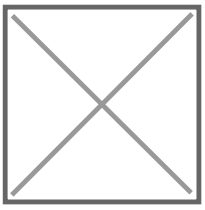

# Practical Guide on applicants with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and sex characteristics

**The Practical Guide on applicants with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and sex characteristics provides practical guidance to reception and asylum staff on how to identify, consider and address the specific needs of LGBTIQ applicants, and on the examination of SOGIESC-based asylum claims. Additionally, it supports the decision making of policy makers and managers of asylum and reception authorities.**

The Guide is composed of three standalone yet complementary and interlinked parts:

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- **Cross-cutting elements**

It provides guidance on elements that are cross-cutting and relevant to both asylum procedure and reception, including legal framework, safe spaces and inclusive communication, interpretation, information provision, capacity building, cooperation and coordination.

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- **Examination Procedure**

It provides practical guidance specifically focused on the key aspects relating to the examination of applications for international protection with SOGIESC-based claims, including the registration, personal interview, evidence and risk assessment as well as the legal analysis.

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- **Reception**

It provides guidance and practical recommendations on the design and management of reception systems and the provision of reception conditions in a manner that takes into account the possible special reception needs of LGBTIQ applicants on both an individual and a collective basis.

The Guide is also complemented by an Information Note which intends to help professionals working in the field of asylum in enhancing their awareness and skills regarding key terms and concepts relating to SOGIESC.

**Target group:**

registration officers, asylum case officers, reception workers, vulnerability experts, decision makers, policymakers and managers in asylum and reception, quality officers, legal advisers, civil society, other stakeholders involved in the provision of reception conditions

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