

Introduction

INTRODUCTION

Last updated: January 2025

The country guidance documents provide country-specific common analysis and guidance in relation to the assessment criteria established in the recast [Qualification Directive \(QD\)](#)¹ and in the newly adopted [Qualification Regulation \(QR\)](#)², which will repeal the QD with its entry into application on 1 July 2026. They are developed by the EUAA together with a network of senior-level policy officials from EU+ countries and represent their joint assessment of the situation in main countries of origin, in accordance with current EU legislation and jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

The aim of the country guidance documents is to assist decision-makers and policy-makers in their daily work and to foster convergence in the assessment of applications for international protection and the type of protection granted in the context of the Common European Asylum System.

The development, review and update of country guidance is regulated under [Article 11 of the EUAA Regulation](#).

In accordance with [Article 11\(3\) EUAA Regulation](#), Member States have the obligation to take into account the common analysis and guidance notes when examining applications for international protection, without prejudice to their competence to decide on individual applications.

This common analysis is based on country of origin information (COI) covering the period 1 January 2023 - 17 October 2024.

The analysis and guidance in this document should be considered valid as long as current events and developments in the country fall within the trends and patterns described within the COI on which the assessment at hand is based on.

The analysis and guidance provided in this document are not exhaustive.

Common analysis, guidance note and methodological approach

The country guidance document consists of two components: the guidance note and the common analysis. These two parts focus on the situation in the country of origin and provide analysis and guidance on the assessment of relevant international protection needs.



Guidance note

The guidance note is the first part in the structure of the document.

It outlines the key conclusions of the common analysis in a light user-friendly format.

Common analysis

The common analysis is the second, more detailed, part. It analyses the available COI and provides guidance in accordance with the applicable legislation, relevant jurisprudence and general guidance.

They should be read in conjunction with the separate document '[Country Guidance: explained](#)'.

Country Guidance: explained

This document outlines the general guidance relied upon in this analysis, as well as the methodological framework, approach and indicators used to assess the different elements of qualification for international protection.

Scope of this development

This development focuses on the international protection needs of the most encountered profiles of applicants for international protection in the caseload of EU+ countries. It covers the situation of individuals perceived by the Iranian authorities as criticising them; deserters and those encouraging desertion; individuals considered as converts, apostates, blasphemers, atheists; individuals perceived to have transgressed Islamic norms or laws; ethnic and religious minorities; women and girls, and persons with diverse SOGIESC. Additionally, this development covers the international protection needs of Iranian applicants under the meaning of Article 15 QD/QR, as well as the potential availability of an internal protection alternative. The main actors in Iran are covered by the sections on actors of persecution or serious harm and actors of protection. Finally, general exclusion considerations to take into consideration when assessing international protection needs of Iranian applicants are also dealt with in the present development.

This update is based on the following recent COI:

[Image](#)



[Country Focus 2024](#)

EUAA COI Report: Iran - Country Focus
(June 2024)



COI QUERY

Country of Origin: IRAN

Topic: Major political, security, and humanitarian developments

Reference period: 01 April to 31 October 2024

Episodes: 1. Political situation with a focus on elections
2. Security situation
3. Humanitarian developments

Date of completion: 05 October 2024

Query Code: 2024-0004

Contributing ECR COI units: NA

[COI Update 2024](#)

EUAA COI Query:
 Iran – Major political, security, and humanitarian developments
 (7 October 2024)



COI QUERY

Country of Origin: Iran

Topic: Human rights situation

Reference period: 01 January 2023 to 31 October 2024

Episodes: 1. Treatment of gender parity
2. Arrests
3. Detentions
4. Human rights
5. Human rights
6. Human rights
7. Human rights
8. Human rights
9. Human rights
10. Human rights
11. Human rights
12. Human rights
13. Human rights
14. Human rights
15. Human rights
16. Human rights
17. Human rights
18. Human rights
19. Human rights
20. Human rights
21. Human rights
22. Human rights
23. Human rights
24. Human rights
25. Human rights
26. Human rights
27. Human rights
28. Human rights
29. Human rights
30. Human rights
31. Human rights
32. Human rights
33. Human rights
34. Human rights
35. Human rights
36. Human rights
37. Human rights
38. Human rights
39. Human rights
40. Human rights
41. Human rights
42. Human rights
43. Human rights
44. Human rights
45. Human rights
46. Human rights
47. Human rights
48. Human rights
49. Human rights
50. Human rights

