

# Input by civil society organisations to the Asylum Report 2023

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Dear Colleagues,

The production of the *Asylum Report 2023* is currently underway. The annual [Asylum Report series](#) presents 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, policies or practices in 2022 (and early 2023) 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, 2023 contributions will be published on the EUAA webpage. For reference, contributions to the 2022 Asylum Report by civil society organisations can be accessed [here](#), 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 complete the online survey and submit your contribution to the Asylum Report 2023 by Friday, 3 February 2023.\***

## Instructions

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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 2022 and new or remaining challenges; and
- Changes in policies or practices, transposition of legislation or institutional changes during 2022.

Please ensure that your responses remain within the scope of each section. Thus, kindly refrain from including information that goes beyond the thematic focus of each section or is not related to recent developments.

## Contributions by topic

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**1. Access to territory and access to the asylum procedure (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)**

**2. Access to information and legal assistance (including counselling and representation)**

**3. 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)**

**4. Dublin procedures (including the organisational framework, practical developments, suspension of transfers to selected countries, detention in the framework of Dublin procedures)**

**5. Special procedures (including border procedures, procedures in transit zones, accelerated procedures, admissibility procedures, prioritised procedures or any special procedure for selected caseloads)**

**6. 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)**

**7. 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)**

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

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

## 10. Availability and use of country of origin information (including organisation, methodology, products, databases, fact-finding missions, cooperation between stakeholders)

New developments:

(1). In January 2022, ARC Foundation handed over its portfolio of activities to Asylos and closed its operations in a joint effort to create a single centre of expertise on COI in the UK and beyond.

(2) Asylos started an informal quarterly check-ins for COI experts from civic society organisations in June 2022. Members of the group exchange best practices, challenges, new publications, peer reviews, and collaboration opportunities during these check-ins. In August 2022, Asylos chaired its first meeting.

Commentary on EASO's COI products:

As part of the project transfer from ARC Foundation to Asylos, Asylos started commenting and offering recommendations on COI produced by governmental and intergovernmental COI units.

In July 2022, Asylos published commentary on the UK Home Office Country Policy and Information Note: Rwanda, asylum system, and the related Country Policy and Information Note: Rwanda, assessment: [Download.ashx \(asylos.eu\)](#)

In August 2022, Asylos also published a Country of Origin Information compilation on the same topic: [Rwanda: Asylum System | Asylos](#)

In December 2022, Asylos, together with the Dutch Council for Refugees, published two commentaries on EUAA COI Query Responses. These commentaries are intended to serve as helpful guides for highlighting noted gaps and omissions within the Queries as well as other pertinent COI:

The EUAA Query Response on the Russian Federation: Treatment of protesters, journalists, and human rights defenders: [Download.ashx \(asylos.eu\)](#)

The EUAA Query Response on the Russian Federation: Treatment of military deserters. [Download.ashx \(asylos.eu\)](#)

(3) Filling information gaps: :

Asylos worked on a project which addresses information gaps for stateless individuals. A COI report on the situation of Stateless Palestinians in Lebanon as well as a Principles Document for conducting COI research on statelessness are due to be published in February 2023. This will be followed by the publication of a training handbook and launch of a series of training webinars on the topic in the spring of 2023.

Working under the initiative “Emergency COI Repositories” which started as an emergency response to the crisis in Afghanistan in August 2021. Asylos published the following repositories:

Ukraine, July 2022 <https://www.asylos.eu/ukraine>

Turkey, August 2022 Current Country of Origin Information (COI) about Afghans in Turkey ([asylos.eu](https://www.asylos.eu))

Iran, August 2022 Current Country of Origin Information (COI) about Afghans in Iran ([asylos.eu](https://www.asylos.eu))

Pakistan, September 2022 Current Country of Origin Information (COI) about Afghans in Pakistan ([asylos.eu](https://www.asylos.eu))

Afghanistan, December 2022 Afghanistan COI Repository | Asylos

**11. 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)**

**12. 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)**

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

**14. 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)**

**15. Relocation (ad hoc, emergency relocation; developments in activities organised under national schemes or on a bilateral basis)**

**16. National jurisprudence on international protection in 2022 (please include a link to the relevant case law and/or submit cases to the [EUAA Case Law Database](#))**

**17. Other important developments in 2022**

## References and sources

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**18. Please provide links to references and sources or upload any related material in PDF format**

<https://www.asylos.eu/rwanda-asylum-system>  
<https://www.asylos.eu/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=a01121be-9c76-48e3-9142-c870e9d182f6>  
<https://www.asylos.eu/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=893bc214-95d7-46b2-856c-9a5d8349ae18>  
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**19. Feedback or suggestions about the process or format for submissions to the Asylum Report**

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### Useful links

[EUAA Asylum Report 2022 \(https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-knowledge/asylum-report\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-knowledge/asylum-report)

[Executive Summary -Asylum Report 2022 \(https://euaa.europa.eu/executive-summary-asylum-report-2022\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/executive-summary-asylum-report-2022)

[Sources on Asylum 2022 \(https://euaa.europa.eu/publications/sources-asylum-2022\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/publications/sources-asylum-2022)

[National asylum developments database \(https://euaa.europa.eu/national-asylum-developments-database\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/national-asylum-developments-database)

### Background Documents

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