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While the Practical Guide does replace the core and advanced EASO training in Interview Techniques, Interviewing Vulnerable Persons and Interviewing Children, it has been developed in line with the structured interview method they are based on. EASO hopes that the Guide will be useful for case officers as a practical tool to assist them in one of their most important tasks, conducting a good quality personal interview, and that it will be found helpful as a tool for self-evaluation as well as quality supervision.

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