



Curriculum vitae of Ward LUTIN, Head of Asylum Knowledge Centre (C3); Acting Head of Operational Support Centre (C1)

Ward joined EASO (later EUAA) on December 2012 as Information and Documentation Officer, at the EASO Centre for Information, Documentation and Analysis, where he coordinated EASO activities relating to Country of Origin Information (COI) and other country-specific practical cooperation initiatives. In 2016 he became Head of the Information and Analysis Unit and in 2018 Head of the Department of Operations.

As from January 2020 he is the Head of the Asylum Knowledge Centre. The Asylum Knowledge Centre (C3) is responsible for developing a wide knowledge base on asylum in the EU+, by collecting, processing and analysing information on asylum-relevant topics and trends; fostering practical cooperation on a thematic basis between relevant EU+ authorities in the field of asylum; producing and disseminating a variety of relevant and timely knowledge products; and developing guidance and practical tools in view of a stronger convergence in the implementation of the CEAS in EU+ countries.

Since February 2023, Ward is also stepping in as Acting Head of Operational Support Centre. The Operational Support Centre (C1) is responsible for the planning, design, implementation and monitoring of operational, technical and emergency assistance and capacity building programmes and activities in support of Member States whose asylum and/or reception systems are under disproportionate pressure, face disproportionate migratory challenges or request support in the implementation of their obligations under the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). The Centre also provides resettlement related support to EU+ countries in terms of direct operational support for resettlement processing and the development and provision of required tools and training.

Before joining EASO, Ward Lutin worked as a Programme Officer in the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees (IGC) in Geneva, where he was responsible for two working groups on asylum and COI. Between 2000 and 2009, he worked consecutively as protection officer, COI officer, senior protection officer and international relations officer in the Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons, the national Belgian asylum administration, in Brussels.

