

Articles about EASO

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2021

- **elpais.com**: The EU seeks greater support from Morocco against irregular immigration in exchange for more aid - Morocco to adopt the asylum law, and to promote the role of the European Asylum Agency (EASO) in the construction of an asylum system.
- **politico.eu**: Number of migrants returned to Libya could reach all-time high - This comes after ministers from Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Italy, and Malta offered their support for a deal that could turn EASO into a fully-fledged European agency.
- **2021portugal.eu**: Portuguese Presidency prepares the creation of a European agency devoted to asylum - The Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union has obtained approval from the Member States for the extension of the mandate to negotiate a new regulation for the European Asylum Support Office, aimed at establishing a fully-fledged European asylum agency.
- **elpais.com**: Spain has a unique system - Nina Gregori, Director of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), explains how the institution intends to help change the system
- **euobserver.com**: Deal reached on new EU asylum agency - MEPs and the European Council on Tuesday struck an agreement on the new EU Asylum Agency (EUAA), which will replace the existing European Asylum Support Office.
- **politico.eu:** EU at long last agrees on reform of asylum agency - Parliament and Council agree to create European Union Agency of Asylum.
- **Lefigaro.fr**: European Union: Asylum applications have fallen by 31% due to the pandemic - Asylum applications in the European Union fell by 31% in 2020, reaching their lowest level since 2013,"mainly due to movement restrictions" linked to the pandemic, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) said on Thursday (February 18th).
- **Spiegel.de**: EU agencies warn of more refugees - The main reason given by EASO was the "poor economic and medical situation in the countries of origin".
- **Europapress.es**: Spain establishes with the European Asylum Office the work phases to improve the Spanish reception system - The Spanish ambassador to Malta, Consuelo Femenía, has also attended this meeting, during which the teams from EASO and the Secretary of State for Migration have identified the main areas of support and priorities for the Plan.

2020

- **Welt.de**: This pilot project aims to dispel doubts about the EU asylum pact - not only should the national asylum authority, with the support of the EU asylum office EASO.
- **Mundiario.com**: Spain has 8,000 asylum seekers waiting for a reception quota - The minister has requested "an external evaluation from the European Asylum Office (EASO) to identify the needs of the system.
- **Euobserver.com**: Asylum applications to EU fall 31 percent compared to 2019 - The European Asylum Support Office (Easo) says the number asylum applications throughout the EU (plus Norway and Switzerland) dropped by 31 percent, when compared to the same period in 2019.
- **Agenceurope.eu**: Pandemic continues to have impact on level of asylum claims being filed - The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) confirmed on Wednesday 14 October in a new publication, that the restrictive measures related to Covid-19 have continued to have an impact on asylum applications in the EU.
- **France24.com**: The happiness of the evacuees from Lesbos - Since the fire in the Moria migrant camp, the Greek government, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the European Asylum Office (EASO) have evacuated more than 2,000 people to mainland Greece. Our special envoys witnessed one of these emotional evacuations. Final chapter of our series on Lesbos.
- **Agenparl.eu**: Age assessment process: child applicants and their right to information new easo & council of europe animation - World Children's Day is an opportunity for advocating, promoting and celebrating children's rights.

- **Lemonde.fr**: In Spain, the new life of Venezuelans - According to the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), more than 4 million people have fled the country.

ANSA Italian News Wire: Schinas meeting with Johansson and Frontex-Easo-Europol directors, 24 March 2020

- EU Observer: They had also announced a deployment of personnel to the EU's police agency Europol and another dealing with asylum known as the European Asylum Support Office (Easo), 5 March 2020
- Associated Press News: Increasing numbers of people applying for asylum in the European Union are arriving from countries with visa-free travel agreements with the bloc, notably from Latin America, rather than entering without permission, the EU's asylum agency said Wednesday, 27 February 2020
- New York Times: *More than 714,000 people applied for asylum or some form of international protection in Europe last year, up 13% from 2018, the European Asylum Support Office, or EASO, said in its latest report on asylum trends in 2019*, 27 February 2020
- BBC: "The number of Colombian applications has more than doubled," highlights the most recent trend analysis of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), which includes figures for 2019 through November, 26 February 2020

