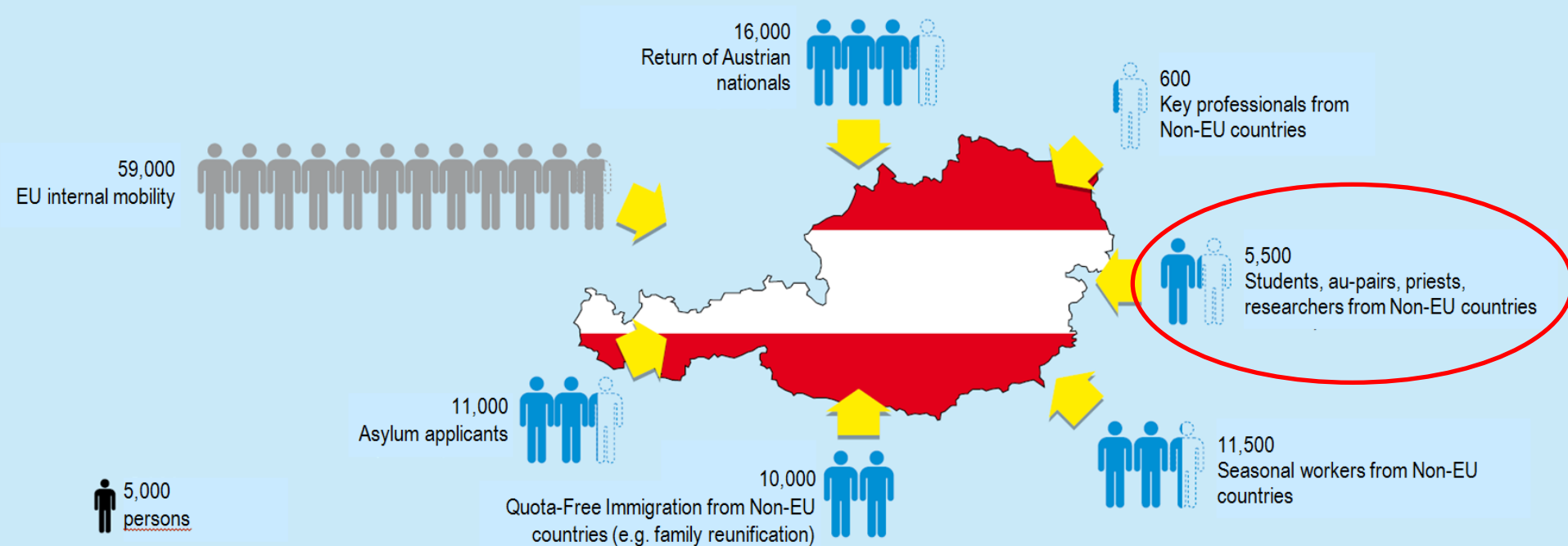


The Immigration of International Students from Third Countries to Austria

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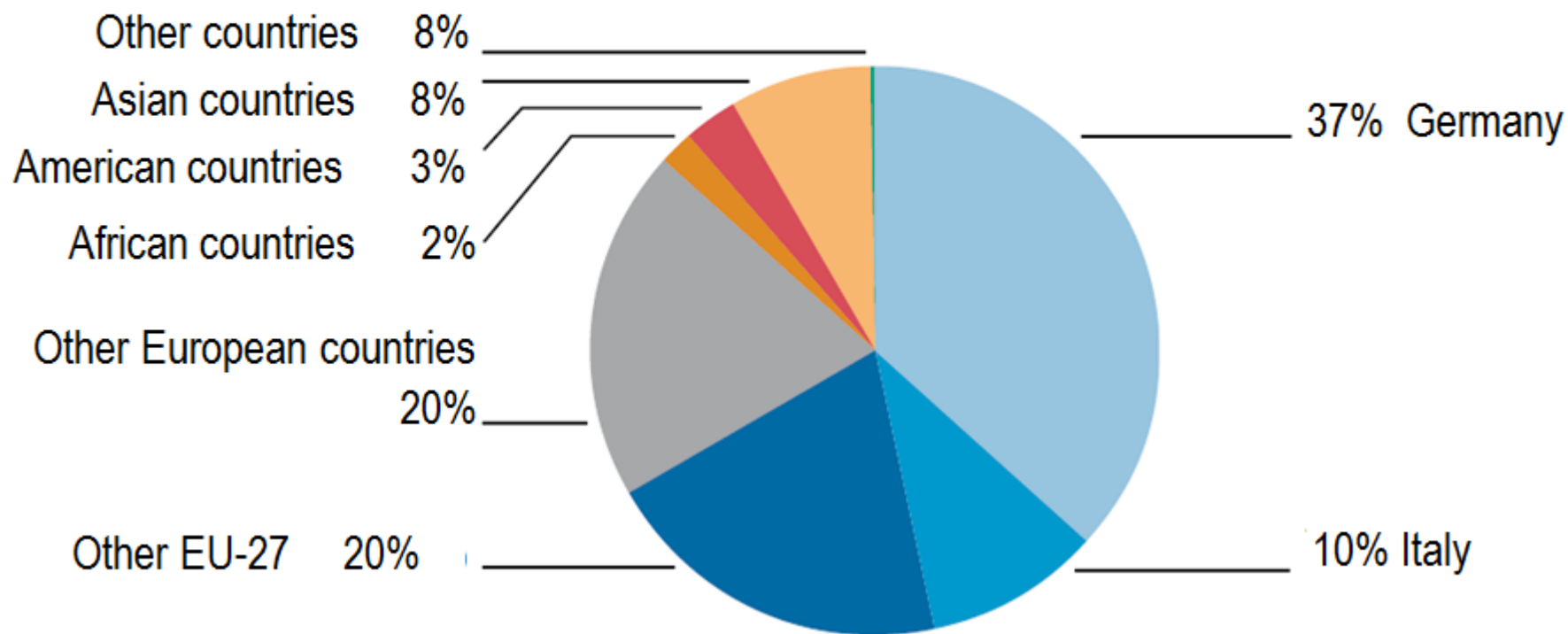
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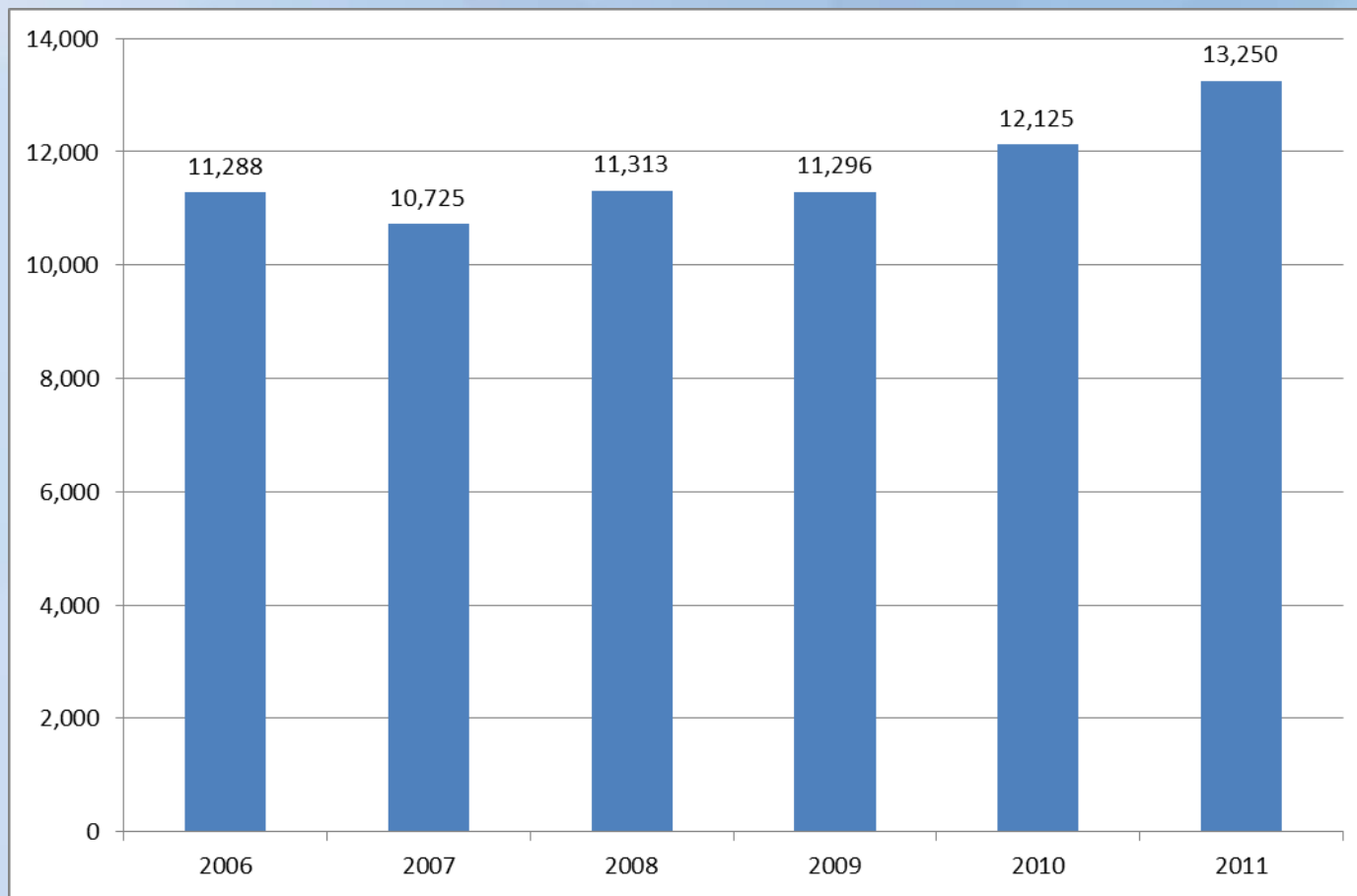
Source: Statistics Austria et al. 2011, migration & integration. Zahlen. Daten. Indikatoren 2011. Data: Migration statistics, Statistics Austria; Asylum and Alien-Statistics, Mol; Labour market statistics, Labour Market Service.