Date of completion: 07 October 2024

Query Code: 2024-0004

Contributing ECR COI units: The Human Rights of the query was reviewed by the Danish Investigation Service (DIP) Denmark

[COI Human Rights](#)

EUAA COI Query:
 Iran – Human rights situation
 (17 October 2024)

euga
EUROPEAN UNION
AGENCY FOR
EXTERNAL GUARDIANSHIP

COI QUERY

Country of Origin: **IRAN**

Main subject: **Desertion/draft evasion from the army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)**

Keywords:

1. Changes on the former military forces
2. Regular army (IR Army)
3. Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)
4. Military service
5. Legal framework on desertion/draft evasion
6. Treatment of deserters/draft evaders by the authorities
7. Prison conditions

Date of completion: 14 February 2022

Query Code: 06-2022

Contributing EUGA COI units (if applicable): N/A

Overview

This response to a COI query has been endorsed according to the [EUGA COI Query Endorsement and Release Policy](#).

This response provided in this report has been researched, available and provided with utmost care within the stipulated time. All sources used are referenced. If quality issues have been performed in line with the above mentioned methodology, the information can be used for individual country operations in the field of the query also when in international protection. It is noted that persons in registration is not mentioned in this report. Any data not listed here does not necessarily reflect the personal registration data and does not constitute a list of persons. Technology used should not be regarded as indicative of a particular registration.

The information in this response does not necessarily reflect the opinion of EUGA and makes no political statement whatsoever.

The report contains no recommendations, COI assessments, policy advice, and decision-making guidelines. The report was published on 14 February 2022. Any corrections should be made as soon as possible in the system.

COI Desertion

EUAA COI Query:

Iran - Desertion/draft evasion from the army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) (February 2022)

euga
EUROPEAN UNION
AGENCY FOR
EXTERNAL GUARDIANSHIP

COI QUERY

Country of Origin: **IRAN**

Title: **Situation of atheists and non-religious individuals, including legislation, treatment by state actors and society, availability of state protection**

Reference period: January 2023 to 31 November 2023

Keywords:

1. Desecration
2. Legislation
3. Treatment in society
4. Treatment by the State
5. Availability of state protection

Date of completion: 17 November 2023

Query Code: 06-2023

Contributing EUGA COI units (if applicable): N/A

Overview

This response to a COI query has been researched according to the [EUGA COI Query Endorsement and Release Policy](#).

This response provided in response to COI information requests received from external authorities within the stipulated time period based on COI information needs. Being prepared and provided with utmost care within the stipulated time period. This report contains the information provided in this response has been researched, available and provided with utmost care.

All sources used are referenced and cited in the bibliography section. If quality issues have been performed in line with the above mentioned methodology, the information can be used for individual country operations in the field of the query also when in international protection. It is noted that persons in registration is not mentioned in this report. Any data not listed here does not necessarily reflect the personal registration data and does not constitute a list of persons. Technology used should not be regarded as indicative of a particular registration.

The information in this response does not necessarily reflect the opinion of EUGA and makes no political statement whatsoever.

The report contains no recommendations, COI assessments, policy advice, and decision-making guidelines. Any corrections should be made as soon as possible in the system.

COI Atheists

EUAA COI Query:

Iran - Situation of atheists and non-religious individuals, including legislation, treatment by state actors and society, availability of state protection (November 2023)

[Annex II. Country of origin information references](#) provides further details on all COI reports used as a basis for the analysis within this document. References and links within this document are to the respective sections of these COI reports.

To access EUAA COI reports, visit <https://euaa.europa.eu/coi-publications>.

- [1](#)

Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted (recast).

- [2](#)

Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.