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I. The year in brief

In 2025, approximately **822 000 applications for international protection were lodged in the EU+**, representing a 19 % decrease compared to 2024 ⁽¹⁾. **Afghan, Venezuelan and Syrian** nationals were the three largest groups of applicants for international protection, accounting for 14 %, 11 % and 5 % of all claims lodged in 2025, respectively.

In addition to asylum applications, approximately **4.5 million individuals were benefiting from temporary protection** in the EU+ at the end of 2025. This form of protection was activated for the first time in 2022 in response to Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine.

In November 2025, the Commission published the first ***European Annual Asylum and Migration Report***, marking the launch of the annual migration management cycle established under the ***Pact on Migration and Asylum*** (the Pact).

In December 2025, the European Parliament and the Council reached a political agreement on an EU-wide aligned use of the concepts of ***safe countries of origin and safe third countries***. This reform aims to accelerate border and return procedures and reinforce the link between asylum and return policies.

Against this backdrop, the EUAA signed new operational plans with ***Ireland*** and ***Lithuania*** and provided operational and technical assistance to 12 Member States through the deployment of close to 1 000 personnel, in addition to 450 interpreters

Figure 1. The year in numbers – 1 of 3



⁽¹⁾ Source: EUAA early warning and preparedness system. See the EUAA ***Latest Asylum Trends 2025*** for detailed information and analyses.



A major focus of the Agency was the support to Member States' preparations for the entry into application, in June 2026, of the Pact legislative instruments. The EUAA delivered a **wide range of Pact-related outputs** including training, operational guidance, tools and analytical products.

Thousands of national officials participated **in training activities**, reflecting the growing demand for the Agency's support in preparing Member States' administrations for the new legislative framework.

The inauguration of the **EUAA Academy premises**, in June 2025, marked a major institutional milestone, establishing a European centre of excellence for **specialised and accredited training** in asylum and reception. By awarding certificates, qualifications and degrees and by facilitating the official recognition of EUAA training outcomes across the EU and beyond, the Academy will further professionalise training for a wide range of roles in the field of asylum and reception.

Figure 2. The year in numbers - 2 of 3

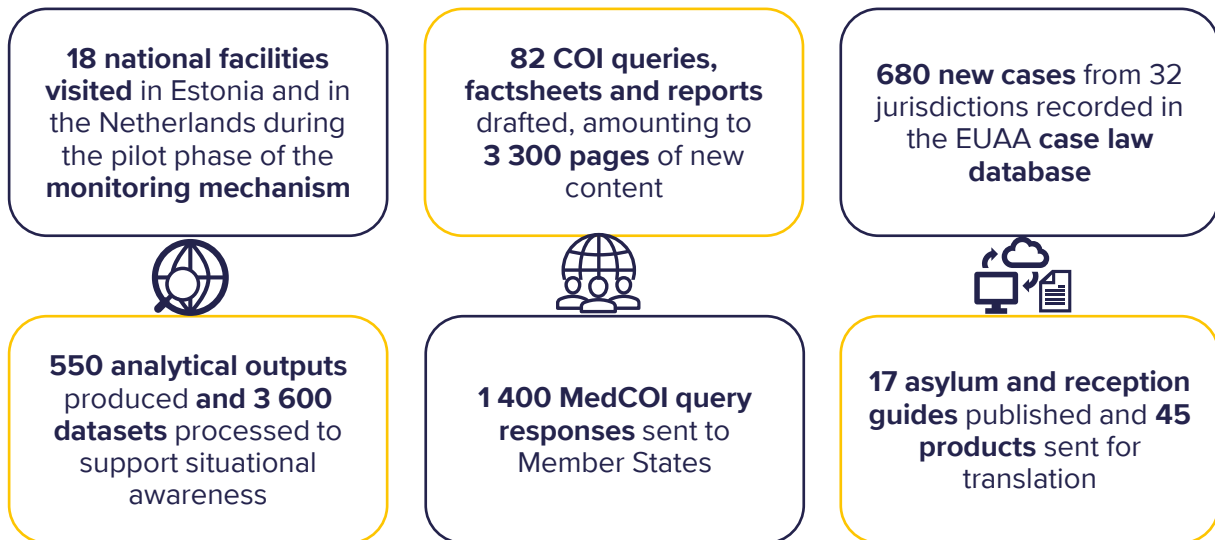


In 2025, the EUAA **started monitoring the operational and technical application of the Common European Asylum System**, in accordance with the [methodology established in 2024](#). The monitoring mechanism, introduced by the EUAA Regulation in 2022, aims to 'prevent or identify possible shortcomings in the asylum and reception systems of Member States and to assess their capacity and preparedness to manage situations of disproportionate pressure ...' ⁽²⁾.