- Politico Europe: "Today's figures highlight that we remain well below the situation of a few years ago," the EASO's Executive Director Nina Gregori said in a statement accompanying the report, adding that the EU still needs a "sustainable, fair and crisis-proof asylum system.", 26 February 2020
- The UN Refugee Agency: The European Union (EU) has provided essential and continuous support to Greece through European Commission funding and its agencies such as the European Asylum Support Office, 24 February 2020
- Aljazeera: The European Asylum Support Office last week announced it will boost its personnel in Greece from 500 staffers to 1,500 - and assign a third of its budget to Greece, 4 February 2020
- Deutsche Welle: Meanwhile, the EU asylum office EASO also said it would double its staff in Greece to speed up the processing of asylum requests, 31 January 2020
- Reuters: The EU agency for refugees, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) said on Tuesday it will double its staff to 1,000 in Greece in the coming months to help it cope with thousands of migrants and refugees stranded on five islands, 29 January 2020
- InfoMigrants: The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) has since been in charge of coordinating the redistribution of the migrants who arrive in Malta and Italy, 27 January 2020
- Ta Nea: Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) speaks to 'NEWS' ahead of her forthcoming visit to Greece, 23 January 2020
- Die Welt: EASO, the European Asylum Support Office, needs to be transformed into a full-fledged EU Asylum Agency (EUAA), 16 January 2020
- Le Figaro: The European asylum agency announced Tuesday the doubling of its operations in 2020, in particular to strengthen its presence in Greece, Cyprus and Malta, where the influx of migrants exploded in 2019, 8 January 2020

2019

- Libération: Asylum: "The future Dublin mechanism should integrate solidarity", 19 December 2019
- Spiegel: According to the EU asylum authority EASO, there were a total of 80 asylum experts in 2019, including from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, to help with registration, 18 December 2019
- NTV: According to EASO, there were 124 civil servants from Germany in 2018, and 130 in 2017, 18 December 2019
- Forbes: The issue of counterfeit medicine is running rife in the middle eastern country, according to the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), 9 December 2019
- El País: The penultimate week of November (from 18 to 24) Spain received 3,661 demands for international protection. It is the largest weekly record since the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) began collecting this data in 2014, 2 December 2019
- Politico Playbook: Interview with Nina Gregori, 22 November 2019
- Die Welt: The future EU asylum agency EUAA would end the proceedings within "a few weeks", 17 November 2019
- El Confidencial: In periods of "mass arrivals" - which the law does not define - the first examination of a claim for international protection is allowed to be carried out by the

European Asylum Support Office (EASO), the Police or the Armed Forces instead of only by the service of Hellenic asylum, as it was done until now, 1 November 2019
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- ANSA Italian News Wire: Cyprus, Malta and Greece are at the top of the EU ranking for first asylum applications per million inhabitants, between January and July of this year. It emerges from the data of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), 8 October 2019
- Associated Press (AP): The number of EASO experts in Cyprus will soon double to 40 and reach 80 by the end of 2020 to help the country cope with the “disproportionate pressure” it faces, 19 September 2019
- Suddeutsche Zeitung: More asylum applications, 17 September 2019
- ANSA: Migrants: EASO - in July + 26% required protection in Europe, 17 September 2019
- Euronews: EU asylum applications jumped 10% in first six months of 2019, 13 August 2019
- Die Welt: These are the tricks of the smugglers, 7 August 2019
- The Guardian: As Trump closes US doors to migrants, Latin Americans look to Europe, 10 July 2019
- ABC International: Venezuela becomes the biggest exodus in Latin American history, 8 July 2019
- The Times: According to the annual report compiled by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), about 18,400 Venezuelans sought asylum in the EU between January and May, twice as many as in the same period last year, 25 June 2019
- Reuters: Asylum applications in EU rise as more Venezuelans seek refuge, 24 June 2019
- DW: "The fact that Venezuelans lodged more applications than Afghans represents a noticeable development," EASO said. "Venezuelan nationals had never lodged such a high number of applications in a single month ever before," 11 June 2019
- Politico: In a sign that downward trend might be stalling, the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) indicated in a report for March that asylum applications are on the rise, with a 20 percent increase that month compared to March 2018, 10 June 2019
- New York Times: For Central Americans, Fleeing to Europe May Beat Trying to Reach U.S., 9 June 2019
- Le Figaro: Les demandes d'asile retombées à leur niveau d'avant la crise en Europe, 14 February 2019
- AFP: Pedidos de asilo de venezuelanos dobraram na UE em 2018, 14 February 2019
- Euronews : Türkiye'den AB ülkelerine iltica başvurularında yüzde 48 artış, 14 February 2019
- Reuters: EU asylum applications fall to below half crisis peak, 13 February 2019

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- Politico: Boss of under-fire EU asylum agency pledges quick fix, 18 October 2018
- Le Monde: Jamil Addou, Director of the European Asylum Support Office, calls for greater harmonization in the examination of applications from refugees arriving in the EU, 18 October 2018

