**Input by civil society to the**

**2022 Asylum Report**

Dear Colleagues,

The production of the *Asylum Report 2022* is currently underway. The annual [Asylum Report series](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-knowledge/asylum-report) present a comprehensive overview of developments in the field of asylum at the regional and national levels.

The report includes information and perspectives from various stakeholders, including experts from EU+ countries, civil society organisations, UNHCR and researchers. To this end, we invite you, our partners from civil society, academia and research institutions, to share with us your reporting on developments in asylum law, policy or practice in 2021 (and early 2022) by topic as presented in the online survey.

Please note that the Asylum Report does not seek to describe national systems in detail but rather to present key developments of the past year, including improvements and challenges which remain. Your input can cover practices of a specific EU+ country or the EU as a whole. You can complete all or only some of the sections.

All submissions are publicly accessible. For transparency, 2022 contributions will be published on the EUAA webpage. For reference, contributions to the 2021 Asylum Report by civil society organisations can be accessed [here](https://euaa.europa.eu/acknowledgements-0), under 'Acknowledgements'. All contributions should be appropriately referenced. You may include links to supporting material, such as analytical studies, articles, reports, websites, press releases or position papers. If your organisation does not produce any publications, please make reference to other published materials, such as joint statements issued with other organisations. Some sources of information may be in a language other than English. In this case, please cite the original language and, if possible, provide one to two sentences describing the key messages in English.

The content of the Asylum Report is subject to terms of reference and volume limitations. Contributions from civil society organisations feed into EUAA’s work in multiple ways and inform reports and analyses beyond the Asylum Report.

Your input matters to us and will be much appreciated!

**\***Please submit your contribution to the 2022 Asylum Report by **Monday, 21 February 2022.\***

# Instructions

Before completing the survey, please review the list of topics and types of information that should be included in your submission.

For each response, only include the following type of information:

* New developments and improvements in 2021 and new or remaining challenges; and
* Changes in policies or practices, transposition of legislation or institutional changes during 2021.

Please ensure that your responses remain within the scope of each section. Do not include information that goes beyond the thematic focus of each section or is not related to recent developments

# Contributions by topic

1. **Access to territory and access to asylum procedures (including first arrival to territory and registration, arrival at the border, application of the non-refoulement principle, the right to first response (shelter, food, medical treatment) and issues regarding border guards)**

**ACVZ (2021), EU-borders are also our borders.** Policy Brief: EU Member States should be more active and stop human rights violations at EU external borders (English)

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2022/02/14/eu-borders-are-common-borders>

1. **Access to information and legal assistance (including counselling and representation)**
2. **Provision of interpretation services (e.g. introduction of innovative methods for interpretation, increase/decrease in the number of languages available, change in qualifications required for interpreters)**
3. **Dublin procedures (including the organisational framework, practical developments, suspension of transfers to selected countries, detention in the framework of Dublin procedures)**
4. **Special procedures (including border procedures, procedures in transit zones, accelerated procedures, admissibility procedures, prioritised procedures or any special procedure for selected caseloads)**
5. **Reception of applicants for international protection (including information on reception capacities – increase/decrease/stable, material reception conditions - housing, food, clothing and financial support, contingency planning in reception, access to the labour market and vocational training, medical care, schooling and education, residence and freedom of movement)**

Access to the labour market and vocational training for applicants of international protection.

**ACVZ (2021), ‘From asylum seeker to healthcare provider’.**

The Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs (ACVZ) concludes that the government and healthcare organizations should give asylum migrants a better chance to provide the extra hands that are needed in the healthcare sector.

* [From asylum seeker to healthcare provider](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/05/11/from-asylum-seeker-to-healthcare-provider)

1. **Detention of applicants for international protection (including detention capacity – increase /decrease/stable, practices regarding detention, grounds for detention, alternatives to detention, time limit for detention)**

**ACVZ (2021) ‘Working on return together’**. Advisory report on the effectiveness and diligent implementation of migrant detention: [Working on return together](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/07/22/working-on-return-together)

Recommendations on the effectiveness of detention

* Experiment more with less coercive supervision measures and improve the manner in which they are recorded.
* Promote voluntary return from detention more actively
* Invest more in relations with countries of origin that fail to cooperate or insufficiently cooperate

Recommendations on the diligent implementation of detention

* Improve the facilities to ensure closer collaboration
* Achieve closer collaboration between the organisations involved and promote the further development of knowledge and expertise

1. **Procedures at first instance (including relevant changes in: the authority in charge, organisation of the process, interviews, evidence assessment, determination of international protection status, decision-making, timeframes, case management - including backlog management)**

**ACVZ (2021). Legislative advice for regulating the registration phase and the first hearing**. (Dutch)

[Wetsadvies wijziging Vb regelen aanmeldfase en vervallen eerste gehoor | Advies | Adviescommissie voor Vreemdelingenzaken](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/01/07/advies-wijziging-vb-regelen-aanmeldfase-en-vervallen-eerste-gehoor)

The ACVZ makes reservations about asking for asylum motives in the registration interview. The ACVZ requests the government to justify why it is necessary to ask about asylum motives in the registration phase and in particular what safeguards there are for minor and vulnerable asylum seekers.

