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The CJEU held that applicants in the Dublin procedure should have access to the labour market under the same conditions as any other applicant under the recast Reception Conditions Directive *(*see Section 2.4). Malta changed its policy which now allows applicants in the Dublin procedure to access the labour market 9 months after the lodging of an application, while other applicants become entitled to work as soon as they receive confirmation of their asylum application. The Malta Refugee Council published a statement, endorsed by 28 civil society organisations, expressing their concern with this policy and noting that it may further marginalise their situation, for example, having a negative impact on their mental health.470

In Belgium, the State Secretary for Asylum and Migration announced that children, applicants with vulnerabilities and first-time applicants have priority to receive reception over applicants who have already sought asylum in another EU Member State.471

Following a judgment from the Supreme Court in 2018, the Slovenian International Protection Act was amended to include that applicants awaiting a transfer to another country under the Dublin III Regulation have the same reception rights as other applicants until their transfer.

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