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This new pact-aligned version is available for translation.

Target group

Asylum officers, in particular case officers & COI researchers

EQF/MQF level

Level 5

Version

Version 1 (2025)

Entry requirements

Full qualification at EQF Level 4 or equivalent AND proficiency in English

Prerequisites

n/a

Assessment

Multiple-choice questions, case scenario and a source validity assessment

Languages

English

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DESCRIPTION

The aim of this module is to provide learners with basic knowledge on Country of Origin Information (COI), its relevance and limitations in the context of international protection, including focusing on quality standards applied in the COI research cycle.

This module focuses on the categories and formulation of appropriate COI questions, as well as, on the examination of the most frequently used COI Sources and source assessment.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this module, the learner will be able to:

Knowledge

1. **Identify the role of COI and its quality standards in the context of international protection**

2. **Identify the legal concepts for which COI research should be conducted, when dealing with an international protection claim**

Skill

3. **Apply the relevant quality standards when dealing with Country of Origin Information Questions**

Competence

4. **Assess the validity of COI sources in the context of international protection**

DELIVERY METHOD

The module uses a blended learning approach. It features interactive elements such as animations, voiceovers, and scenarios to engage learners in COI research and source assessment.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

The assessment includes multiple-choice questions, a case scenario on legal concepts and COI questions, and a source validity assessment.

Accredited module details

Accredited module

Duration	**18 hours online learning** **1.5 days face to face**
Number of ECTS	**2**
Language	**English**
Assessment	**3 hours**

Training plan 2026

Training plan	Target group	Loc.	Est. time for online studies	Reg. deadline	Online	Webinar / Face to face	Assessment
Learners curriculum (Accredited)	**Asylum staff**	**Malta**	**18 hours**	**20/4/2026**	**2/6 to 26/6/2026**	**30/6 - 1/7/2026**	**16/7/2026**

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