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Country of origin information - Advanced

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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 6

Version

Version 1 (2025)

Entry requirements

Full qualification at EQF Level 5 or equivalent AND proficiency in English

Prerequisites

Successfully passed Introduction to country of origin information OR at least 3 months of work experience as a case officer or COI researcher

Assessment

Case scenario, drafting & peer reviewing a COI query response

Languages

English

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DESCRIPTION

The aim of this module is to provide learners with advanced knowledge and skills on COI research principles and strategy, including online research methods.

The module focuses on examining special contexts of research, such as vulnerable groups, serious harm as defined in Article 15c of the Qualification Regulation and exclusion. In addition, learners are helped to develop the skills of drafting and presenting COI products by applying the techniques of quoting, rephrasing, paraphrasing, summarising, and synthesising the information, and ensuring that COI products are drafted respecting applicable quality standards.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

Skills

1. Apply the appropriate strategy/strategies when researching Country of Origin Information

2. **Apply the available techniques to construct useful COI products**

3. **Ensure that COI products meet quality standards.**

Competence

4. **Decode fundamental aspects of the research topics of vulnerable groups, Article 15(c) QR and exclusion.**

DELIVERY METHOD

The module follows a blended learning approach. It uses interactive elements such as infographics, animations, practical examples, and scenarios to engage learners. Activities include reflection exercises, case-based assignments, and research simulations to reinforce learning outcomes.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

The assessment strategy is based on a single assessment divided into two parts. The first part involves a written case scenario where learners apply COI research strategies, analyse research topics related to vulnerable groups, Article 15(c) QR, or exclusion, and draft a formal query response. The second part requires learners to conduct a peer review, ensuring COI quality standards are met.

Accredited module details

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Duration	**15 hours online learning** **1.5 days face to face**
Number of ECTS	**2**
Language	**English**
Assessment	**3 hours**

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Training plan	Target group	Loc.	Est. time for online studies	Reg. deadline	Online	Webinar / Face to face	Assessment
Learners curriculum (Accredited)	**Asylum staff**	**Malta**	**15 hours**	**31/8/2026**	**12/10 to 30/10/2026**	**5-6/11/2026**	**23/11/2026**

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