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| AIDA | Asylum Information Database |
| AMIF | Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund |
| ASGI | Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (Italy) |
| AWAS | Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers |
| BAMF | Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Germany) |
| BBU | Federal Agency for Reception and Support Services (Austria) |
| BMS | Bilateral Mentoring Scheme |
| BVwG | Federal Administrative Court (Austria) |
| CALL | Council for Alien Law Litigation (Belgium) |
| CCAC | Closed Controlled Access Centres (Greece) |
| CCBE | Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe |
| CEAS | Common European Asylum System |
| CGRS | Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons (Belgium) |
| CJEU | Court of Justice of the EU |
| CNDA | National Court of Asylum (France) |
| COA | Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers) (Netherlands) |
| COI | Country of origin information |
| CPT | Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture |
| CRA | administrative detention centre (France) |
| DT&V | Repatriation and Departure Service (Netherlands) |
| EASO | European Asylum Support Office |
| ECRE | European Council on Refugees and Exiles |
| ECHR | European Charter of Human Rights |
| ECTHR | European Court of Human Rights |
| EEAS | European External Action Service |
| EIGE | European Institute for Gender Equality |
| EMN | European Migration Network |
| ENS | European Network on Statelessness |
| EPS | EUAA's Early Warning and Preparedness System |
| ESTIA | Emergency Support to Integration and Accommodation |
| EU+ | European Union Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland |
| EUAA | European Union Agency for Asylum |
| eu-LISA | European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice |
| FAC | Federal Administrative Court (Switzerland) |
| FGM/C | Female genital mutilation/cutting |
| FRA | European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights |

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| Frontex | European Border and Coast Guard Agency |
| GDP | gross domestic product |
| GRETA | Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings |
| GUDA | single desks at the prefectures (France) |
| IBC | illegal border-crossing |
| ICAM | Individual Case Management |
| ICMPD | International Centre for Migration Policy Development |
| IDS | Information and Documentation System |
| IND | Immigration and Naturalisation Service (Netherlands) |
| IPAC | Administrative Court for International Protection (Cyprus) |
| IPAT | International Protection Appeals Tribunal (Ireland) |
| IPO | International Protection Office (Ireland) |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration |
| JHA | Justice and Home Affairs |
| LGBTIQ | Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender, intersex and queer |
| MENA | Middle East and North Africa |
| MIPROF | Interdepartmental Mission on Human Trafficking |
| MOCADDEM | Operational Coordination Mechanism for the External Dimension of Migration |
| NDICI | Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument |
| NGO | Non-governmental organisation |
| NHRI | National Human Rights Institution |
| NOAS | Norwegian Organisation of Asylum Seekers |
| OFII | Office of Immigration and Integration (Office Français de l'Immigration et de l'Intégration) (France) |
| OFPRA | Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (Office Français de Protection des Réfugiés et Apatrides) (France) |
| OPU | Organization for Aid to Refugees (Czechia) |
| PBGB | Police and Border Guard Board (Estonia) |
| PIC | Legal-Informational Centre for NGOs (Slovenia) |
| PKK | Kurdistan Workers' Party |
| PMM | Presidency for Migration Management |
| PTSD | post-traumatic stress disorder |
| OPU | Organization for Aid to Refugees (Czechia) |
| QD | Qualification Directive (recast) |
| RAO | Regional Asylum Office (Greece) |
| RIC | Reception and Identification Centre (Greece) |
| SAR | search and rescue |
| SEF | Immigration and Border Service (Portugal) |
| SEM | State Secretariat for Migration (Switzerland) |
| SMA | Swedish Migration Agency (Sweden) |
| SOGIESC | Sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and sex characteristics |
| UCPM | Union Civil Protection Mechanism |
| UDI | Directorate for Immigration (Norway) |
| UNCAT | UN Committee Against Torture |
| UNCRC | United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child |
| UNHCR | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| UNHRC | UN Human Rights Committee |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Emergency Fund |
| UNRWA | United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East |
| WHO | World Health Organization |