- Der Spiegel: We have to prove that the EU is capable of a structured, sustainable and predictable solution, says Addou, 18 October 2018
- Deutsche Welle: Anis Cassar, a spokesperson for the European Asylum Support Office, told DW that EU governments are granting more places to Afghan asylum-seekers this year over last. Cassar said that in 2017, 30 percent of Afghans were allowed to stay in their countries of application. For the first six months of 2018, he said that figure had risen to 43 percent, 10 October 2018
- El Mundo: The European Asylum Support Office began in early 2017 to make weekly and monthly reports on social networks to observe migratory trends, changes in prices and marketing strategies of traffickers, 4 July 2018 (Spanish)
- Politico: Applications for asylum fell by 44 percent across the EU in 2017 compared to the previous year, according to a report by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) released Monday, 18 June 2018
- Financial Times: The European Asylum Support Office's annual report found there were 728,470 applications for international protection in 2017, down 44 per cent from the previous year, 18 June 2018
- Deutsche Welle: Germany saw a 70 percent drop in asylum applications last year, data released on Monday by the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) showed, 18 June 2018
- Euractiv: A report by the EU asylum office, EASO clearly shows that the vast majority of the unaccompanied minors are from Afghanistan, 12 April 2018
- El Nacional: The number of Venezuelans who sought asylum in the European Union (EU) grew almost 800% in the last two years, being the tenth nationality that more requests accounted for during this period, reported Thursday the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), 5 April 2018 (Spanish)
- ANSA: Migrants: EU Agency, Venezuelan protection requests grow, 5 April 2018 (Italian)
- Georgia Today: EASO: Asylum Applications by Georgians to EU Increased by 113%, 2 March 2018
- Fox News: EASO said Thursday that 706,913 people sought asylum in the 28 EU nations plus Norway and Switzerland in 2017, 43 percent lower than the year before, 1 February 2018
- The Wall Street Journal: Syrians continued to make up the largest single group of asylum seekers in Europe, with 98,000 applications last year according to EASO, though that number was off 69% from 2016, 1 February 2018

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- EU Observer: EU asylum chief: The 'future' arrived in 2015, 20 November 2017
- EU Observer: Over 60,000 people claimed asylum in the EU, Norway and Switzerland in September 2017, compared to some 125,000 the same month last year, the European Asylum Support Office said Friday, 3 November 2017
- Interia.pl: We get a lot of feedback from the migrants we helped to relocate - they are studying, working, dreaming, they have learnt the language and the local community has adopted them. The lives of over 30,000 people have been changed for the better, 31 October 2017 (Polish)

- El Espanol: The Executive Director of the European Asylum Office, José Carreira, sees the need for a permanent mechanism for the distribution of refugees in the EU, 7 October 2017 (Spanish)
- Berliner Zeitung: Convincing evidence is also provided by a report from the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), 12 September 2017 (German)
- EU Reporter:The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) is supporting Italy's efforts with an online outreach campaign to identify all potential relocation applicants, 26 July 2017
- Euractiv: EASO: Vast majority of migrants arriving in Italy not eligible for relocation, 5 July 2017
- Times of Malta: Broad agreement to establish EU Agency for Asylum reached, 29 June 2017
- Welt.de: The real innovation, however, is the monitoring program of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) - a joint EU agency, 25 May 2017 (German)
- EU Observer: "The applications lodged in Greece indeed increased during the course of the year," said EASO spokesperson Jean-Pierre Schembri, 6 January 2017

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- Wall Street Journal.com: The current backlog of asylum claims in the European Union could take a year to work through, the European Asylum Support Office warned on Friday, 8 July 2016
- Reuters.com: Nearly 96,000 refugee and migrant children who traveled to Europe alone in 2015 sought asylum in the European Union, almost four times as many as the previous year said the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) said in its annual report for 2015, 8 July 2016
- The Economist.com: For the first time a private-security firm has been contracted to guard the hotspots, backing up the Greek police. "We have had a number of riots, staff have had to be evacuated quickly. So, we felt we needed additional security," said Jean-Pierre Schembri, EASO's spokesperson, 25 June 2016
- BBC.co.uk: EASO says 62 of its officers will arrive on the Greek island of Lesbos today to begin 'admissibility checks' for asylum seekers, 7 April 2016
- Voice of America: There will be individual assessments. There will be no automatic return. Everybody will be given the right to ask for asylum," Jean-Pierre Schembri, spokesman for the European Asylum Support Office, told VOA from Lesbos, 7 April 2016
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- Le Monde.fr: Naufrage en Méditerranée : la Commission européenne propose dix actions « immédiates » Dans ce domaine, le plan d'urgence prévoit le déploiement d'équipes du Bureau européen de soutien à l'asile (European Asylum Support Office, EASO) en Italie et en Grèce pour aider à la gestion des demandes d'asile, 20 April 2015
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