

Boosting the labour market participation of refugees through targeted services by the Public Employment Service

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- **Population:** 8.8 Mill.; **Area:** 83,879 km²
- **Capital:** Vienna (1.9 Mill.)
- **Economic growth:**
2017 2.6% (forecast for 2018: 3.0%; 2019: 2.0%)
- **PES Austria:**
 - service provider company under public law
 - one federal, nine regional and 104 local organisations
 - staff: 6.284 persons end of dec. 2017
- **Total unemployment in September 2018:**
344.921 (-30.014 resp. -8.0% compared to September 2017)
- **Unemployment rate (August 2018;**
Eurostat): 4.8% (-0.7%-points compared to August 2017)



Recognised refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection vs. Asylum seekers

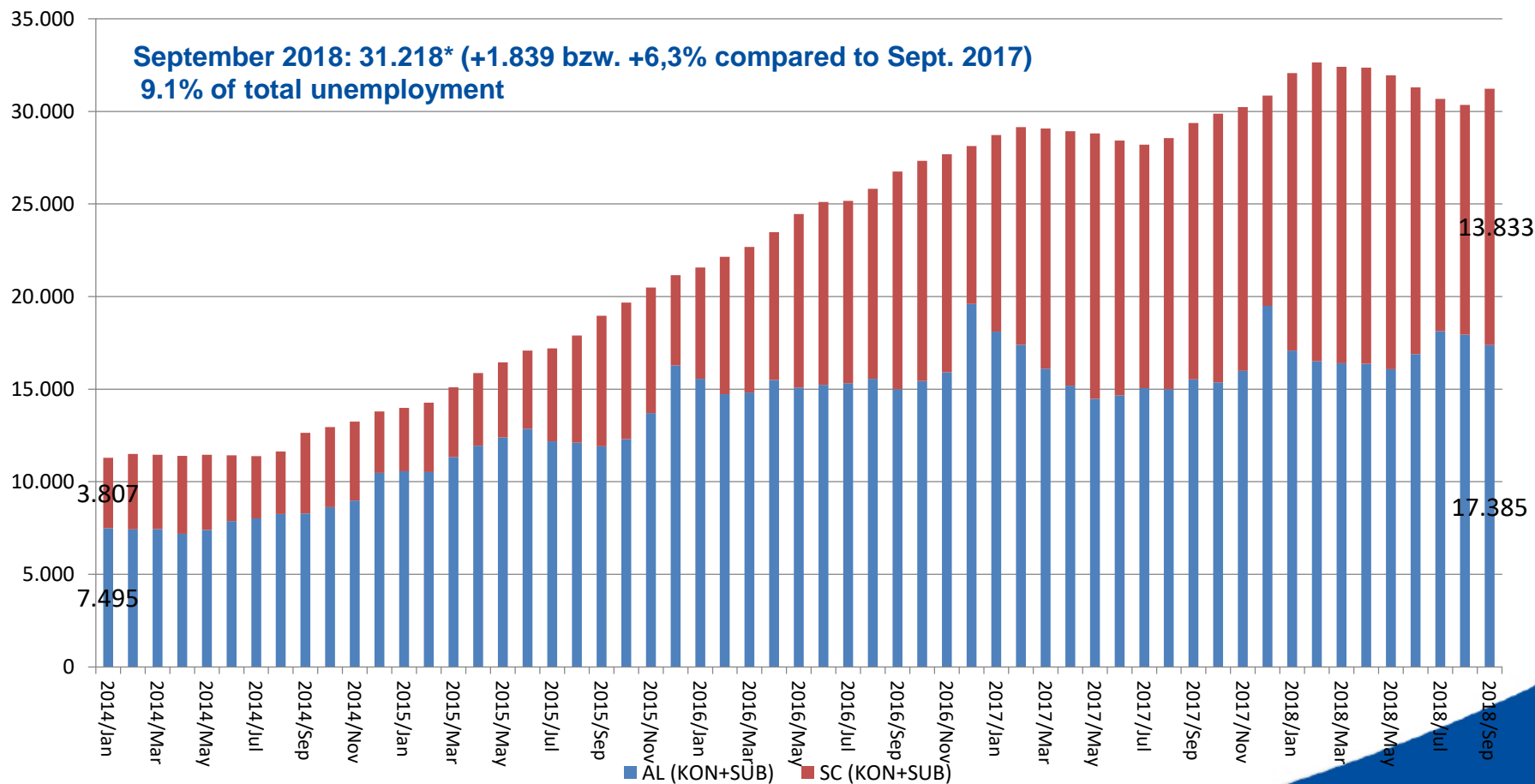
Recognised refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection :

- have free access to the Austrian Labour market.
- the PES in Austria helps them to find a job, a qualification measure and gives them support in their career counselling.

