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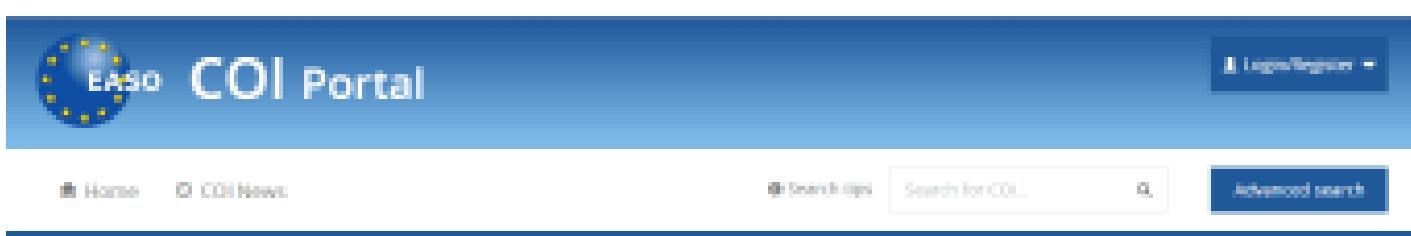
## New COI Portal Beta version

### EASO is pleased to announce the launch of the new COI Portal Beta version

Now accessible to the public with the aim to increase COI transparency for all asylum practitioners, including civil society, this platform has been redesigned to provide attractive and up-to-date interfaces and improved search capabilities. Re-focused as a specialist application, the EASO COI Portal delivers COI authored by national asylum administrations from EU Member States, Norway and Switzerland, EASO and EU institutions (EU External Action Service, European Parliament, etc.).

This beta version allows users to search for COI from different sources, in different languages and to be regularly informed of COI publications or events. Additional features - such as country or topic specific alerts, country overview pages, and dedicated collaboration spaces for the EASO COI Specialists Networks - will be added progressively throughout the year 2016. For non-English documents, more English abstracts will be provided in the future, allowing the users to identify relevant information. Visit the EASO COI Portal at: <https://coi.easo.europa.eu/>

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The screenshot shows the EASO COI Portal homepage. At the top, there is a blue header with the EASO logo and the text 'COI Portal'. On the right side of the header is a 'Log in/Register' button. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'COI News', 'Search tips', 'Search for COI...', 'Advanced search', and a magnifying glass icon. The main content area features a large 'Welcome to the EASO COI Portal' heading. Below this, there is a text block about the portal's purpose and a quote from Peter S. from the COI network. At the bottom left, there is a 'LEARN MORE' button.

## Welcome to the EASO COI Portal

The EASO COI Portal provides access to Country of Origin information (COI) for use in Protection Status Determination procedures. It is managed by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) in cooperation with the national asylum authorities of EU+ (EU+ Member States plus Norway and Switzerland). For more information on EASO, see below.

The EASO COI Portal provides selected COI authored by EU+ national asylum authorities, EASO and other EU institutions (for example, the EU External Action Service). This is the initial version of the Portal (Beta). It will be further developed throughout 2016. Users can expect new functionalities on a regular basis. Additionally, for non-English documents, more English abstracts will be provided in the future, allowing users to identify relevant information.



This Website is an essential resource for asylum officials. It provides valuable information on countries of origin.

— Peter S. from the COI network