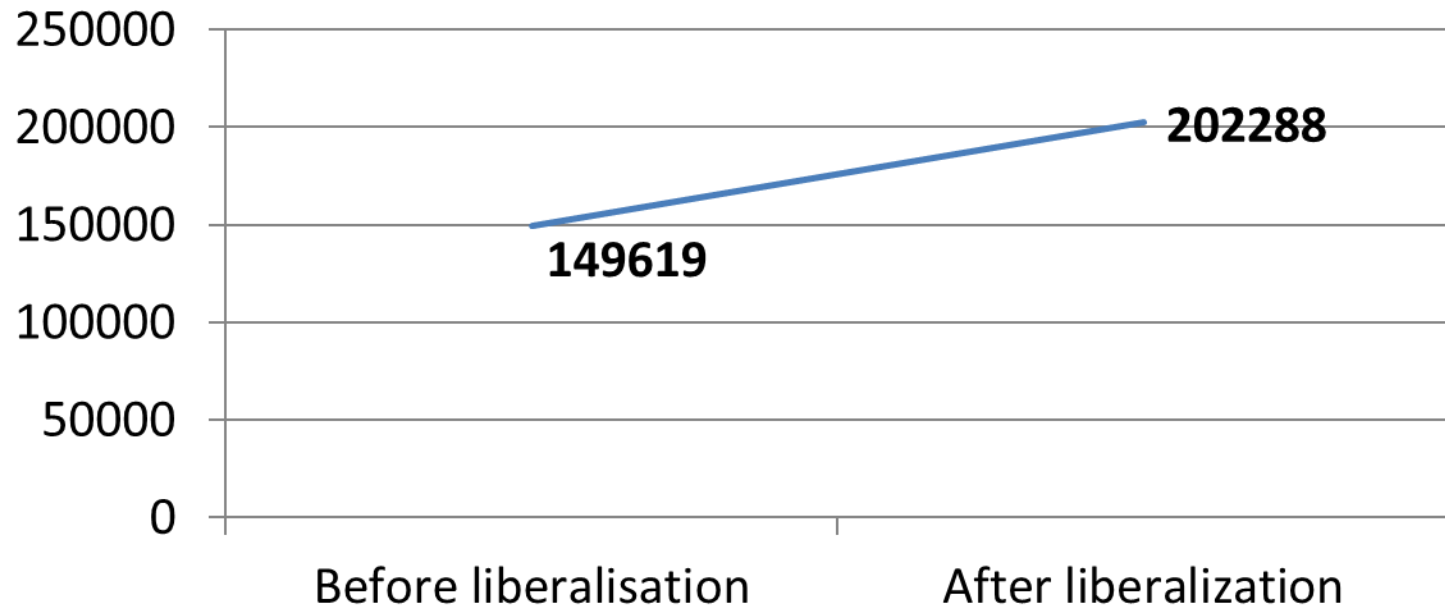
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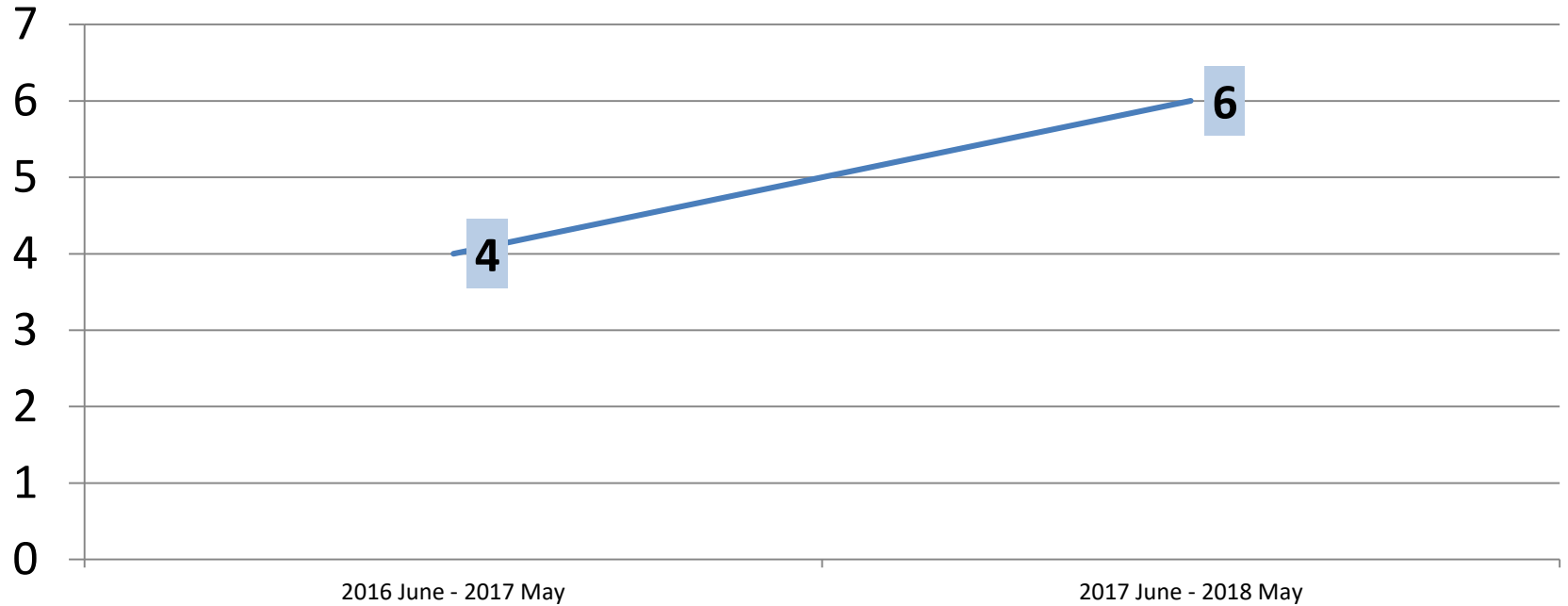
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## **National (D) visas**