▪ Asylum seekers

- are in principle not registered with the Austrian PES, except those that have to attend the integration year.
- Companies that want to employ asylum seekers have to apply for a work permit that can only be granted for seasonal work in agriculture and the hospitality sector for the period of 6 months.

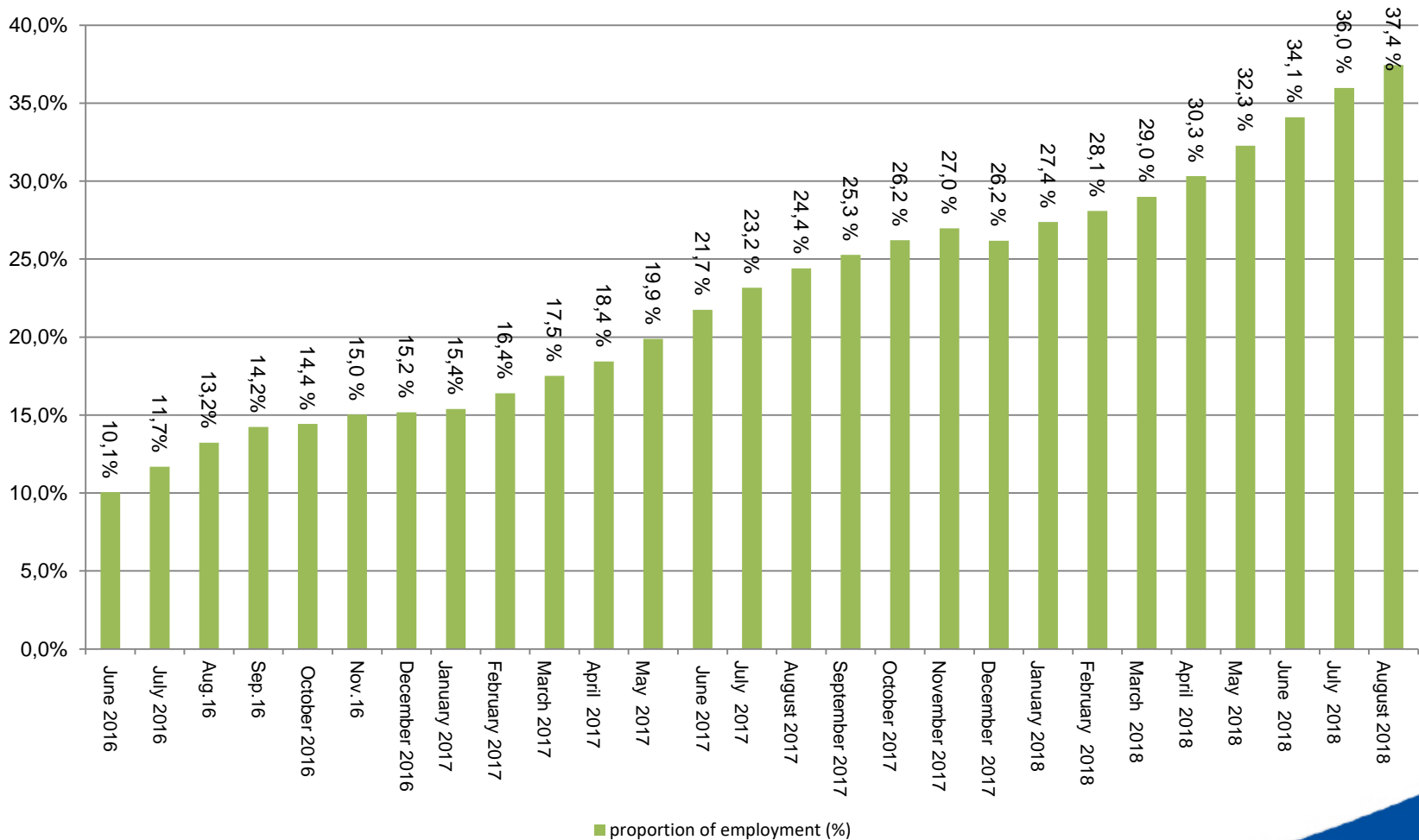
Recognised refugees and persons eligible for subsidiary protection, registered unemployed (blue bars) or attending a PES training (red bars) - (September 2018) – development since January 2014



