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EUAA to begin providing internationally recognised qualifications to asylum and reception officials in 2025



The EUAA has received official recognition as a further and higher education provider from the Maltese authorities. The accreditation is a major milestone in supporting Member States to achieve a professional, effective, and unified approach to asylum and reception management across Europe.

The European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) **has become a formal qualifications provider** (MFHEA License n°2024-027) that will be able to grant European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits to officials working in asylum and reception roles. Starting in early 2025, credits earned through the EUAA's specialised training modules will count toward levels 4, 5, 6, or 7 in the European Qualifications Framework. At a later stage, a new **European Master's in Asylum and Reception Management** programme will be made available to eligible officials in Member States' national authorities.

The asylum and reception sectors have long been characterised by a lack of formal educational pathways tailored to national officials. They will now have the means **to validate their achievements**, a key step forward in the sectors' overall professionalisation.

Ed's quote

Since 2012, the Agency **had recorded almost 98 000 participations** in its different training sessions. In 2024, over **8 800 asylum and reception officials have been trained** across the 955 sessions organised by the EUAA and EU+ countries.

By providing certified training at the European level with its European Asylum Curriculum, the Agency ensures that:

- **Training outcomes align seamlessly with needs on the ground**, so that officials possess the knowledge and skills to operate quickly and effectively;
- Participants obtain the **essential knowledge of European legal frameworks** related to international protection;
- Advanced training enables officials to develop the highly specialised skills needed for **working with vulnerable applicants**.

Background

The Pact on Migration and Asylum, which becomes applicable in June 2026, significantly strengthens requirements around, and broadens the scope of, training. Under Article 8(4) of the EUAA Regulation, read together with the new Asylum Procedure Regulation, and as provided for in Articles 13(5) and (8[b]) and Article 34(3) thereof, personnel interviewing applicants and examining applications must receive training in advance. In addition, Member States must prioritise the deployment of interpreters and cultural mediators who have received such training.

The recast of the Reception Conditions Directive states that national authorities must ensure personnel working with vulnerable applicants with special reception needs, receive and maintain appropriate training per Articles 25(2[a]) and 28(2), whereas Article 33(1) states that national authorities must include the relevant elements of the EUAA's European Asylum Curriculum in their training programmes.

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