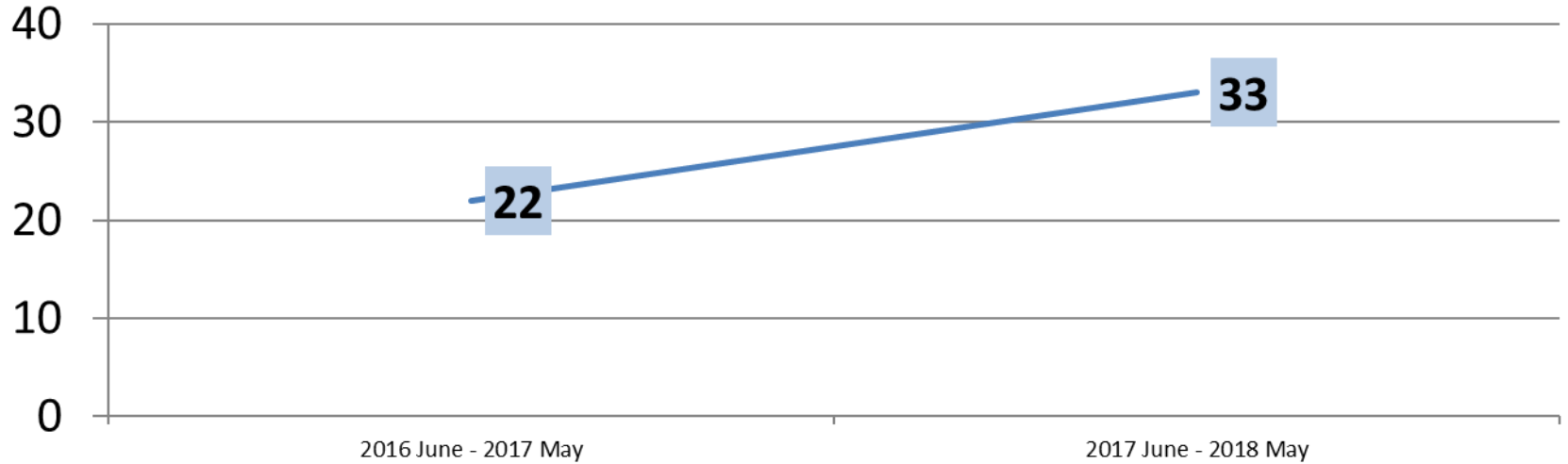
<b>Issued national visas</b>	<b>Ukraine</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>7 280</b>	<b>241</b>
Work	6 157	30
Study	178	121
Applied for residence permit	355	53
<b>2017</b>	<b>14 714</b>	<b>286</b>
Work	12 097	129
Study	446	21
Applied for residence permit	252	111
<b>2018</b>	<b>24 190</b>	<b>469</b>
Work	21 627	110
Study	256	309
Applied for residence permit	1 986	36

