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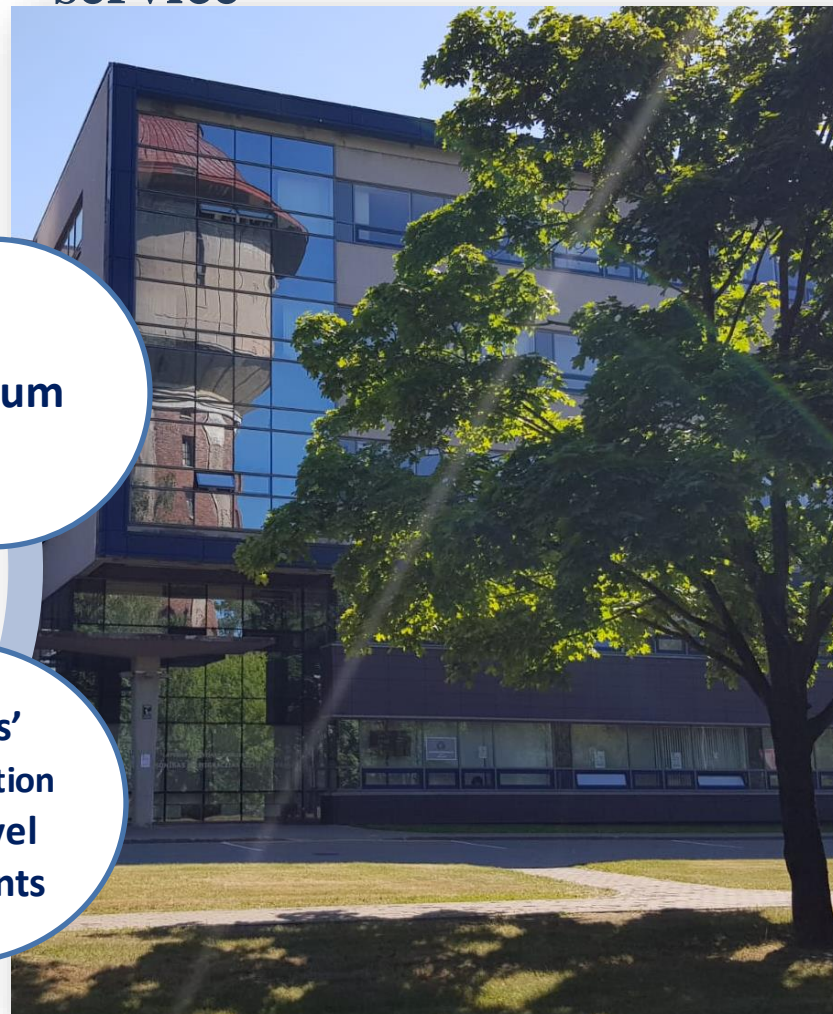
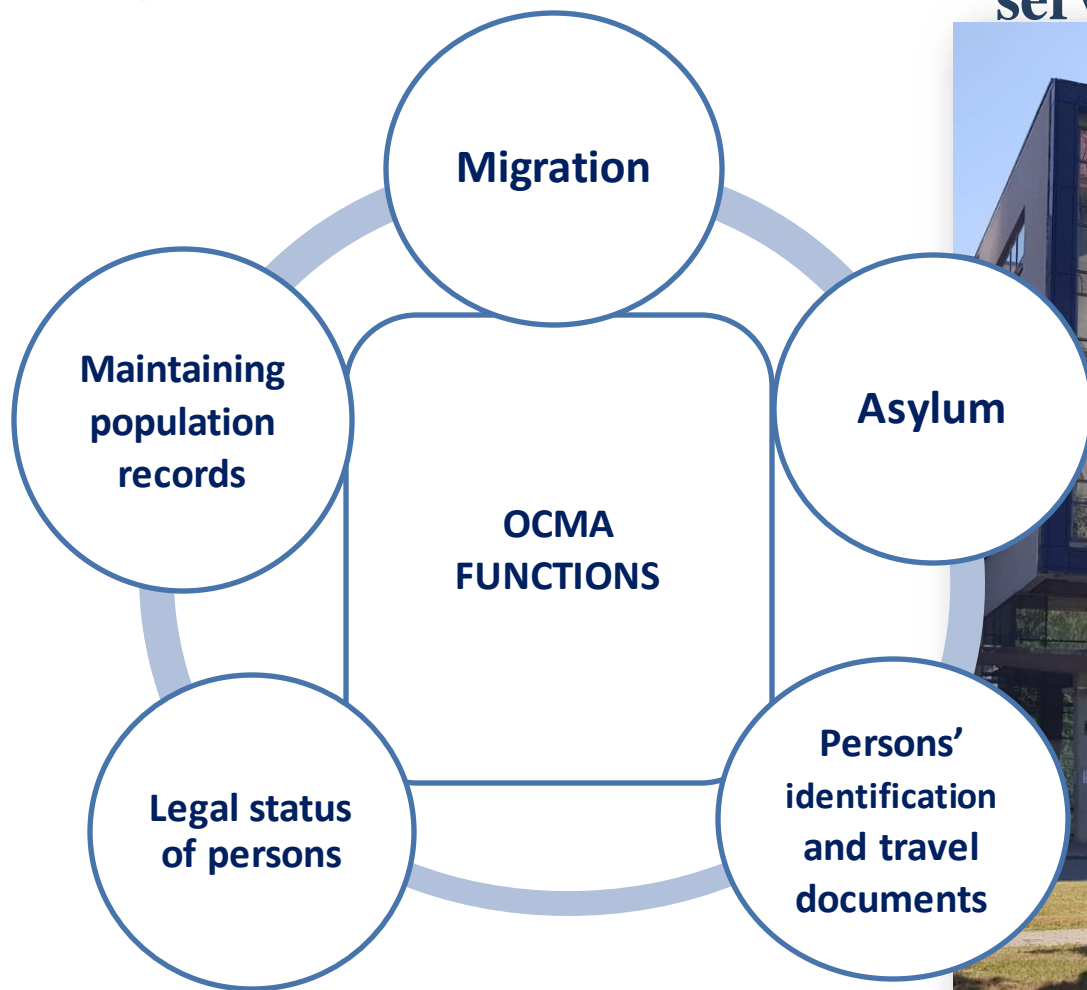
## Current state of play