*thereof 60,8% registered with the PES in Vienna

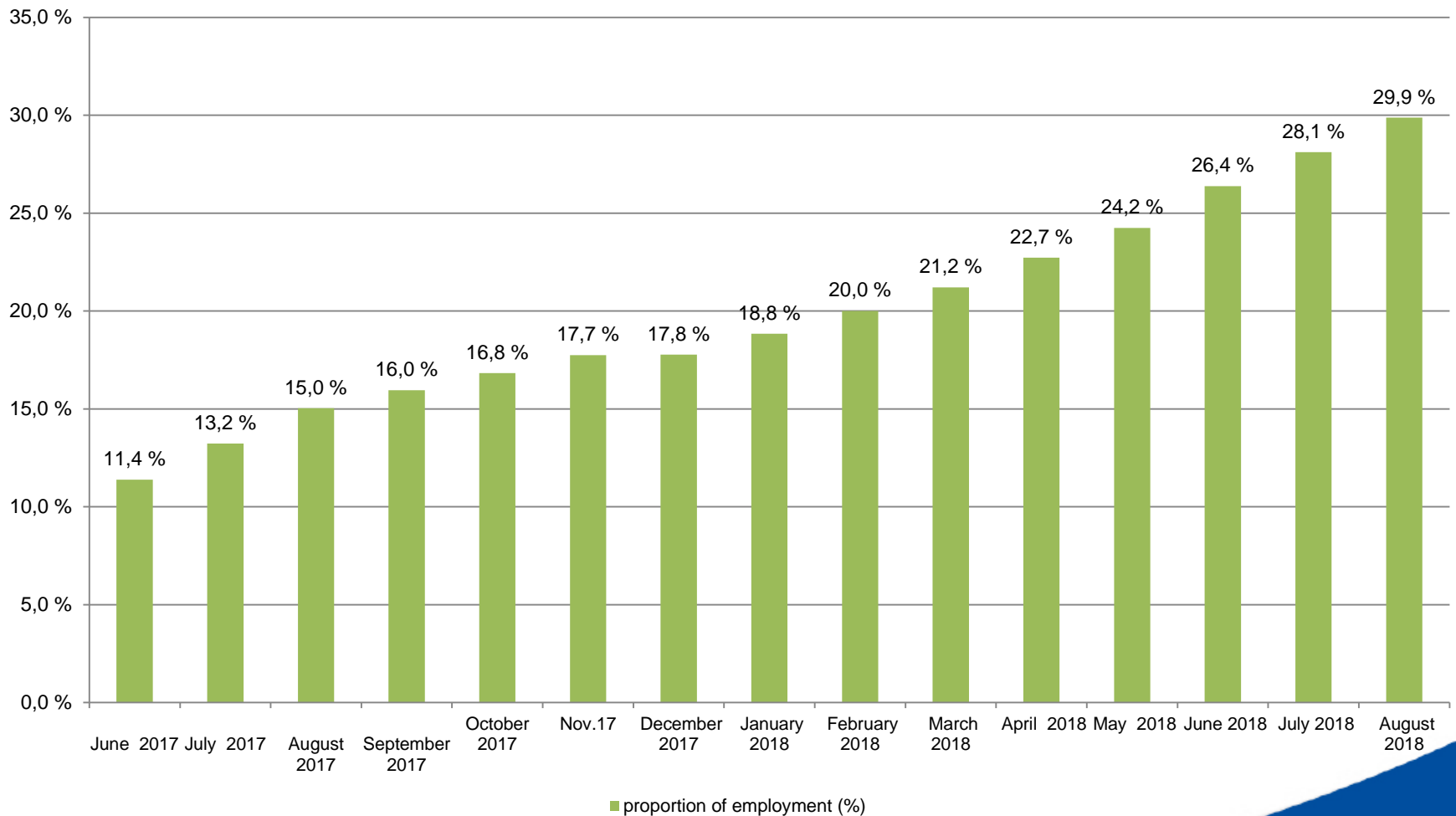
Labour Market Integration – success – group 1

Development of the proportion of employment (%) since June 2016



Labour Market Integration – success – group 2

Development of the proportion of employment (%) since June 2017



Insight into the practical work of the PES Vienna (central information centre)