# Georgian citizens applied for asylum

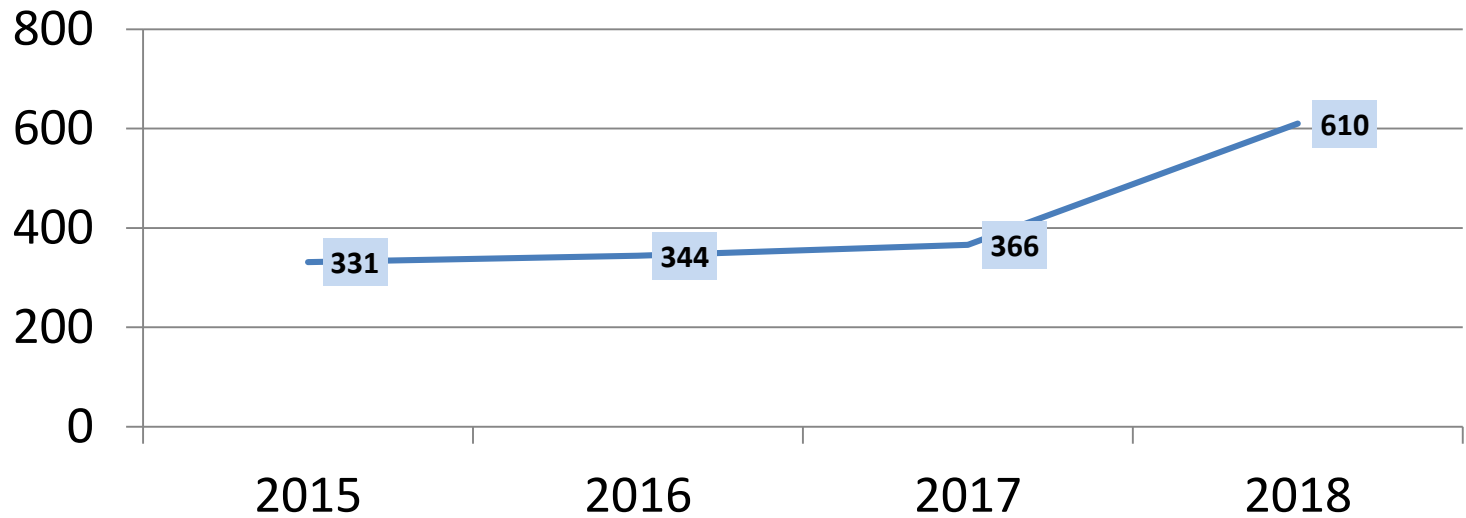




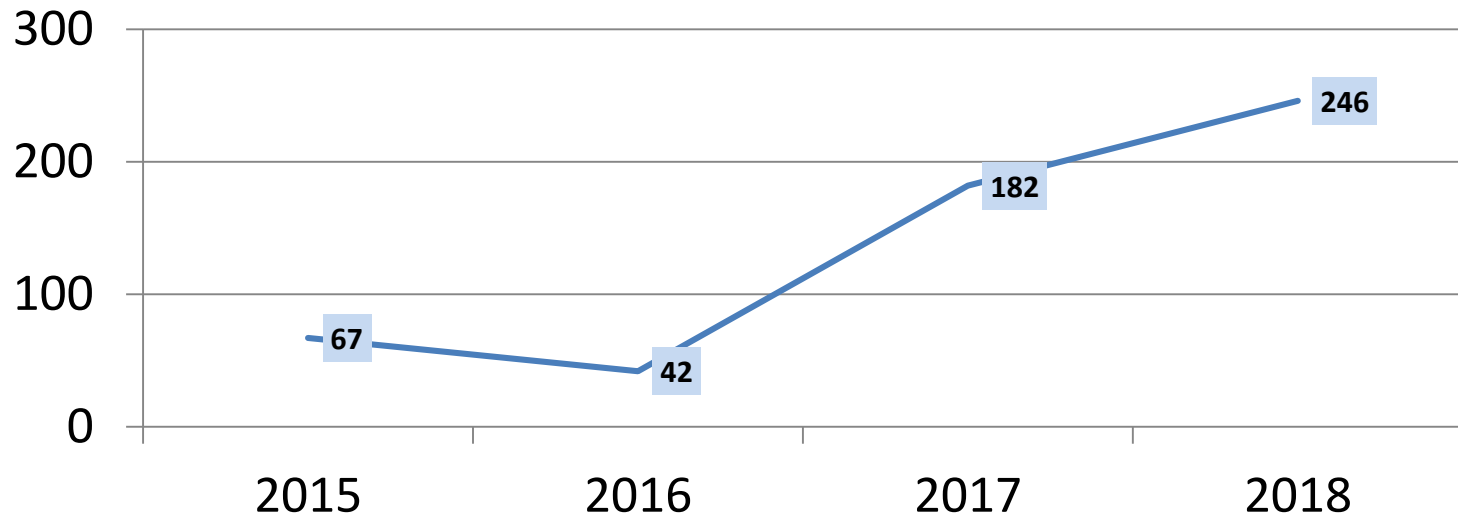