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# Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA) - modern and open state administration institution providing high standards of customer service





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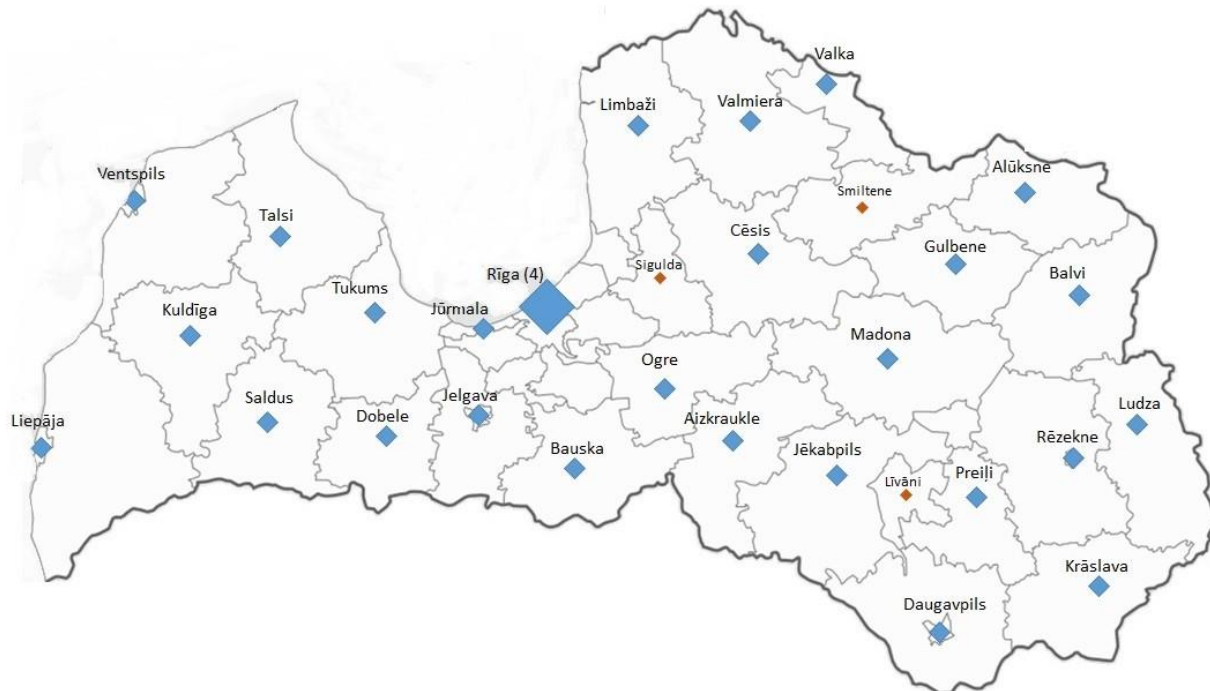
## In 2023 OCMA'S functions are implemented by:

