

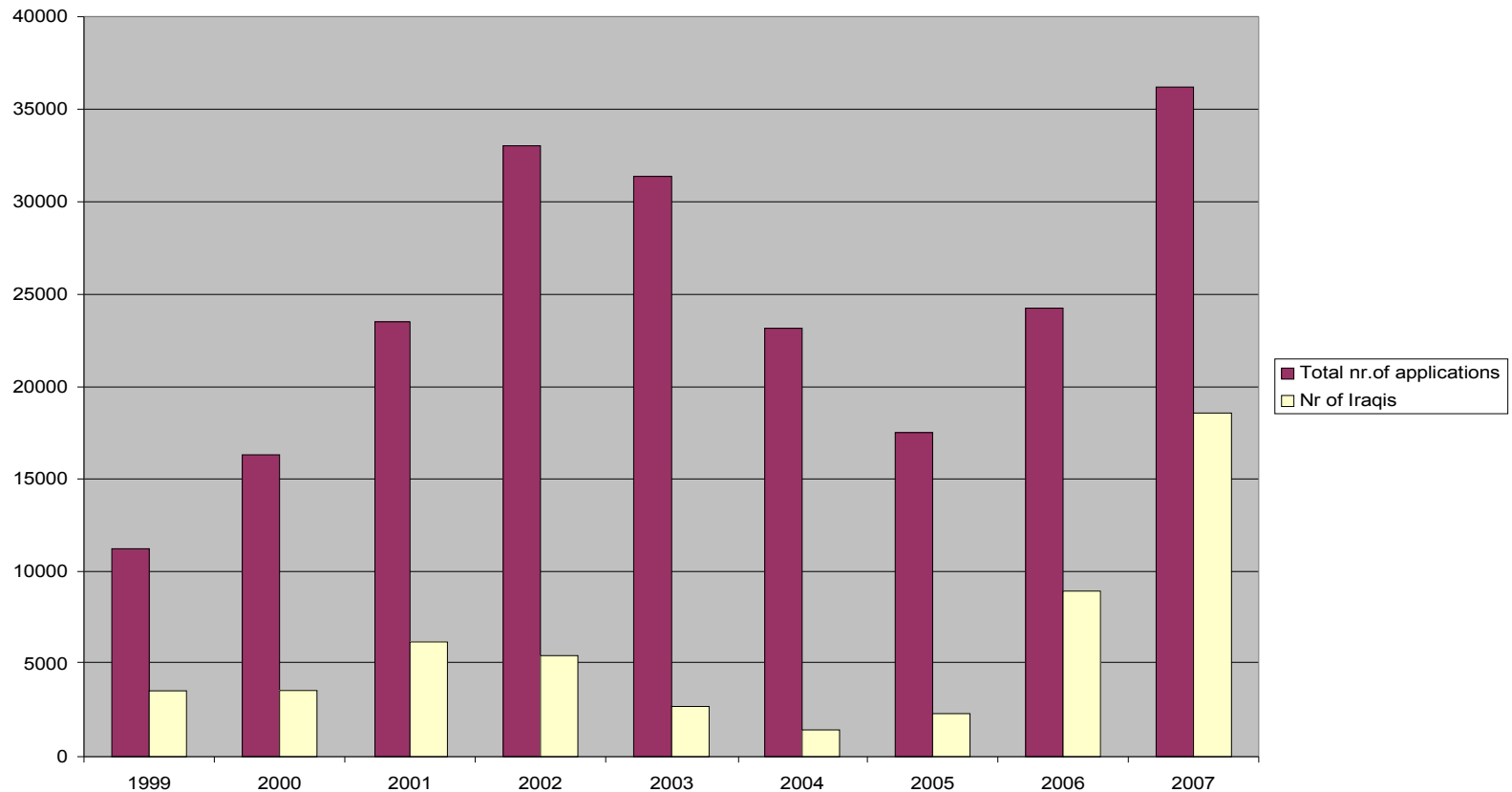
# Migration Management – Solidarity in Action, Summary

- Preparatory Actions 2007 for the New Thematic Programme 2008-2013
- Alternative Initial Handling of Iraqi Asylum Seekers AIHIAS
- Pooling National Resources
- Initial Handling
- A Part of the System for Burden Sharing
- €3.400.000 from EC

# Numbers of Asylum Seekers and Shares From Iraq in Sweden

- Total number of asylum seekers in Sweden from 1999 to 2007: **216 551**
- Total number of asylum seekers from Iraq in Sweden from 1999 to 2007: **52 723**
- **50%** of Iraqis in the EU 2007
- Prognosis 2008 Total: **32 000** Iraqi: **12 000**


# Total Numbers and Shares of Iraqi Asylum seekers in Sweden



# Impact on Sweden

- Considerable strain to the Swedish asylum system
- Focus on reception and accomodation
- Long delays for asylum interviews
- General delay in handling time
- Deficiencies in detecting security cases and possible war criminals
- Building a huge, dammed up, case load

# A Need for a New Approach

- Reception and case processing, two sides of the same coin
- New initial asylum procedure
- Close cooperation between reception- and processing staff 
- Joint screening and assessment
- Close cooperation with National Police and National Security Service
- External evaluation

# A New Approach

- Rapid processing and assessment
- Within Two to Three Weeks
- Residence Permit or a Legal Counselor
- Screening of Documents
- Asylum seekers easy accessible – short tracking-time
- A model designed for mass influx-like situations

# A New Approach

- Accommodation for 200 persons
- Capacity for 20 asylum interviews per Day
- Effective screening for vulnerable groups
- Healthcare for immediate needs
- Information on the spot, easy accessed, on regular occasions
- Processing 3000 cases

# Resources

- 24 Case handling officers
- 5 Decision makers
- 5 Accommodation officers
- 3 Reception officers
- 9 Administrative support
- 1 Document expert
- 4 Experts in the Iraq-desk

# Findings So far...

- Four weeks, 140 applications in process
- Experiences for a European Support Office
- Project Oriented organization, adapted for the specific situation
- Beneficial to vulnerable groups
- High rate of manipulated documents, >20%
- Methodology for Mass Influx-like situation

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