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# List of abbreviations and glossary

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## C

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| **CEAS** | Common European Asylum System |
| **CiSS** | Children in street situations |
| **CJEU** | Court of Justice of the European Union |
| **COI** | Country of Origin Information |

## D

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| **DAANES** | Democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria |
| **DAM** | Damascus International Airport |

## E

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| **ERW** | Explosive Remnants of War |
| **EUAA** | European Union Agency for Asylum |
| **EU** | European Union |
| **EU+ countries** | Member States of the European Union and associated countries |

## F

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| **FSA** | Free Syrian Army |

## G

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| **GAPAR** | General Administration for Palestinian Arab Refugees |
| **GBV** | Gender Based Violence |
| **GoS** | Government of Syria |
| **GSS** | General Security Services |

## H

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| **HTS** | Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham |

## I

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| **ID** | Identification Documentation |
| **IDF** | Israel Defence Forces |
| **IDP** | Internally Displaced Person |
| **IEDs** | Improvised Explosive Devices |
| **IOM** | International Organization for Migration |
| **IPA** | Internal Protection Alternative |
| **ISIL** | Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant |

## K

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| **KWU** | Kurdistan Women Union |

## L

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| **LGBTIQ** | LGBTIQ people are people:<br>-who are attracted to others of their own gender (lesbian, gay) or any gender (bisexual);<br>-whose gender identity and/or expression does not correspond to the sex they were assigned at birth (trans, non-binary);<br>-who are born with sex characteristics that do not fit the typical definition of male or female (intersex); and<br>-whose identity does not fit into a binary classification of sexuality and/or gender (queer). |

## M

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| **MS** | Member States of the European Union |
| **MOD** | Ministry of Defence |
| **MOI** | Ministry of Interior |

## N

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| **NDF** | National Defence Forces, *Quwat al Difa al Watani* |
| **NLF** | National Liberation Front |

## P

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| **PiN** | People in Need |
| **PKK** | Kurdistan Workers' Party |
| **PYD** | Democratic Union Party (Kurdish) |

## Q

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| **QD**<br>(Qualification Directive) | 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) |
| **QR**<br>(Qualification Regulation) | 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. |

## R

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| **Refugee Convention** | The 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and its 1967 Protocol (referred to in EU asylum legislation and by the CJEU as ‘the Geneva Convention’) |
| **RPGs** | Rocket Propelled Grenades |

## S

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| **SAF** | Syrian Armed Forces |
| **SDF** | Syrian Democratic Forces |
| **SJAC** | Syria Justice and Accountability Centre |
| **SNA** | Syrian National Army |
| **SNHR** | Syrian Network for Human Rights |
| **SOGIESC** | Sexual orientation (SO) and/or gender identity and expression (GIE), and sex characteristics (SC) |

## U

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| **UAS** | Unmanned Aircraft Systems |
| **UN** | United Nations |
| **UNDP** | United Nations Development Programme |
| **UNHCR** | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| **UNICEF** | United Nations Children's Fund |
| **UNRWA** | The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East |
| **US** | United States of America |
| **UXO** | Unexploded ordnance |

## W

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| **WFP** | UN World Food Programme |
| **WHO** | World Health Organisation |

## Y

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| **YPG** | Kurdish People’s Protection Units |

**YPJ** Kurdish Women’s Protection Units

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