

BACKGROUND

EASO* support to Cyprus dates back to June 2014, with the establishment of a Special Support Plan. Since then, Cyprus has continued to request the Agency's support to face the growing pressure on its asylum and reception systems.

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PERSONNEL



** Numbers are expressed as full-time equivalents.

With an average of **32** interpreters per month.



SUPPORT



to ASYLUM

Cyprus recorded **13 670 applicants** for international protection, corresponding to an **82 %** increase compared to the previous year.

EASO officers performed a total number of **7 880 registrations**, the vast majority of which (**80%**) pertained to male individuals.

EASO officers also identified **1 301 vulnerable cases**, the highest share of which were unaccompanied minors (**48%**) followed by single parents (**19 %**).

EASO officers scheduled more than **1 700 interviews** and conducted **1 675** (nine interviews conducted for every 10 scheduled), an increase of more than three quarters compared to the same period in 2020.

At second instance, EASO deployed **14 staff** to the International Protection Administrative Court, whose judges are competent for examining all appeal files. The Agency's preparatory work was instrumental in achieving the **highest yearly number of issued decisions (3 910)** since the creation of the Court, in 2019.



to RECEPTION

EASO conducted the vulnerability screenings for all applications registered in Cyprus.

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to APPEAL AUTHORITIES

Cyprus received some **9 000 appeals** against first instance decisions in 2021, more than six times as many as in 2020. EUAA researchers worked on some **500 cases**, more than twice as many as in 2020.

TRAININGS



Cypriot asylum officials as well as the Agency's caseworkers, registration assistants and team leaders, received training in access to procedures, asylum and reception, vulnerabilities. In addition, EASO regularly organised on-the-job coaching sessions for case officers and team leaders.

LOCATIONS



EASO was present in **5 locations** across Cyprus, including the inauguration of the new premises in Nicosia.

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2022-2024

The **2022-2024 Operational Plan** outlines cross-cutting support which the EUAA will be providing to the relevant authorities, to inform practices across asylum and reception.

The support provided so far focuses on streamlining procedures, developing tools and providing the resources for support to applicants with special needs, quality assurance mechanisms, capacity building, digitalisation and relocation exercises.

[Read the plan](#)