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Section 2 presents an overview of CEAS and the latest legislative and policy developments shaping its evolution at the EU level, set against the backdrop of key developments in 2022 and early 2023.

This section also provides an overview of jurisprudence by the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU), which in 2022 issued more than 20 judgments in the area of international protection and related topics.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine caused forced displacement of unprecedented levels in recent decades in Europe and added pressure on already-saturated reception systems. Displaced persons from Ukraine and the activation of the Temporary Protection Directive were at the heart of policy debates and discussions on practices in asylum and migration in 2022.

The effective management of external borders and the associated impact on the proper functioning of the Schengen system were also key topics among European policymakers. Efforts were made to strengthen cooperation with countries of origin and transit to address irregular migration.

Under the French and Czech Presidencies of the Council of the EU, advancements were made toward the adoption of instruments included in the Pact on Migration and Asylum. These efforts culminated into political agreement on a joint roadmap for negotiations between the co-legislators, aiming to adopt the legislative proposals before the end of the 2019-2024 legislative period.

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