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Asylum applications remain at high levels in January



Analysis released by the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) estimates that about 92 000 asylum applications were lodged in the EU+ in January 2023, after a similar number was recorded in December 20221.

Applications have been at high levels since last autumn, resulting in almost 1 million being lodged in 2022. At the same time, over 4 million persons have fled Ukraine and benefit from temporary protection in the EU, which guarantees access to accommodation, social and medical assistance, and education.

In January 2023, **Syrians** (12 700) and **Afghans** (12 100) continued to lodge the most applications for international protection, with monthly figures increasing year-on-year. **Turks** lodged approximately one-third more applications in January 2023 (6 400) than the 2022 monthly average, while **Venezuelans** (4 800) and **Colombians** (4 400) also recorded high numbers of applications; two-fifths and four-fifths higher than in January 2022, respectively.

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In January 2023, **the EU+ recognition rate was 41 %**, in line with the previous month, but up by several percentage points compared to January 2022. The EU+ recognition rate does not include persons receiving a form of national protection, as is often the case with Venezuelan nationals.

At the end of January 2023, there were **644 000 cases awaiting a decision** at first instance, the **most since early 2017** when EU+ countries were processing applications lodged during the migration crisis of 2015-2016.

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