~640 employees (incl. officials)

3 departments, 18 central divisions and 29 regional divisions

35 various services (including 20 e-services)

annual budget: 20 921 572 euro





## Binding regulatory acts

- On 28 February 2022, the Cabinet of Ministers approved a Plan in the event of a mass influx of people from Ukraine to Latvia. The aim of the Plan was to identify measures and resources to be implemented by public authorities, municipalities and businesses to ensure coordinated and immediate action to receive and host 10 000 persons.
- On 5 March 2022, Law on Assistance to Ukrainian Civilians came into force which purpose is to provide assistance to Ukrainian civilians who leave Ukraine or who cannot return to Ukraine due to the armed conflict caused by the Russian Federation.
- On 29 April 2022, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the Action Plan for Supporting Ukrainian Civilians in the Republic of Latvia, which provides for coordinated and immediate action by state institutions, municipalities and businesses to host, accommodate and provide social support to up to 40 000 Ukrainian civilians fleeing the war.



## Role of OCMA – issuance of long-term visas and temporary residence permits

- In 2022 persons with valid travel documents were granted long-term visas for one year, persons without valid travel documents - temporary residence permits for one year. From 1st January 2023 – only residence permits are issued for 2 years.
- Ukrainian residents may start employment in Latvia if they have obtained a long-term visa or residence permit with the right to employment without restrictions. Persons with valid travel documents can start an employment immediately after arrival but then within 60 days they are obliged to request a residence permit.
- Decisions on granting residence documents for newcomers are prepared within 10 working days, decisions on granting repeated documents – within one month.
- Currently (until April 2023) **28 074** long-term visas and **13 479** temporary residence permits have been issued to Ukrainian residents in Latvia.



## General information about temporary protection

- Since the beginning of Russia's war against Ukraine, **46 704** Ukrainian people have been registered and received temporary protection in Latvia so far, while **41 553** persons have been issued residence documents with the right to employment.
- Accommodation through the municipal civil protection commissions currently is provided to **4 353** persons. This means that the rest of the refugees have found a place of residence themselves or with help of NGO's or live with friends and relatives.
- Among refugees, 48% are women, 29% are men, while 23% are children, mostly 2 to 17 years old.
- **3526** - the number of persons for whom the entry "Temporary Protection of Latvia" has been canceled in the Register of Natural Persons.



## Role of OCMA – accommodation of Ukrainian residents in transit

- To provide support to Ukrainian residents in transit, since 15.06.2022 OCMA is accommodating Ukrainian residents in transit in our accommodation center for asylum seekers «Mucenieki» in Ropaži district.
- AMIF funding is used to finance support to Ukrainian residents in transit.
- Accommodation capacity for Ukrainian residents in transit is 100 persons.
- Ukrainian residents in transit can stay in accommodation center up to 5 days.
- Since 15.06.2022 center have accommodated **2064** persons.
- Top destinations - (Latvia), Germany, Poland, Ireland.



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**Thank you!**