

What will the EUAA's added value be for international protection?

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REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE: 08:30 – 09:00 (CET)

OPENING STATEMENT BY Ms Nina Gregori, EASO's Executive Director 09:00 - 9:15 (CET)

PART 1: THE ASYLUM SITUATION & UPDATE ON EASO'S OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations by:

Mr Ward Lutin, Head of EASO's Asylum Knowledge Centre

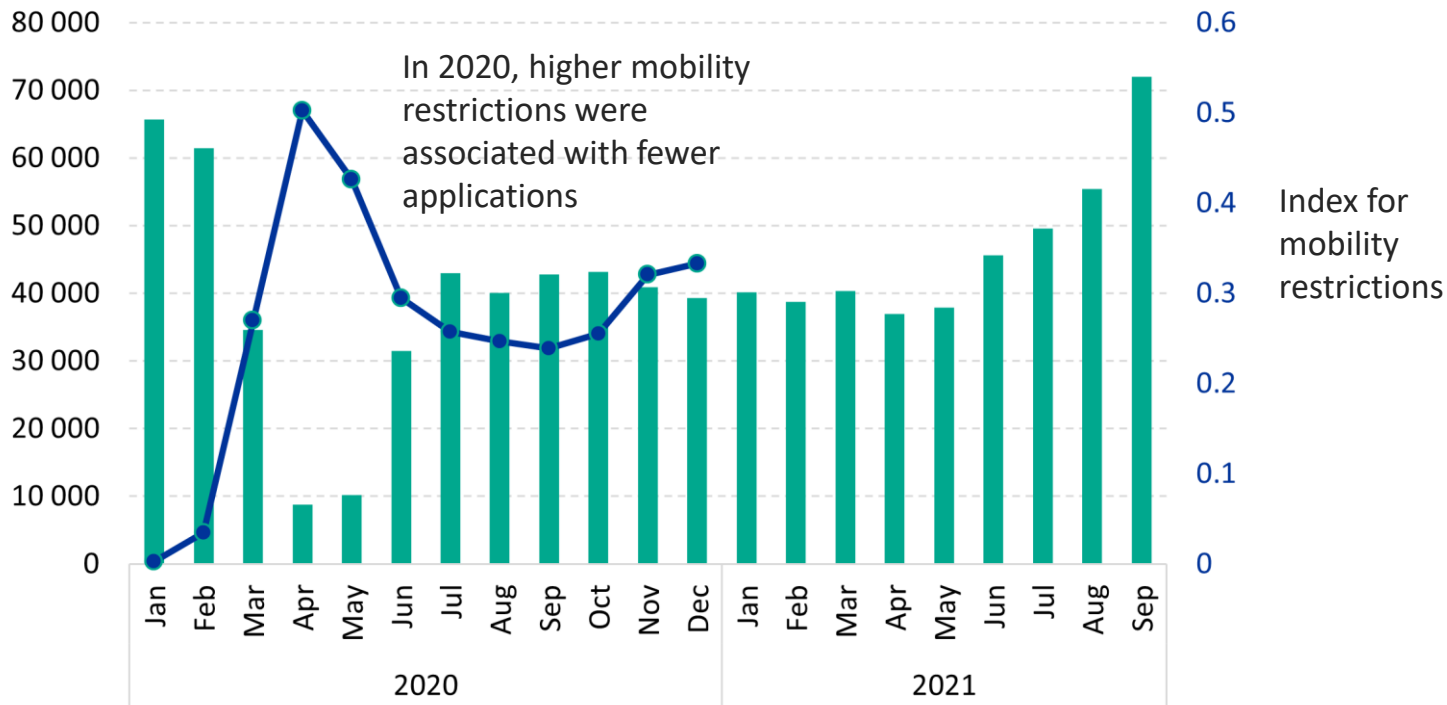
Mr Patrick Austin Head of EASO's Operations Centre-*remote*

Asylum applications and mobility restrictions



After rises in recent months, asylum applications returned to pre-pandemic levels

