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.

In 2020, higher mobility restrictions were associated with fewer applications.

Data sources: EASO EPS, Oxford Government Response Tracker (for restrictions)
The most frequent nationalities

In August, Afghans became the largest group

> 50% of the decisions on Afghans were positive

Data sources: EASO EPS
Applications and case closures at first instance

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

Data source: EASO EPS
Evolution of pending cases at first instance

- 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.

Data sources: EASO EPS
Monthly updates: Latest Asylum Trends

easo.europa.eu/latest-asylum-trends
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

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OPERATING PLANS 2021

**GREECE**
- EU Asylum Acquis, Reception, Voluntary Relocation, EU Task Force Lesvos
- 3 measures to support Asylum, Reception, Relocation
- 1 measure for the Joint Pilot Project for an MPRIC in Lesvos.
- 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
OPERATING PLANS 2021

**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)

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TOTAL PERSONNEL
(NOVEMBER 2021)

| EASO STAFF | 142 |
| TEMPORARY WORKERS | 684 |
| EXTERNAL REMUNERATED EXPERTS | 10 |
| NATIONAL MS EXPERTS | 49 |

Proportion of MS contribution (worked days)

Expert worked days

3411
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
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)
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.)

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

CF Meetings

Electronic consultations

Direct involvement by selected/expert CSO

VEN
Advisory Group > 30 CSOs

Training
Reference Group

Thematic cooperation
Reference/Working Group

COI
Expert CSOs

External Dim
Relevant CSOs consulted during needs assessment

Resettlement & Hum Adm
Participation expert CSOs

Operations
Close cooperation in the field
Overview of this year’s CF activities

Q1
- CSO input EASO Asylum Report
- Feedback on EASO 2022 WP

Q2
- Consultation on Staff Welfare Guide
- 2 Information Webinars on EASO Case-Law database
- Survey on CF Plenary 2021
- Thematic Meeting on Training

Q3
- Call for feedback on EASO AGR 2020
- Consultation Project Training

Q4
- 11th CF Plenary Meeting
- Consultation Project Training
- Who is Who in asylum?
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Process for putting in place revised CF

1. Consultations
2. Draft ED Decision composition and modalities for transmission of information
3. MB adoption of ED Decision
4. Selection of CF members
5. Support structures
6. Development of working methods by 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