

4. Refugee status

COMMON ANALYSIS

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This chapter provides analysis and guidance on the potential international protection needs of selected profiles of applicants. These profiles were identified based on their relevance in the caseload of EU Member States. The changing circumstances in Syria might affect the composition of the caseload. Member States along with the EUAA will closely monitor the situation and may adapt the list of Refugee Status profiles in future updates.

The list of profiles addressed in this chapter is non-exhaustive and the fact that a certain profile is included or not is without prejudice to the determination of their international protection needs. Furthermore, the order of listed profiles does not reflect any ranking of the potential level of risk of persecution.

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