# Ukrainian citizens applied for asylum



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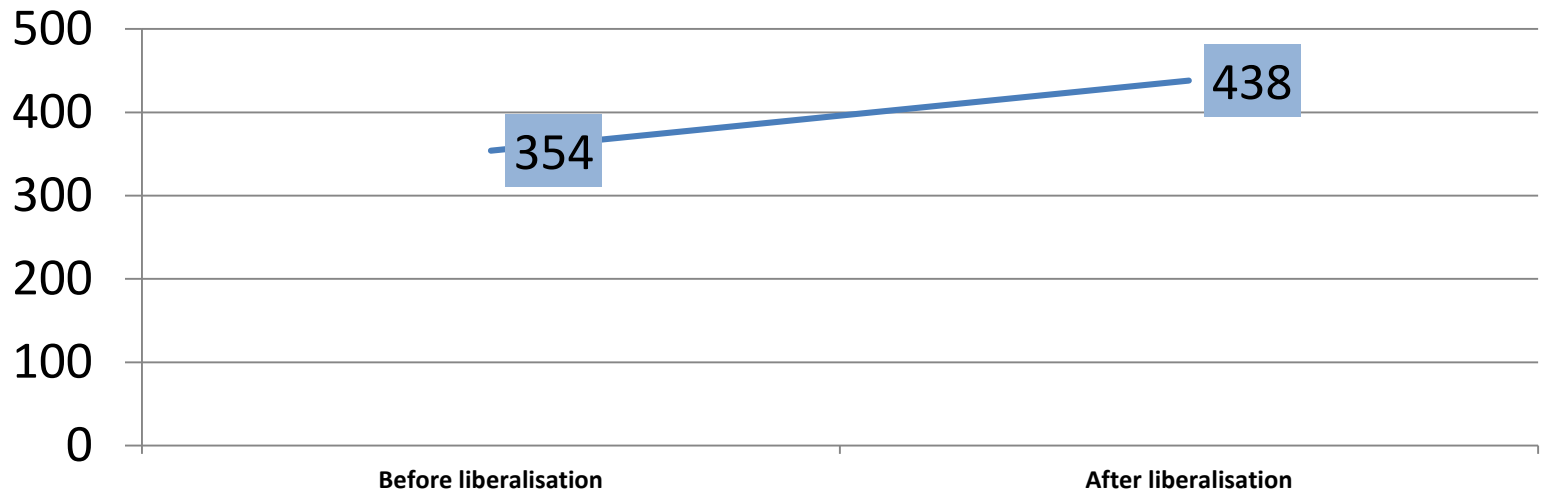