In agreement with the relevant national authorities, [the Agency conducted the pilot phase of the monitoring mechanism in Estonia and the Netherlands](#). The EUAA will continue monitoring other Member States in the next years, according to its [multiannual monitoring programme](#) covering the period 2026–2030.

⁽²⁾ Article 14(1) of [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/2303](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum.



Figure 3. The year in numbers - 3 of 3

The Agency also expanded its engagement with EU partners through the recruitment of eight **liaison officers in Member States**, who were deployed in their respective duty stations at the beginning of 2026. This marks the first time the Agency has established a permanent presence in Member States in its horizontal role, beyond operational deployments. By facilitating closer day-to-day engagement with national authorities and providing a central point of contact within the Agency for each Member State, the liaison officers are expected to strengthen information flows and support a more coherent and coordinated approach to the Agency's work across different areas.

Moreover, in June 2025 the EUAA hosted its **first annual state of asylum conference**, which brought together around 1 000 online and in-person attendees to debate the evolving EU migration and asylum policy agenda.

In the **external dimension**, the EUAA celebrated the **10th anniversary of the EU-funded programme EU Regional Support to Protection-Sensitive Migration Management Systems in the Western Balkans**, implemented in partnership with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Over the past decade, the programme has supported Western Balkan authorities in enhancing migration and asylum governance, in alignment with EU and international standards.

Finally, in 2025 the Agency initiated discussions on the development of capacity-building projects for **Moldova** and **Ukraine**, which are among the Agency's top-priority third countries.



II. Budgetary and financial information

The EU subsidy in the EUAA's 2025 budget, as per [amendment 2 to the 2025–2027 single programming document](#), amounted to **EUR 191 737 310 in commitment appropriations** and **EUR 194 737 310 in payment appropriations**.

In 2025, the Agency's revenue was composed as follows:

- subsidy from the EU budget and its accrued interests;
- contributions from Schengen-associated countries and their accrued interest;
- second instalment under the NDICI-GE-funded contribution agreement;
- instalments under the IPA-funded contribution agreements for the implementation of projects in support of protection-sensitive migration management systems in the Western Balkans;
- interest income accrued from contributions provided by Czechia and Denmark.

Table 1. Revenue per fund source, excluding amounts carried over from previous years (figures rounded to the next full number)

Budget title	Fund source	Revenue in the budget (€)	Revenue after defining p.m. ⁽³⁾ (€)	Revenue received (€)	Remaining balance (€)
2	Subsidy from the EU budget	194 737 310	194 737 310	194 737 310	0
3	Contributions from Schengen-associated countries	9 591 617	9 591 617	9 591 617	0
4	Other contributions (including accrued interest)	1 354 593	6 362 782	6 362 782	0
5	Other income/ recovery of expenses, interest income	0	1 175 636	1 158 705	16 931
Total income (€)		205 683 520	211 867 345	211 850 414	16 931

⁽³⁾ P.m. stands for *pro memoria* and indicates that an amount may be assigned to the budget, even if it is not clear what that amount would be, or if it would exist at all.



III. Human resources, internal control and evaluations

Human resources

In 2025, the Agency had a total of **670 staff posts available**, of which 581 ⁽⁴⁾ were filled by the end of the year.

Figure 4. Filled and available staff posts by category as at 31 December 2025



Internal control systems

Following the reassessment conducted in the first quarter of 2026, Senior Management concluded that **eight internal control principles** were fully effective and nine were effective. Based on the analysis of the internal control principles, it was concluded that **four internal control components were effective and one was fully effective**. They are working as intended, whilst improvements are needed to address either moderate or minor deficiencies.

Information on internal control deficiencies and the corresponding corrective actions are available on the [EUAA's website](#).

Evaluations

The EUAA conducts internal or external mid-term and *ex post* evaluations of programmes and activities that entail significant spending. In 2025, the EUAA completed **five evaluations**.

A detailed report on the status of implementation of the action plans in response to evaluation findings is available on the Agency's [website](#).

⁽⁴⁾ This figure includes posts that, as at 31 December 2025, had been offered to the selected candidates and for which an employment contract had not been signed yet.

