EUAA Asylum Report


As a centre of expertise on asylum, the EUAA gathers information on all aspects of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). To this end, the Asylum Report provides a comprehensive overview of key developments in EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland (EU+ countries). It is the most detailed and in-depth yearly analysis of the world’s only multinational asylum system.

The report describes changes to policies, practices and legislation, summarises challenges which persist and highlights key indicators on current trends. Each step of the asylum procedure is described to understand how countries have reacted to changing migratory patterns. Examples of case law serve to showcase how courts have shaped the interpretation of EU and national laws related to international protection.

Content is drawn from the EUAA Information and Documentation System (IDS), the EUAA Case Law Database and over 1,300 sources. To include diverse perspectives, the report draws a wide range of contributions, including from national administrations, international organisations, civil society organisations, academia and research institutions.

The Asylum Report covers the period 1 January to 31 December of the reference year. Official statistics from Eurostat are cited, in addition to EU-level data from the EUAA’s Early Warning and Preparedness System (EPS) data exchange for additional information and for the section on the Dublin system.

Protection needs reached unprecedented level since the creation of the Common European Asylum System

EU+ countries continued to host a record number of people in need of protection over 1.1 million asylum applications were lodged, in addition to over 1.1 million displaced people who were granted temporary protection in 2023.

The combined total placed asylum and reception systems under extreme pressure. However, while the number of asylum seekers was reminiscent of the 2015-2016 migration crisis in Europe, public discourse did not refer to a current ‘crisis’ in general.

This indicates that EU+ countries have made progress in preparedness and management of migration flows, despite existing limitations.

Read more in the EUAA Asylum Report 2024

Over 1.1 million asylum applications lodged in Europe in 2023

Over 1.1 million people were granted temporary protection in 2023

Additional resources accompanying the report

The information presented in the Asylum Report is repackaged into several supporting resources which allow users to consult specific topics and types of developments.


- Fact sheets present the key developments on a specific topic: [https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-knowledge/asylum-report](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-knowledge/asylum-report)

- The storytelling feature, Overview of International Protection in EU+ Countries: 2023 in Review, summarises key trends that occurred during the year: [https://euaa.europa.eu/international-protection-europe-2023-review](https://euaa.europa.eu/international-protection-europe-2023-review)

- Sources on Asylum list over 1,300 references which were used to draft the report. The sources grouped by type of author: [https://euaa.europa.eu/publications/sources-asylum-2024](https://euaa.europa.eu/publications/sources-asylum-2024)


- The series of infographics can be easily shared and posted on social media: [https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-report-2024/infographics](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-report-2024/infographics)

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