1. **Procedures at second instance (including organisation of the process, hearings, written procedures, timeframes, case management - including backlog management)**

**ACVZ (2021), Remote hearing. Legal protection of asylum seekers under pressure.** Article in Dutch.

[Op afstand horen. Rechtsbescherming asielzoekers onder druk | Publicatie | Adviescommissie voor Vreemdelingenzaken](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/10/08/op-afstand-horen.-rechtsbescherming-asielzoekers-onder-druk)

The ACVZ has also published a podcast in Dutch about remote hearing. In it, a judge, a lawyer and a legal psychologist discuss the digital developments of hearing asylum seekers remotely and go deeper into the question of how the legal protection of asylum seekers is guaranteed. [Op afstand horen | Podcast op Spotify](https://open.spotify.com/show/1S2OYLaHvvLJpFWieChlyx)

1. **Availability and use of country of origin information (including organisation, methodology, products, databases, fact-finding missions, cooperation between stakeholders)**
2. **Vulnerable applicants (including definitions, special reception facilities, identification mechanisms/referrals, procedural standards, provision of information, age assessment, legal guardianship and foster care for unaccompanied and separated children)**
3. **Content of protection (including access to social security, social assistance, healthcare, housing and other basic services; integration into the labour market; measures to enhance language skills; measures to improve attainment in schooling and/or the education system and/or vocational training)**

See also under para. 6

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1. **Return of former applicants for international protection**

**ACVZ (2021) Working on return together.** Advisory report on the effectiveness and diligent implementation of migrant detention: [Working on return together](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/07/22/working-on-return-together)

1. **Resettlement and humanitarian admission programmes (including EU Joint Resettlement Programme, national resettlement programme (UNHCR), National Humanitarian Admission Programme, private sponsorship programmes/schemes and ad hoc special programmes)**
2. **Relocation (ad hoc, emergency relocation; developments in activities organised under national schemes or on a bilateral basis)**
3. **National jurisprudence on international protection in 2021 (please include a link to the relevant case law and/or submit cases to the** [**EUAA Case Law Database**](https://caselaw.easo.europa.eu/Pages/default.aspx)**)**
4. **Other important developments in 2021**

**ACVZ (2021), ‘Towards a well-being approach in labour migration policy’.**

In this exploratory study the ACVZ concludes that the aim of labour migration policy should be to contribute to the well-being of the population e.g. aspects such as the vitality of the sector in question, environmental considerations, the availability of housing and schooling facilities etc.

The ACVZ recommends the Dutch government to install a ‘committee on future labour migration and well-being’ that can advise the government on this topic. This committee should include various groups in society -such as experts, employers, employees, local administrators and citizens- in the advisory process

* [Towards a well-being approach in labour migration policy](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/11/01/towards-a-well-being-approach-in-labour-migration-policy)

‘**Did you know ...? Facts and fictions about migration’**. This year, the ACVZ has published a blog series under this heading about facts and fictions about migration (8 blogs in Dutch).

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/05/wist-u-dat..-blog-1>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/10/wist-u-dat-...-blog-2-opzeggen-vluchtelingenverdrag-schaadt-ook-nederlands-belang>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/16/wist-u-dat-...-blog-3>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/02/22/wist-u-dat-...-blog-4>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/01/wist-u-dat-...-blog-5>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/05/wist-u-dat-...-blog-6>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/10/wist-u-dat-...-blog-7>

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/actueel/nieuws/2021/03/16/wist-u-dat-...-blog-8>

**Project plan Quantitative Targets in the Migration Domain (tba 2022)**

In September 2021 the Dutch Minister for Migration has asked the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs (ACVZ) to advise him on the use of quantitative targets in the migration domain. The focus of the ACVZ study is to what extent and how can target levels, e.g. quota, contribute to the management of asylum and migration to the Netherlands. The report is expected around summer 2022.

See project plan (Dutch).

[Gevraagd advies over beleidsmatige richtgetallen | Publicatie | Adviescommissie voor Vreemdelingenzaken](https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/publicaties/publicaties/2021/11/9/adviesvraag-beleidsmatige-richtgetallen)

References and sources

1. **Please provide links to references and sources and/or upload the related material in PDF format**

**ACVZ (2021), EU-borders are also our borders.** Policy brief (English)

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/binaries/adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken/documenten/publicaties/2022/02/14/eu-borders-are-common-borders/20220214_Policybrief_EU+Borders+are+common+borders+%28English+translation%29.pdf>

**ACZV (2021), Working on return together**

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/binaries/adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken/documenten/publicaties/2021/07/22/working-on-return-together/Working+on+return+together+%28Vertaling+advies+Samen+werken+aan+Terugkeer+%29-+DEF.pdf>

**ACVZ (2021), From asylum seeker to healthcare provider**

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**ACVZ (2021), Towards a well-being approach in labour migration policy**

<https://www.adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken.nl/binaries/adviescommissievoorvreemdelingenzaken/documenten/publicaties/2021/11/01/towards-a-well-being-approach-in-labour-migration-policy/Towards+a+well-being+approach+in+labour+migration+policy.pdf>

1. **Feedback or suggestions about the process or format for submissions to the Asylum Report**

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