

Input by civil society organisations to the Asylum Report 2024

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Dear Colleagues,

The production of the Asylum Report 2024 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, researchers and UNHCR. 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 2023 by topic as presented in the online survey (**'Part A' of the form**).

We also invite you to share with us any publications your organisation has produced throughout 2023 on issues related to asylum in EU+ countries. These may be reports, articles, recommendations to national authorities or EU institutions, open letters and analytical outputs (**'Part B' of the form**).

Your input can cover information for a specific EU+ country or the EU as a whole. You can complete all or only some of the sections.

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.

All submissions are publicly accessible. For transparency, contributions will be published on the EUAA webpage. For reference, contributions to the 2023 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 submit your contribution to the Asylum Report 2024 by Thursday, 30 November 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:

Part A:

- New developments and improvements in 2023 and new or remaining challenges;
- Changes in policies or practices, transposition of legislation or institutional changes during 2023;
- Across the different thematic sections feel free to make reference to issues related to the implementation of the Temporary Protection Directive at national level.

Part B:

- New publications your organisation produced in 2023

Please ensure that your responses remain within the scope of each section. Do not include information that goes beyond the thematic focus of each section or is not related to recent developments.

PART A: 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)

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)

1. Strengthened COI networks
Asylos continues to chair informal quarterly check-ins for COI experts from civic society organisations. Members of the group exchange best practices, challenges, new publications, peer reviews, and collaboration opportunities during these check-ins. In October 2023, Asylos chaired its sixth meeting. Asylos chairs a child-focused COI working group, bringing together civic society organisations, mostly based in the UK, to discuss developments in child-related COI, and flag emerging COI needs particularly in the UK context. Asylos has chaired two meetings this year in 2023.

2. Accessibility of High Quality COI:
Asylos introduced a new initiative in which it makes a selection of its bespoke research available publicly. In making these reports widely accessible, Asylos hopes that the reports can contribute to fair and evidence-based decision making in as many asylum cases as possible.
Kenya: Treatment of Homosexual Men and their Relatives (<https://www.asylos.eu/kenya-treatment-of-homosexual-men-and-their-relatives>)
El Salvador: Incidences of violence by police or other state actors (<https://www.asylos.eu/el-salvador-incidences-of-violence-by-police-or-other-state-actors>)
Rwanda: Treatment of members of the United Democratic Forces (UDF) and people refusing civic service (<https://www.asylos.eu/rwanda-treatment-of-members-of-the-united-democratic-forces>)
Togo: Homosexual people (<https://www.asylos.eu/togo-homosexual-people>)
Bangladesh: Schizophrenia and autism treatment, services, and societal attitudes (<https://www.asylos.eu/bangladesh-schizophrenia-and-autism-treatment-services-and-societal-attitudes>)
République Démocratique du Congo (RDC) : Situation des Banyamulenge (Tutsi ou Banyarwanda) (<https://www.asylos.eu/republique-democratique-du-congo>)

3. COI compilations:

Asylos worked on a compilation on Albania COI (trafficking), combining publicly available information with interviews.

4. Filling information gaps:

Asylos worked on a project which addresses information gaps for stateless individuals. Asylos produced a country report on the situation of stateless Palestinians in Lebanon, combining interviews with individuals with authoritative knowledge on the topic alongside excerpts from country information available in the public domain. Asylos also developed a Principles Document to share key research insights and a training handbook to guide COI research on statelessness. In October 2023, Asylos co-delivered four training workshops on how to conduct COI on statelessness, as well as training on COI fundamentals, child-specific and disability-specific COI.

Asylos worked on a project which addressed information gaps for children and young people. A COI report on the situation of children and young people in Sudan as well as a Principles Document for Conducting research on children and young people are due to be published early 2024. This will be followed by the (updated) publication of a training handbook and launch of a series of training webinars in the spring of 2024.

Asylos updated and published a Thematic COI Sources Toolkit, specially developed for COI researchers. Originally developed by ARC Foundation and now updated by Asylos. The toolkit compiles an array of COI sources, categorised by topic, offering a useful guide for selecting the sources.

11. Issues of statelessness in the context of asylum (including identification and registration)

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Lebanon report: <https://www.asylos.eu/Lebanon-report>

Principles Doc: <https://www.asylos.eu/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=c259abef-cc25-45cd-a8fc-aef1e0484da4>

Training handbook: <https://www.asylos.eu/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=b85a38a9-0cd0-4d73-a03a-4cbd23e6191d>

12. 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)

13. 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)

14. Return of former applicants for international protection

15. 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)

16. Relocation (ad hoc, emergency relocation; developments in activities organised under national schemes or on a bilateral basis)

17. National jurisprudence on international protection in 2023 (please include a link to the relevant case law and/or submit cases to the [EUAA Case Law Database](#))

18. Other important developments in 2023

PART B: Publications

1. If available online, please provide links to relevant publications produced by your organisation in 2023

<https://www.asylos.eu/kenya-treatment-of-homosexual-men-and-their-relatives>
<https://www.asylos.eu/el-salvador-incidences-of-violence-by-police-or-other-state-actors>
<https://www.asylos.eu/rwanda-treatment-of-members-of-the-united-democratic-forces>
<https://www.asylos.eu/togo-homosexual-people>
<https://www.asylos.eu/bangladesh-schizophrenia-and-autism-treatment-services-and-societal-attitudes>
<https://www.asylos.eu/republique-democratique-du-congo>
<https://www.asylos.eu/Lebanon-report>
<https://www.asylos.eu/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=c259abef-cc25-45cd-a8fc-aef1e0484da4>
<https://www.asylos.eu/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=b85a38a9-0cd0-4d73-a03a-4cbd23e6191d>

2. If not available online, please share your publications with us at: Asylum.Report@euaa.europa.eu or upload your file using the functionality below (max. file size 1MB).

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3. For publications that due to copyright issues cannot be easily shared, please provide references using the table below.

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Useful links

[EUAA Asylum Report 2023 \(https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-report-2023\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-report-2023)

[Executive Summary -Asylum Report 2023 \(https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-report-2023/executive-summary\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-report-2023/executive-summary)

[Sources on Asylum 2023 \(https://euaa.europa.eu/publications/sources-asylum-2023\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/publications/sources-asylum-2023)

[National asylum developments database \(https://euaa.europa.eu/national-asylum-developments-database\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/national-asylum-developments-database)

[Asylum in Europe in 2022: A Year in Review \(https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-europe-2022-year-review\)](https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-europe-2022-year-review)

Background Documents

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