Total asylum
applications
in the EU+



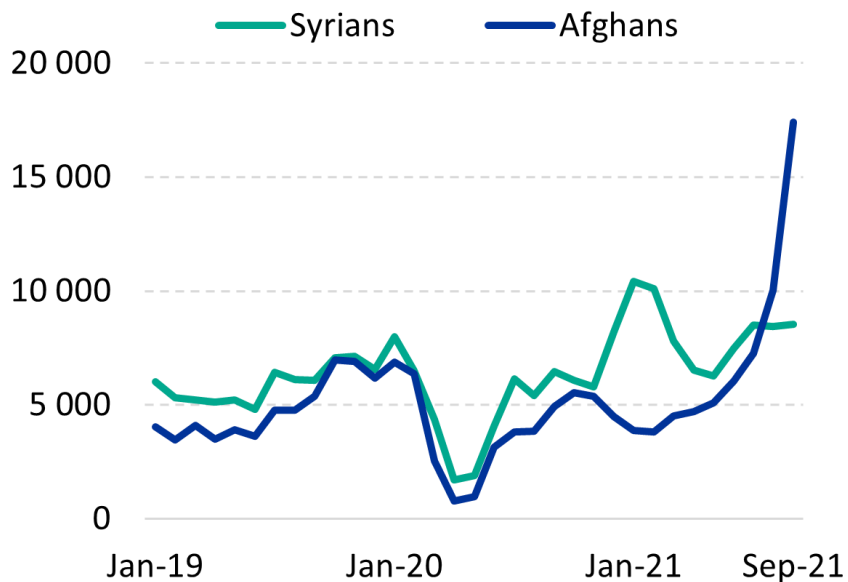
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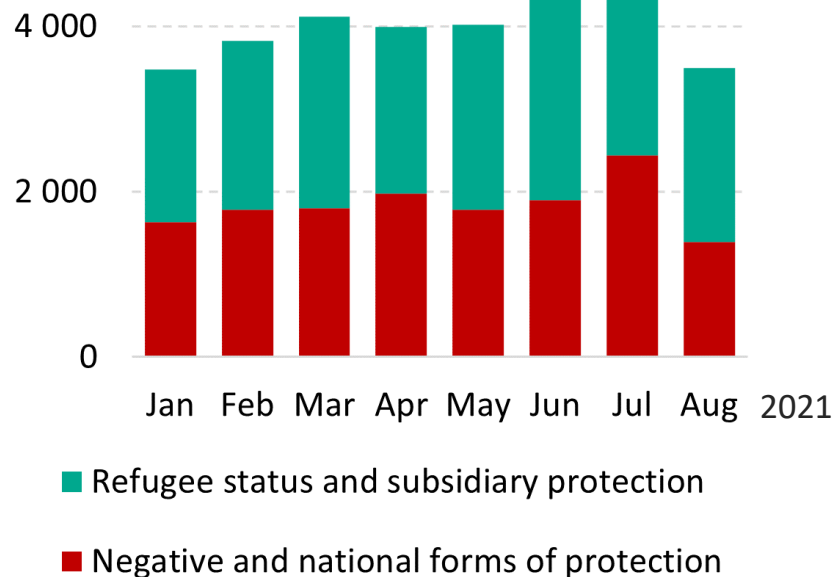


The most frequent nationalities

In August, Afghans became the largest group



> 50% of the decisions on Afghans were positive



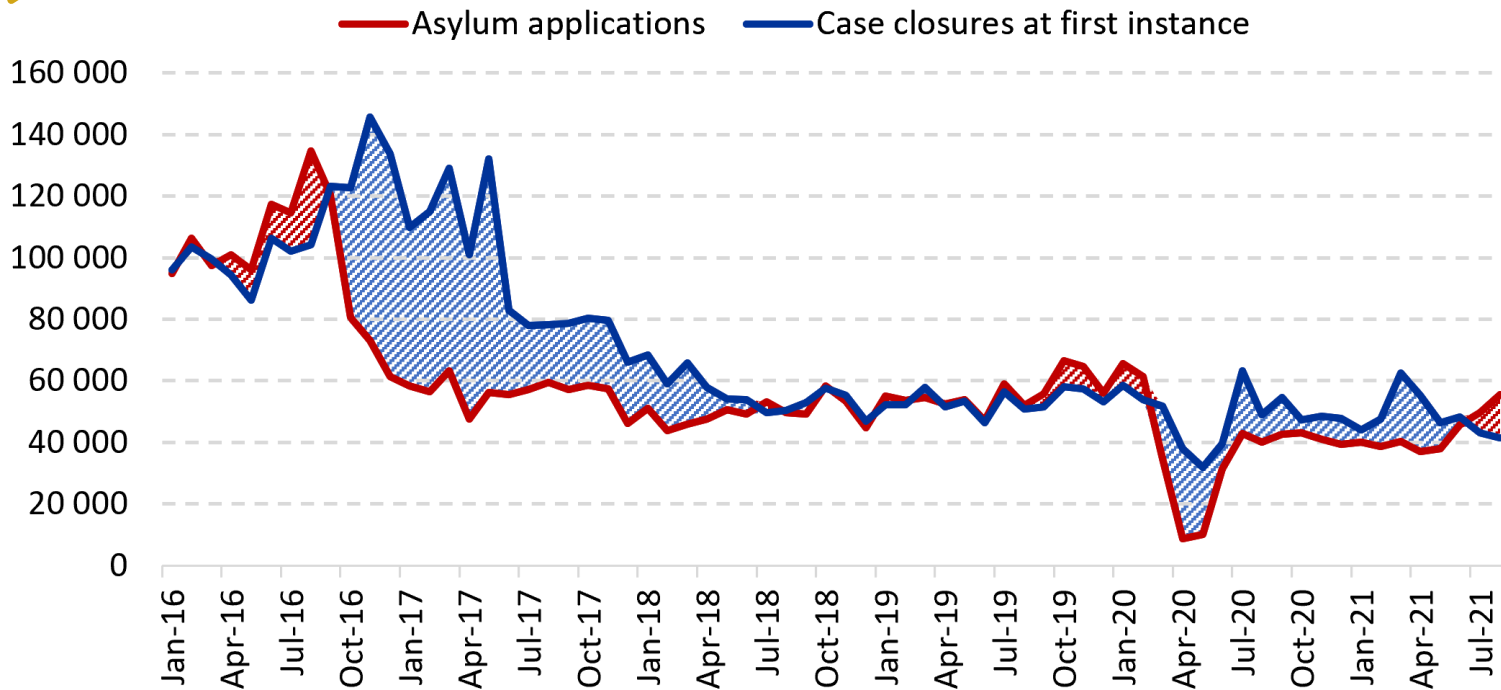
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Applications and case closures at first instance



