

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

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

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)

Six years after French authorities dismantled a sprawling migrant encampment on the edge of Calais, large numbers of migrants continue to arrive in northern France, many in the hope of crossing the Channel to reach the United Kingdom.

France tries to dissuade people from staying in the department by mobilizing hundreds of police and gendarmes.

A policy to fight against “fixation points” encouraged by the government and which results in daily evictions from living places, to prevent the creation of anything resembling more permanent living spaces: it is the French State’s systematic anticipation of evictions of informal settlements at the border in order to prevent the creation of anything resembling more permanent living spaces. When a living space is created, law enforcement agencies are systematically deployed in order to evict it.

This type of operations involves displaced people being forced to move their tents and belongings, anywhere between 2 to 500 meters; personal belongings and basic necessities are often stolen and/or destroyed.

These operations of harassment are also often accompanied by abusive identity checks, arrests, violent intimidation of displaced people, attacks on the physical and psychological integrity of displaced people.

An overall objective is to witness as much as possible the police operations in order to document these practices and to serve as a form of deterrence against them. The ultimate goal is call for the State violence against displaced communities to end, through advocacy initiatives and legal actions.

In Calais and Grande-Synthe, the prefectural authority and the competent district prosecutor’s office have clearly subverted and exploited the legal basis of the evictions. Gathering and presenting consistent evidence and documents related to daily evictions allow to demonstrate the illegal nature of this modus operandi.

In 2022 the following data have been recorded:

Grande Synthe, Dunkirk

Eviction from January 2022 to December 2022:

4	3	4	1	5	6	5	1	9	14	3	2
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Tot. 57

Calais

Eviction from January 2022 to December 2022:

131	165	156	127	167	156	126	146	130	146	135
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101
Tot. 1684

Grand-Total 1741

Most displaced lose all of their assets following the police operations and has to leave behind essential personal belongings: tents, tarps, sleeping bags and blankets, bags, backpack.

Finally, aggressive policing reinforces several impediments to humanitarian aid and the activities carry out by the associations to ensure essential services to people in need (NFI, water and food distributions) are consistently threatened.

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)

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

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

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https://www.observatoiredesexpulsions.org/storage/wsm_publication
/8b0prvyMGrER5LrVPID2K9Dx16aNWgYCxYM0yFeU.pdf

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

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[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)

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