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In the context of asylum, statelessness may affect the determination process for an application for international protection and procedural safeguards. Issues of statelessness were the focus of legislative and policy developments in several EU+ countries in 2021, which took steps toward addressing statelessness, including through accession to relevant international legal instruments, the establishment of dedicated statelessness determination procedures and facilitating access to naturalisation.

Nevertheless, some challenges seemed to persist, including a lack of awareness and expertise on issues related to statelessness in the asylum context. This can create uncertainty for applicants about the process and their rights and obligations, and can lead to improper identification and registration.

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