In August 2021, applications exceeded case closures the most in five years

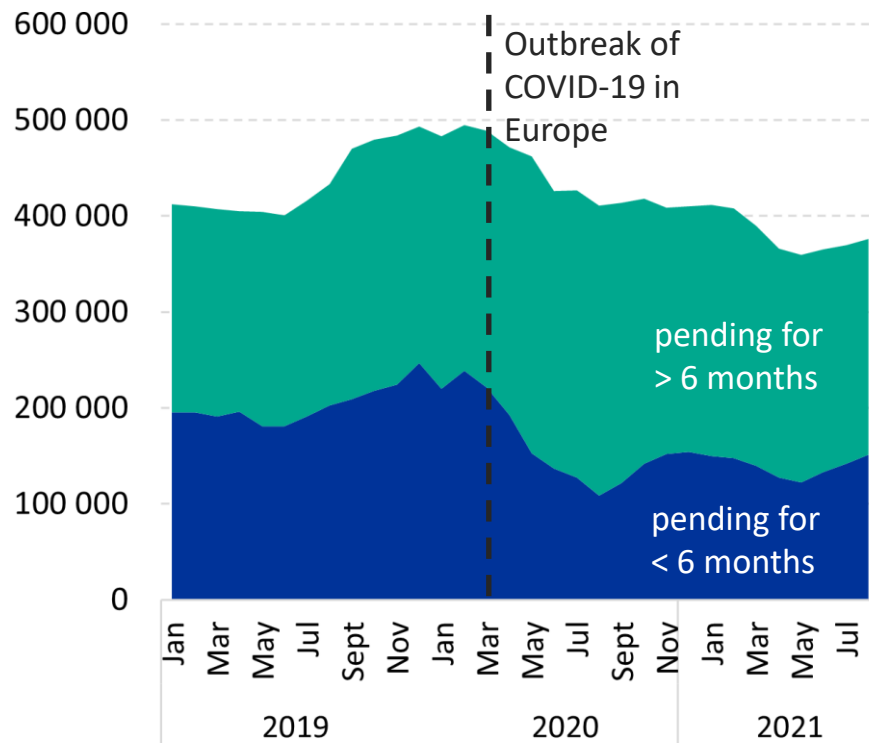


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Evolution of pending cases at first instance



Decrease in pending cases during the pandemic

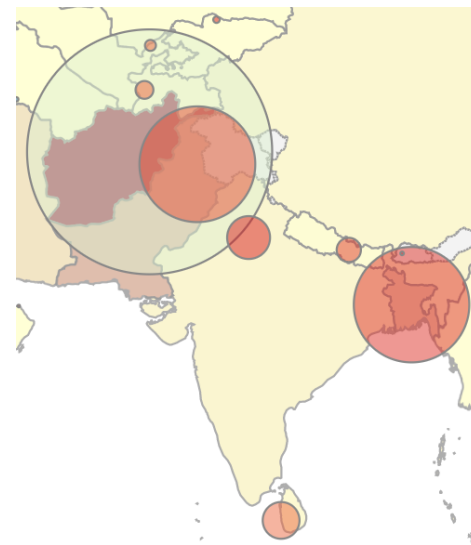
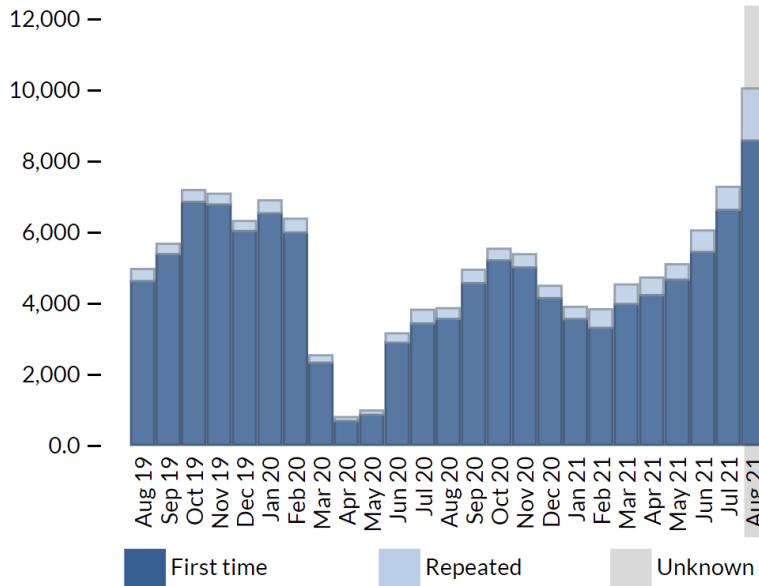
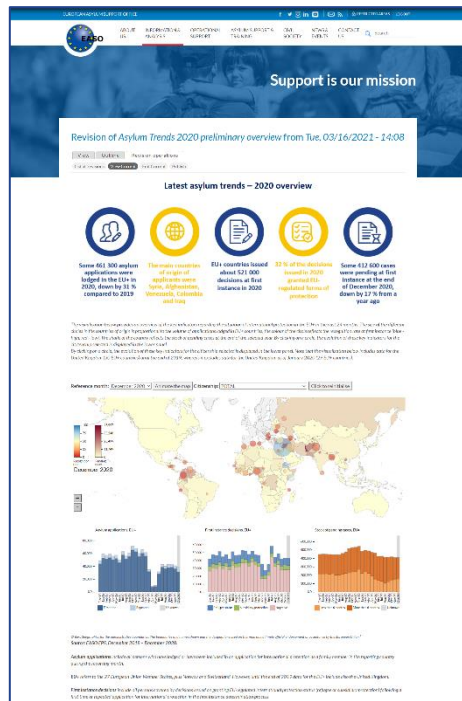


