

2.3. National assessments of serious (non-political) crimes

The following subsections address how national courts in EU+ countries have interpreted this exclusion ground in light of the criteria set out in the CJEU's *Ahmed* judgment. Section 2.3.1. assesses how courts determine the nature of the crime and the harm caused, taking into account various indicators to draw their conclusions. Following this, Section 2.3.2. examines how courts have interpreted the remaining *Ahmed* criteria which concern the assessment of the crime in light of criminal classifications to determine the seriousness of the crime. Section 2.3.3 delves into the assessment of the 'non-political' nature of the crime, specific to exclusion from refugee status, while Section 2.3.4. discusses how courts have interpreted the applicable standard of proof.

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