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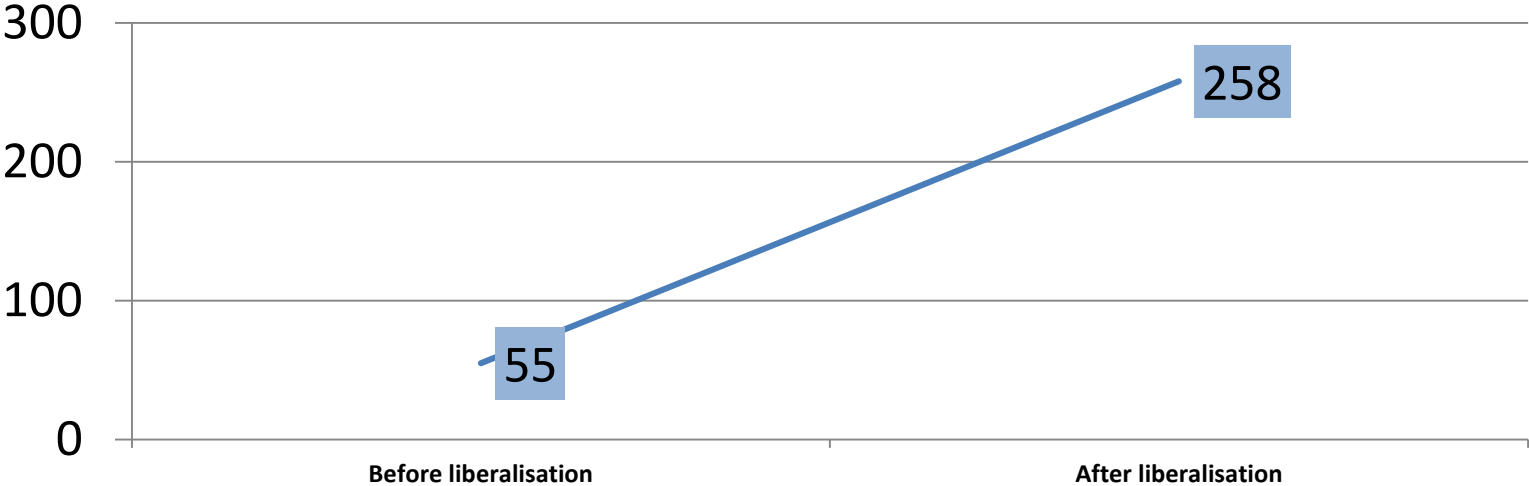