- As decisions exceeded applications during most of 2020, pending cases have been reduced during the pandemic
- In early 2021, pending cases decreased to levels last seen in 2014
- Since May 2021, pending cases have tended to rise again

Monthly updates: Latest Asylum Trends

easo.europa.eu/latest-asylum-trends

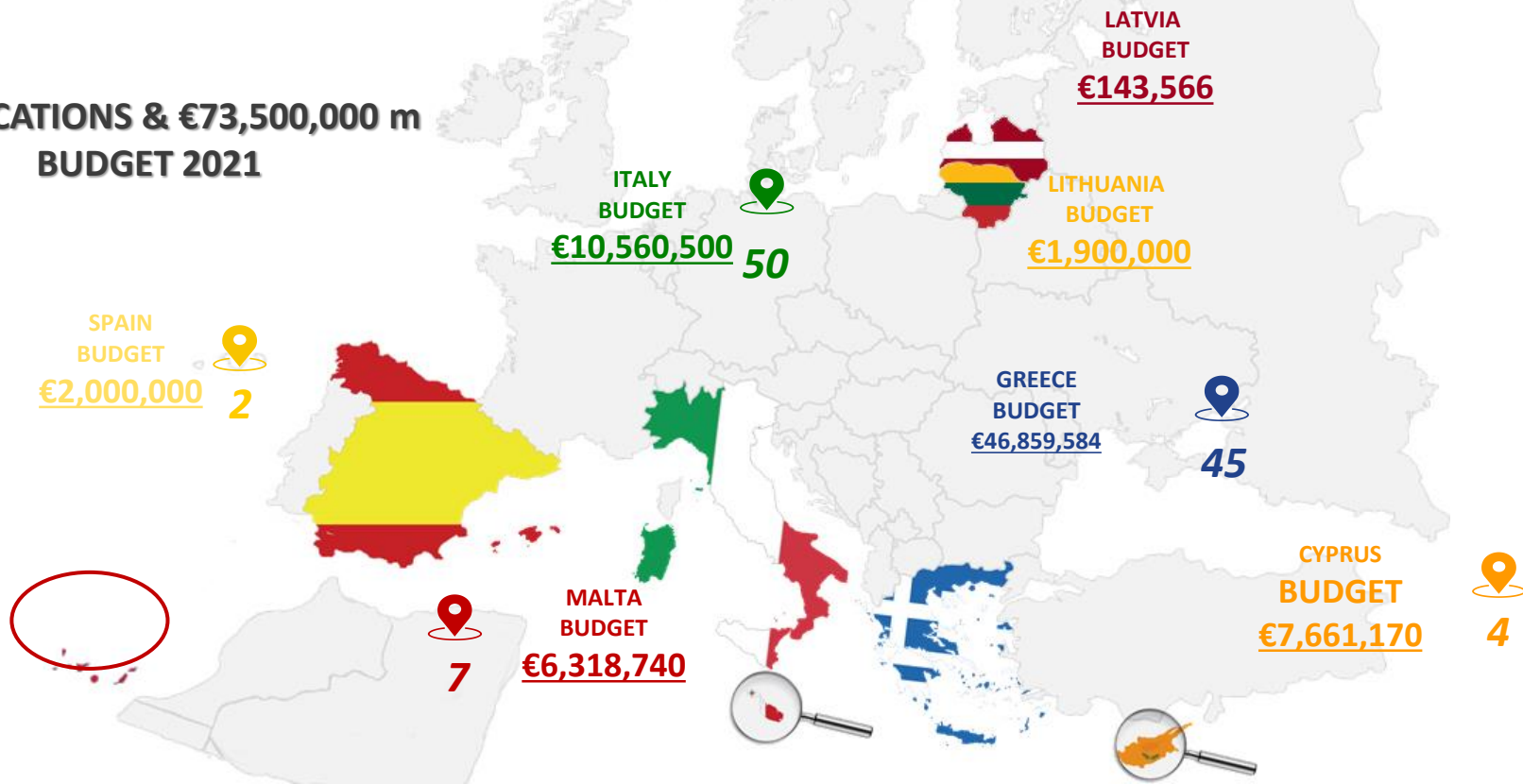
Asylum applications, Afghanistan



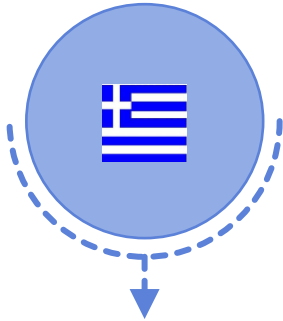
Technical and operational Support

EASO Regulation: At the request of the MS, EASO shall coordinate actions to support the MS subject to particular pressure on their asylum and reception systems [...] MS subject to particular pressure may request EASO support for deployment of an asylum support team (AST).

108 LOCATIONS & €73,500,000 m
BUDGET 2021

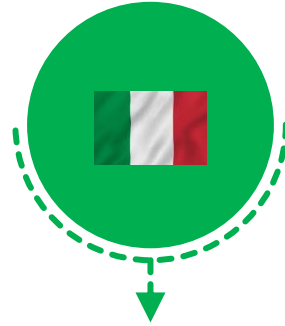


OPERATING PLANS 2021



GREECE

- EU Asylum Acquis, Reception, Voluntary Relocation, EU Task Force Lesbos
- 3 measures to support Asylum, Reception, Relocation
- 1 measure for the Joint Pilot Project for an MPRIC in Lesbos.
- Digitalization of workflows for Asylum procedure



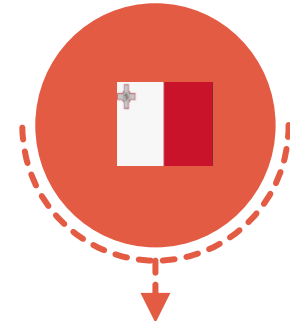
ITALY

- Support the quality and standardisation of **access to asylum and asylum determination procedures**
- Support the **judicial backlog management**
- Support **quality and monitoring of the national reception system**
- Support the SAR disembarkation and voluntary relocation events



CYPRUS

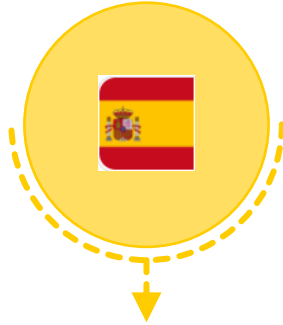
- Support the national authorities in **registration** and access to **asylum procedure**
- Support to **Reception** with a comprehensive national reception strategy
