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EASO launches tool for identification of persons with special needs (IPSN Tool)

EASO has launched a new web-based tool which helps in the identification of persons with special needs. The tool can be used by anyone who is in contact with applicants for international protection in their daily work and who may have a role in the identification of special needs in the asylum procedure and the reception context. The tool is available [here](#).

Supporting EU+ States (EU Member States and associated countries) in meeting their obligations towards vulnerable applicants for international protection has always been a priority for EASO. With dedicated training modules, expert networks on children and on trafficking in human beings, COI products and other relevant publications, EASO has continuously provided relevant support.

With the launch of its [EASO Tool for identification of persons with special needs \(IPSN Tool\)](#), EASO addresses one of the significant changes brought with the recast asylum package and provides a tool for timely identification of applicants for international protection who may have special procedural and/or reception needs.

What is the added value of the IPSN tool?

- The tool has been developed with expertise from EU+ States, EASO, the European Commission, UNHCR, and ECRE, and with valuable input from a number of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations, members of the EASO Consultative Forum; and finalised after a wide consultation with all EU+ States participating in the work of EASO.
- It can be used by anyone who is in contact with applicants for international protection in their daily work and who may have a role in the identification of special needs; and does not require specialised knowledge.
- It has been designed as an intuitive and user-friendly online tool.
- The suggested guidance on special procedural guarantees and reception support reflects the EU asylum acquis and identified good practices.
- The outcome report can be individualised and enclosed within the file of the individual applicant.

The IPSN Tool is publicly available at <https://ipsn.easo.europa.eu> in English and will be made available in a number of other EU languages. The tool can be easily integrated in any national mechanism for identification of persons with special needs and can be used in a flexible way, supporting the individual process of identification of special needs and a tailor-made approach to ensuring the necessary procedural and/or reception guarantees are put in place.

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