

Europe's national asylum and reception systems remain under pressure, driven by increasing instability in regions of origin, linked to conflict and food insecurity. Unpredictable surges in protection needs might impact EU countries that are less well prepared. Upon request, the EUAA can rapidly mobilise resources and expertise to Member States under disproportionate pressure.

Given a significant increase in irregular arrivals in the first half of 2023 (**88 874 by 31 July**), the EUAA is expanding its operations, particularly in southern Italy; and focusing support on the implementation of the Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism, reception, information provision and registration and the pre-identification of people with specific needs, while continuing to provide support at the first and second instance. Temporary protection-related support was suspended in February, given low demand.

**EUAA Operational Support in Italy** will continue until 2024

# SUPPORTING EU COUNTRIES

## Activity Report (January - July 2023)



### Asylum

EUAA support ranges from designing or enhancing the national asylum system or strategy, to providing direct frontline support with registering and processing applications for international protection.

**9 895**

People supported with asylum applications

#### REGISTRATION BY TYPE OF PROCEDURE

**6 568**

National

**3 315**

Dublin



**7 028**

Files prepared in support of the judicial authorities.



**2 054**

Research studies prepared, as part of the appeals process.



### Reception

EUAA support ranges from designing or enhancing the national reception system or strategy, to providing direct frontline support with the reception of applicants for international protection.



**225**

Quality-assurance visits of Prefectures to 1<sup>st</sup> line reception centres were supported.



**30**

Prefectures supported to manage the reception system at the local level.



### Relocation

EUAA supports Member States with implementing voluntary relocation schemes; this can include deploying personnel to help inform, register, interview, and match applicants to national pledges.

Support ranges from the design, adaptation, or standardisation of relocation processes to the drafting of Standard Operating Procedures and other guidance documents.



**3 221**

Applicants were registered.



**1 819**

Applicants were matched under the VSM.

\* Data refer to applicants **registered** or **matched** between June 2022 and July 2023.



### Vulnerability

EUAA helps Member States identify and respond to the specific reception needs of vulnerable applicants, such as unaccompanied minors or women.

Support ranges from the design or enhancement of national vulnerability strategies to providing direct frontline support with the identification, assessment, and referral of vulnerable applicants to specialised services.



**2 778**

Vulnerable cases were identified.







**76 847**

People provided with information.\*

\* The same applicant may be provided with information at different stages of the protection process.

**48**  
Locations



-  **Asylum**
-  **Reception \***
-  **Asylum + Reception**
-  **Relocation**



\* Vulnerability-related activities take place both during asylum and reception processes.

The EUAA was operational in 48 locations across Italy, including in Immigration Offices, Prefectures, Dublin Units, specialised sections of tribunals and national authorities.

### Training support in Italy

The EUAA provided a significant amount of training including by organising coaching sessions, the training of interpreters, national officials, and civil society, as well as professional development sessions and workshops. Training support was provided with:

-  Asylum
-  Voluntary Relocation
-  Reception
-  Vulnerability



**272**  
All deployments

- **28** EUAA Staff
- **65** Cultural Mediators / Interpreters
- **94** External Remunerated Experts (REE)
- **85** Temporary Agency Workers (TAW)

\* Expressed as full-time equivalents (FTEs) as of end July 2023. Currently around **330** personnel deployed.



**555**  
People trained (Total)

**243** EUAA-deployed personnel

**312** National officials