- Reduce the **backlog** at second instance.
- Prioritise **Quality** and **Vulnerability** workflows
- **Digitalisation** of the Asylum procedure



MALTA

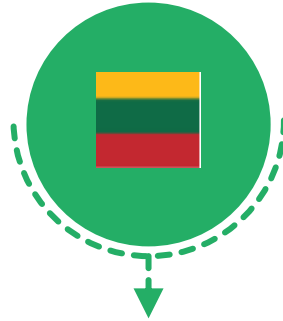
- Improve the access to the **asylum procedure** in Malta and increased capacity to manage the **asylum backlog** at first instance level;
- Enhance the capacity of the Maltese authorities to **implement reception standards** in line with CEAS

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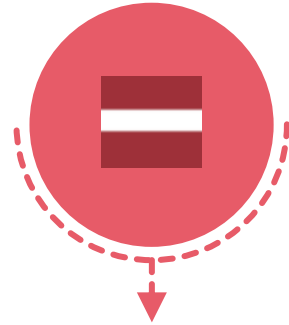
SPAIN

- Develop and implement a **new model for Reception** and the related structural and organisational changes, including training.
- Support the reception services in the Canary Islands and other locations under pressure
- Incept the support to ES authorities to successfully implement **resettlement** and fulfil the relevant **pledges**



LITHUANIA

- Enhance the capacity of the State Border Guard Service to **register applications** for international protection
- Support the Migration Department to facilitate **access to asylum** and process **asylum applications at first instance**
- Enhance the capacity of the State Border Guard Service to manage **first line reception**.



LATVIA

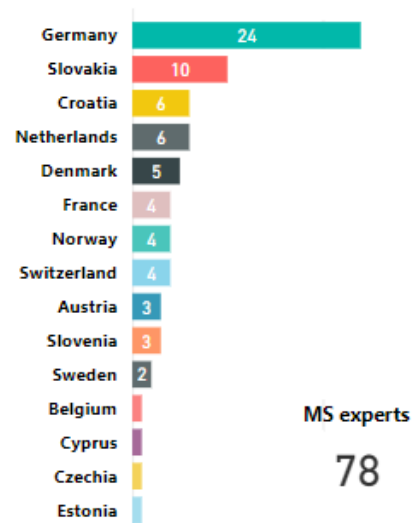
- Enhance the capacity of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs to process **asylum applications**
- Support the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs to **manage reception facilities**

Deployment Overview

MEMBER STATE EXPERTS

(JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 2021)

