

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)

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)

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE no. 100 of June 29, 2022 regarding the approval and implementation of the National Plan of measures regarding the protection and inclusion of displaced persons from Ukraine, beneficiaries of temporary protection in Romania, as well as for the modification and completion of some normative acts

ISSUER: GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA, Date of entry into force 06-30-2022

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)

GOVERNMENT DECISION 91 of 19 of January 2022

LAW 122/2006 AMMENDED by inclusion of financial help rates

3. Article 55, paragraph (4) is amended and will have the following content:

(4) For asylum seekers in the situation provided for in art. 17 para. (8) of the law, the General Inspectorate for Immigration can grant, upon request, in the form of lump sums, material assistance for renting a house, in the amount of 808 lei/person/month, and material assistance to cover maintenance expenses, in the amount 145 lei/month/person during the summer season and 185 lei/month/person during the winter season. In the case of families with 2 members, the monthly amount granted to one person decreases by 30%. In the case of families composed of 3 members or more, the monthly amount granted to one person decreases by 40%.

INCLUSION OF POSSIBILITY TO TRANSFER MEAL RIGHTS AND OTHER EXPENSES TO

BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT

5. In article 56, paragraph (4) is amended and will have the following content: (4) Meal rights and other expenses provided for in art. 55 is granted to the asylum seeker, upon request, by bimonthly payment, in advance and in cash or on nominal card banking devices, of the established amounts.

MODIFICATION (increase) OF CALORIES RATES AND EXPENSES FOR FOOD

GOVERNMENT DECISION NUMBER 277 from 27 of February 2022

Article 55, LAW 122/2006

(1) The asylum seeker benefits, upon request, from food within the limit of 20 lei/person/day, clothing within the limit of 135 lei/person/summer season and 200 lei/person/winter season and other expenses, in the limit of the amount of 12 lei/person/day, representing expenses with local transport, cultural services, press, repairs and maintenance, expenses with personal hygiene products.

(2) The sums necessary to ensure the material conditions of reception:

- a) the food norm = 2,500 calories - it is given to the asylum seeker who is a minor or a minor aged over one year. In the in this case, the food allowance is set at 20 lei/person/day;
- b) the food norm = 3,625 calories - it is granted to an adult asylum seeker who carries out an appropriate activity para. (9). In this case, the food allowance provided for in paragraph (1) it is increased by 10 lei/day;
- c) food allowance = 3,175 calories - granted for asylum seekers pregnant up to the 4th month, as and sick asylum seekers during the period of hospitalization in the infirmary. In this case, the food allowance provided for para. (1) it is increased by 6 lei/day;
- d) food allowance = 3,260 calories - granted for asylum seekers pregnant between the 5th and 9th months or who gave birth and does not breastfeed the child up to one year old. In this case, the provided food allowance to para. (1) it is increased by 8 lei/day;
- e) food allowance = 3,625 calories - granted for the asylum seeker who gave birth and breastfeeds the child in age up to one year. In this case, the food allowance provided for in paragraph (1) it is increased by 10 lei /day;
- f) the food norm = 3,590 calories - it is given to each child aged from 0 to 5 months inclusive, who is together with one or both parents seeking asylum. In this case, the food allowance provided for in paragraph (1) se increases by 10 lei/day;
- g) the food norm = 4,050 calories - it is granted for each child aged from 6 to 12 months inclusive, if resides with one or both parents seeking asylum. In this case, the food allowance provided for in paragraph (1) it is increased by 14 lei/day.

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

LAW 122/2006 regarding Asylum in Romania was AMMENDED as follows:
Inclusion of the option for the asylum seeker to receive the residence permit and/or the travel document by courier:

1. In article 51, after paragraph (4), a new paragraph, paragraph (5), is inserted, with the following content:
(5) Depending on the option of the beneficiary of international protection, the residence permit is collected from the territorial formation of the General Inspectorate for Immigration where the application was submitted or it can be sent, by courier services, to the residence of the holder, with the bearer of shipping costs.

2. In article 53, after paragraph (4), a new paragraph, paragraph (5), is inserted, with the following content:
(5) Depending on the option of the beneficiary of international protection, the travel document is picked up from the territorial formation of the General Inspectorate for Immigration where the application was submitted or it can be sent, by courier services, to the residence of the holder, with the bearer of shipping costs.

References and sources

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

https://www.gov.ro/fisiere/stiri_fisiere/ANNUAL_STATUS_REPORT_ROMANIA_DEC_2022.pdf

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

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