**The number of refusals has increased more than 4 times**

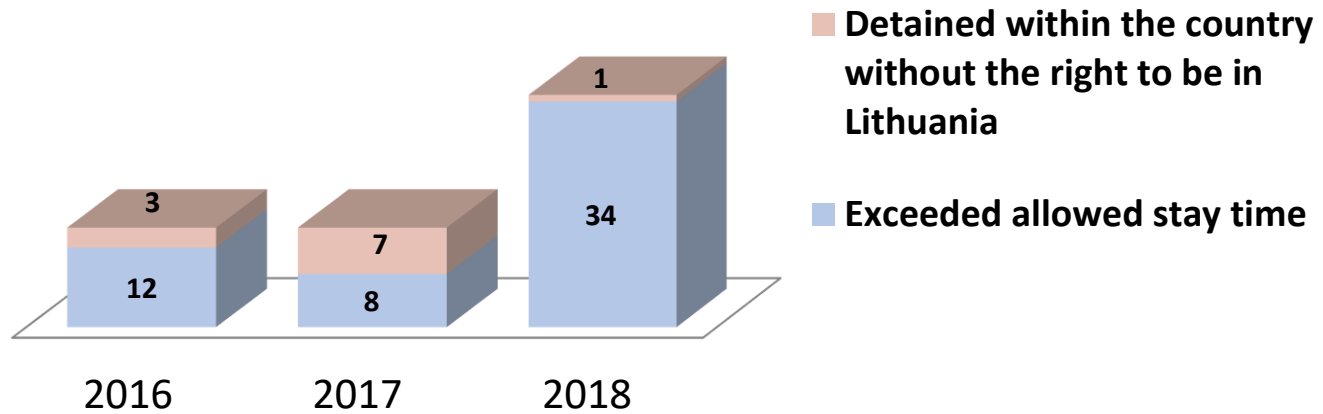
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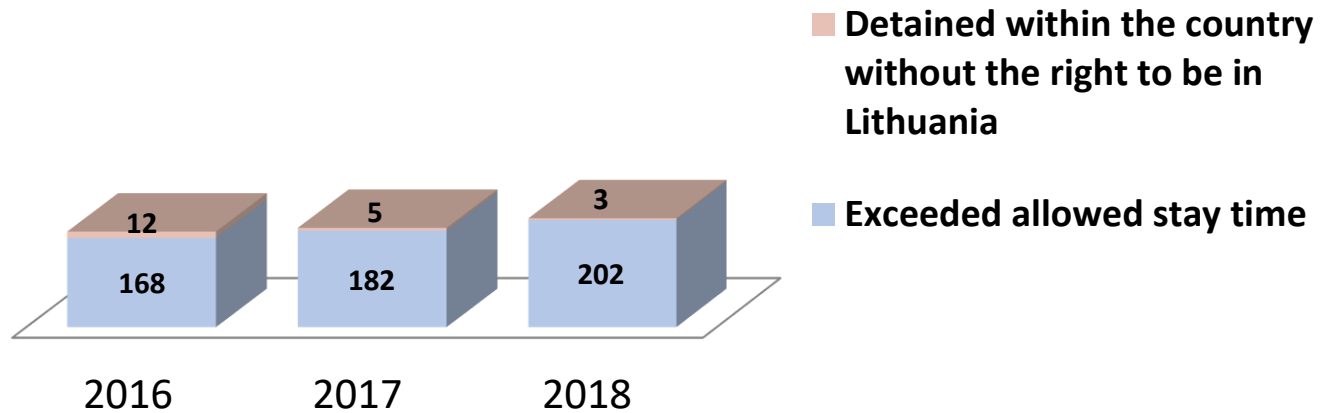
# Georgian citizens refused entry



# Citizens of Georgia illegally present in Lithuania



# Citizens of Ukraine illegally present in Lithuania



## **Return decisions and expulsion**

<b>Return decisions</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Georgia	19 (1%)	25 (2 %)	26 (1%)	61 (3%)
Ukraine	251 (17%)	314 (20%)	357 (18%)	439 (18%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 469</b>	<b>1 570</b>	<b>2 001</b>	<b>2 373</b>

<b>Expulsion</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Georgia	65	16	8	9
Ukraine	4	7	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>137</b>



## Trends observed

- Citizens of Ukraine receive national type D visas, but are not employed and do not even come to Lithuania
- Citizens of Ukraine have and use several Ukrainian passports for travelling, presenting one or another passport on the EU external borders
- After visa liberalization for Georgia, the number of Georgian citizens using counterfeit documents has decreased
- The use of fraud documents in secondary movements in the EU has increased dramatically
- General trends are not yet well established