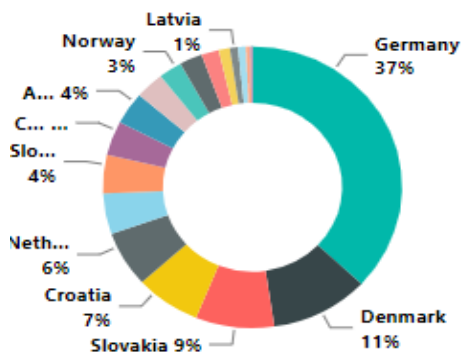
MS contribution in experts (Top 15 shown)



MS experts

78

Proportion of MS contribution (worked days)



Expert worked days

3411

TOTAL PERSONNEL

(NOVEMBER 2021)



EASO Relocation & Support to Ad Hoc disembarkation

January to November 2021

UAMs & Vuln. Families

Scheduled Interviews



648

Assessments



605

Conducted interviews



640

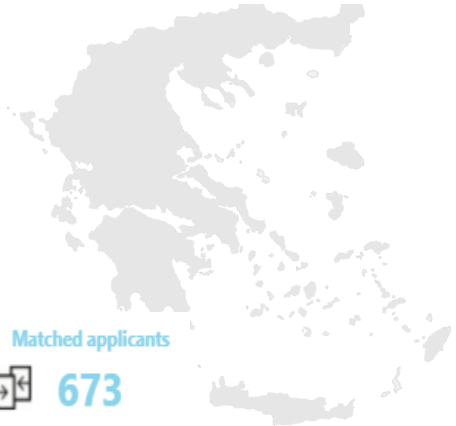
Transfers:

(JAN 2020 to NOV 2021)

2,173

(JAN to NOV 2021)

659



Matched applicants



673



Persons disembarked

6,239



Persons supported under AHD

1,636



Applicants matched

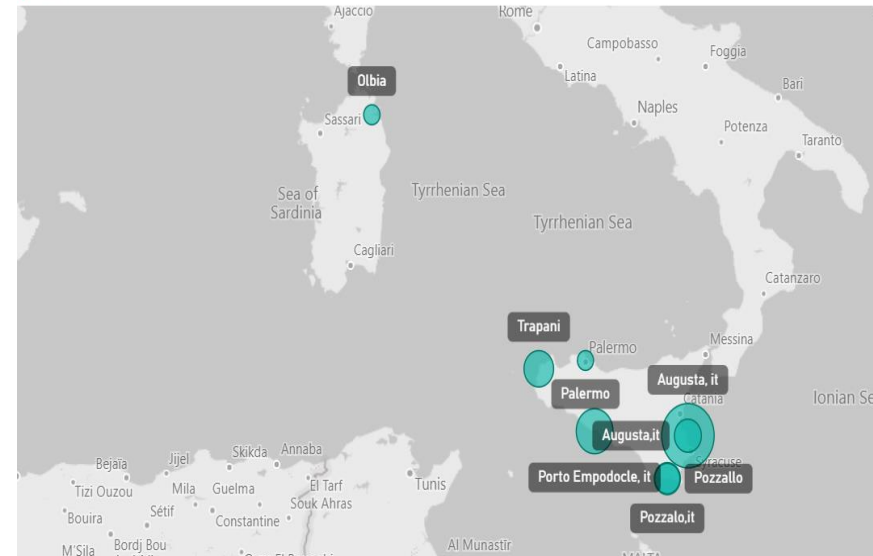
720



Vulnerable applicants identified

524

IT MT



EASO Operations

January – November 2021

EASO Operations, January-October 2021

Experts deployed



182 000

(Work days)

835

*(Full Time
Equivalents)*

Registrations



21 700

(Registrations)

28 %

*(of applications
lodged)*

Concluding remarks



10 800

(Concluding remarks)

27 %

(of decisions issued)





Third Country Support

External Dimension

EASO aims at contributing to the establishment and/or strengthening of asylum and reception systems as well as to the fostering of protection sensitive migration management in priority Partner Countries.

Geographical priorities

- Western Balkans
- Turkey
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region

Capacity development

- Development of institutions and systems, trainings, on-the-job coaching, contribution to technical documents, workshops, etc.

Stakeholders Management

- Third Country Cooperation Network & Working Groups
- EU+ countries, European Commission, EEAS/EUDs, EU agencies, UNHCR, IOM, Civil Society
- Priority Third Countries – Working Arrangements



External Dimension

EASO plays an important role in the External Dimension of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

The EASO external action is defined in the EASO External Cooperation Strategy and is composed of two main pillars:

Resettlement Support Facility (RSF) concept

- EASO provides operational support to EU+ Countries through the RSF.
- RSF services → logistical support for EU+ countries' selection & Pre-Departure Orientation (transport, accommodation, rooms for interviews, training, childcare etc.)