Students with foreign nationality, 2011

Students with foreign nationality total: 75,411



Valid residence permits for international students, 2006-2011



Source: Permit Statistics, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, 2006-2011.

Entry – Attracting Students

- ✳️ mainly based on EU provisions
- ✳️ framework for the validation and recognition of acquired qualifications was revised
- ✳️ www.migration.gv.at and other websites
- ✳️ scholarships/grants (www.grants.at)

Entry – Requirements



- ✈️ „residence permit – students“
- ✈️ apply in person at the competent Austrian representation authority abroad (if not entitled to visa-free entry)
- ✈️ general requirements
- ✈️ accepted for a course of study (general and special university entrance qualification)

Entry – Main Challenges

- ✳ duration of the administrative procedure
- ✳ difficulties to prove sufficient means of subsistence

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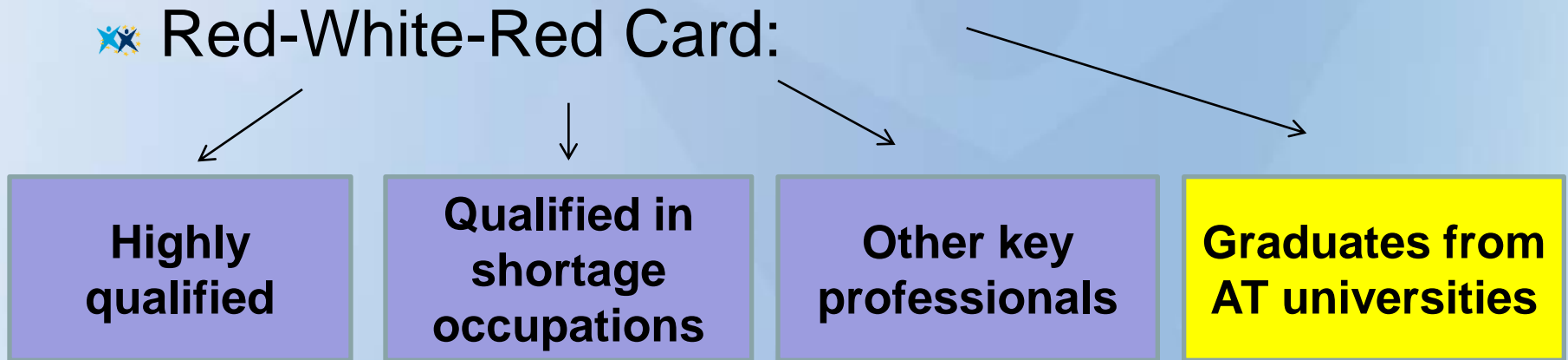


- ✧ “residence permit – students” is issued for one year
- ✧ prove appropriate success in studies
- ✧ general requirements
- ✧ family reunification

Reform of the Austrian Labour Migration Policy 2011



🌟 Red-White-Red Card:



🌟 Points-based system

- ✓ Education, work experience, age, language knowledge, income, etc.
- ✓ Replacing partially the previous quota system

🌟 Improvements for international students

International Students:

Access to labour market - during studies



✳️ Access to labour market is

- ✓ granted unless the primary purpose of stay, namely education, is jeopardised
- ✓ according to a graded system

Stage of Studies	Hour/week
Bachelor/First part of diploma degree	10 hours/week
Master/Second part of diploma degree	20 hours/week

- ✓ subject to an employment permit, without labour market test

International Students: Access to labour market – graduates



✳ Stay after graduation

- ✓ graduates from Austrian universities
 - Master's programme or
 - Diploma programme (*Diplomstudium*) at least from the second part onward
- ✓ period of 6 months for job search
- ✓ residence permit title *sui generis*

International Students:

Access to labour market – graduates



✈️ Red-White-Red Card for graduates

- ✓ employment offer which corresponds to the level of qualification
- ✓ gross minimum salary of € 1,903.50/month and comparable to Austrian graduates
- ✓ Fulfilment of the general requirements (such as locally customary accommodation, health insurance coverage etc.)

Valid Permits - Red White Red Card/Blue Card, 31 December 2011



Residence Title	Total
Blue Card EU	37
Red-White-Red-Card (highly qualified)	31
Red-White-Red-Card (qualified in shortage occupations)	1
Red-White-Red-Card (other key professionals)	467
Red- White- Red- Card (graduates)	80
Red- White- Red -Card (self-employed key professionals)	221
Red-White-Red-Card-Plus	29,970

Source: Permit Statistics, Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, 2006-2011.



Thank you!

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