Resettlement

Capacity building support to EU+ countries

- Resettlement & Humanitarian Admission Network
- Tools & RST trainings
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Cooperation with UNHCR & IOM

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COFFEE BREAK 10:00 – 10:30 (CET)

Part 2: High Level Panel Debate 10:30 -12:30 (CET)

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LUNCH BREAK 12:30 – 13:30 (CET)

Part 3: The CF and its contributions to EASO's work 13:30 -13:45 (CET)

PART 3: THE CONSULTATIVE FORUM AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO EASO'S WORK

Presentation by:

Ms Sheila Maas, Civil Society Officer, EASO

The EASO Consultative Forum

Close dialogue with civil society since 2011

**CF meetings increased
in number and type**

Meetings



**Electronic
Consultations**

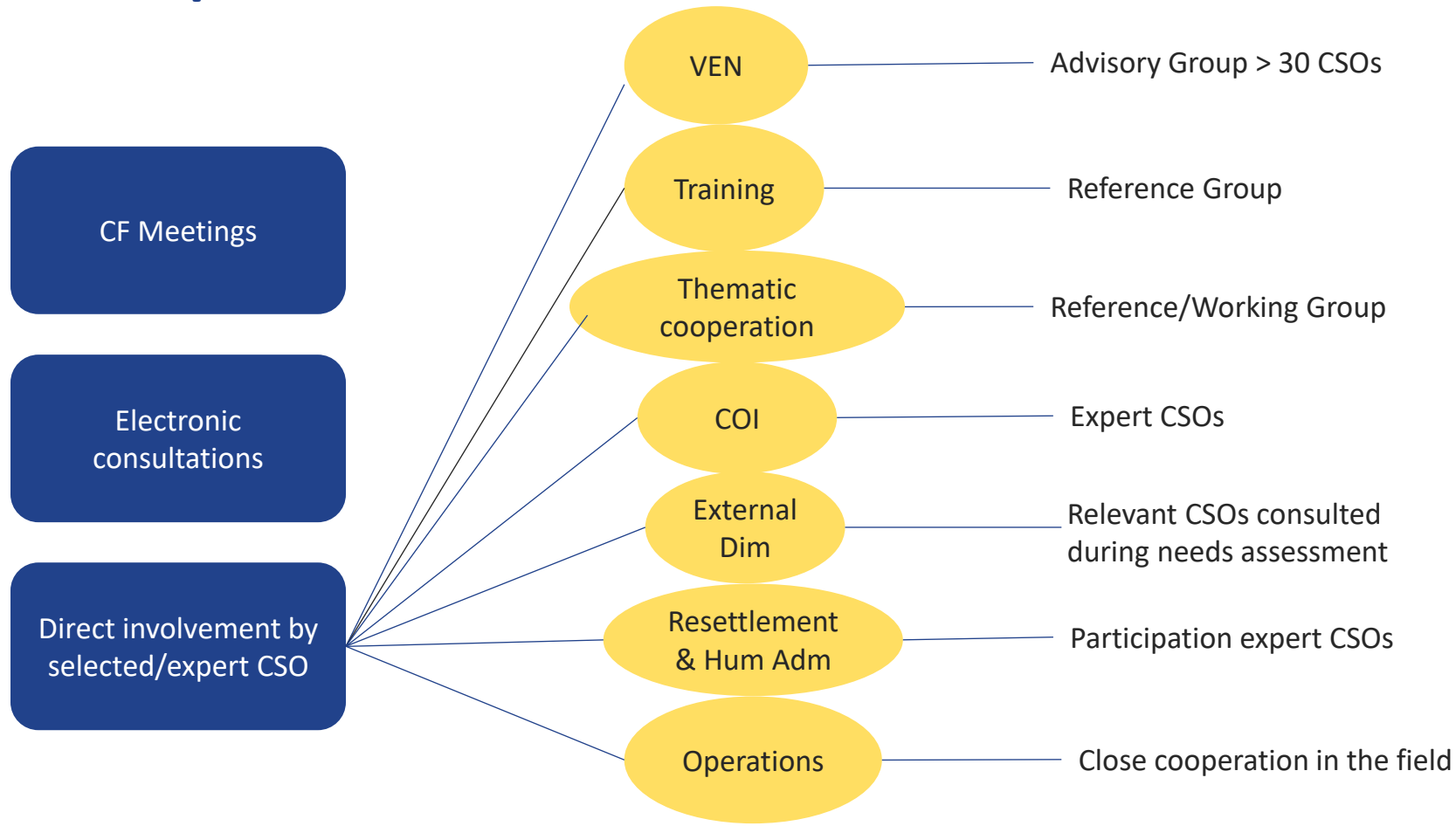


**Direct Participation
By selected CSOs**

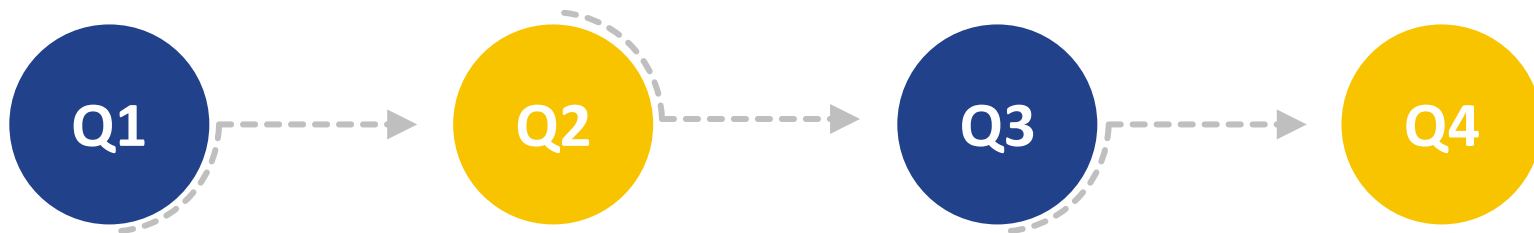


**Across all areas of
activities**

Participation of selected CSOs across EASO activities



Overview of this year's CF activities



CSO input EASO Asylum
Report

Feedback on EASO 2022 WP



Consultation on Staff
Welfare Guide

2 Information Webinars on
EASO Case-Law database

Survey on CF Plenary 2021

Thematic Meeting on
Training



Call for feedback on EASO
AGR 2020

Consultation Project
Training



11th CF Plenary Meeting

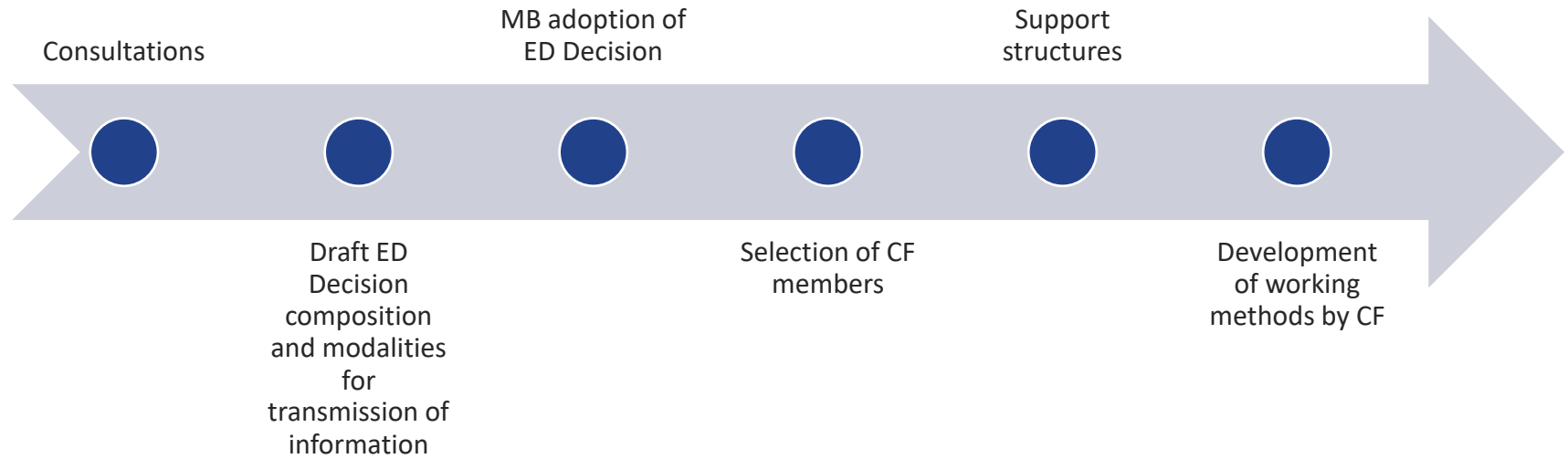
Consultation Project
Training

Who is Who in asylum?

What is next ? Main changes under the EUAA

| | EASO Founding Regulation | EUAA |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Aim/purpose | a close dialogue | Same |
| Role | a mechanism for the exchange of information and sharing of knowledge | Same plus: “The CF shall advise the ED and MB” CF = independent Part of administrative and management structures of the Agency |
| Composition | UNHCR as ex officio member Relevant CSOs and relevant competent bodies | FRA, FX, UNHCR as ex officio member Relevant CSOs and relevant competent bodies On proposal MB decides on composition including thematic or geographic-focused consultation groups and the modalities for the transmission of information. The CF shall (after consulting ED and MB) define its working methods including thematic or geographic-focused working groups Composition and size should be determined having due regard to the efficiency of activities (recital) |
| Activities | Shall meet at least once a year | meet in full session at least once a year + meetings for the thematic or geographic focused consultation groups as necessary |
| Areas of consultation | WP, AGR, AR Conclusions/recommendations of conferences, seminars, meetings | Same plus: FRS, complaints mechanism, Code of Conduct, European Asylum curriculum |

Process for putting in place revised CF



THEMATIC PARALLEL BREAK OUT SESSIONS

(13:45 – 15:45 CET)

- Training (insert room)
- Vulnerable applicants (insert room)
- Asylum Processes (insert room)

Online participants kindly access provided links to enter workshops

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COFFEE BREAK 15:45 – 16:15 (CET)

Reporting back session 16:15 – 17:00 (CET)

CLOSING REMARKS BY

Ms Alison Gatt, Head of EU Affairs Sector, EASO



THANK YOU

