



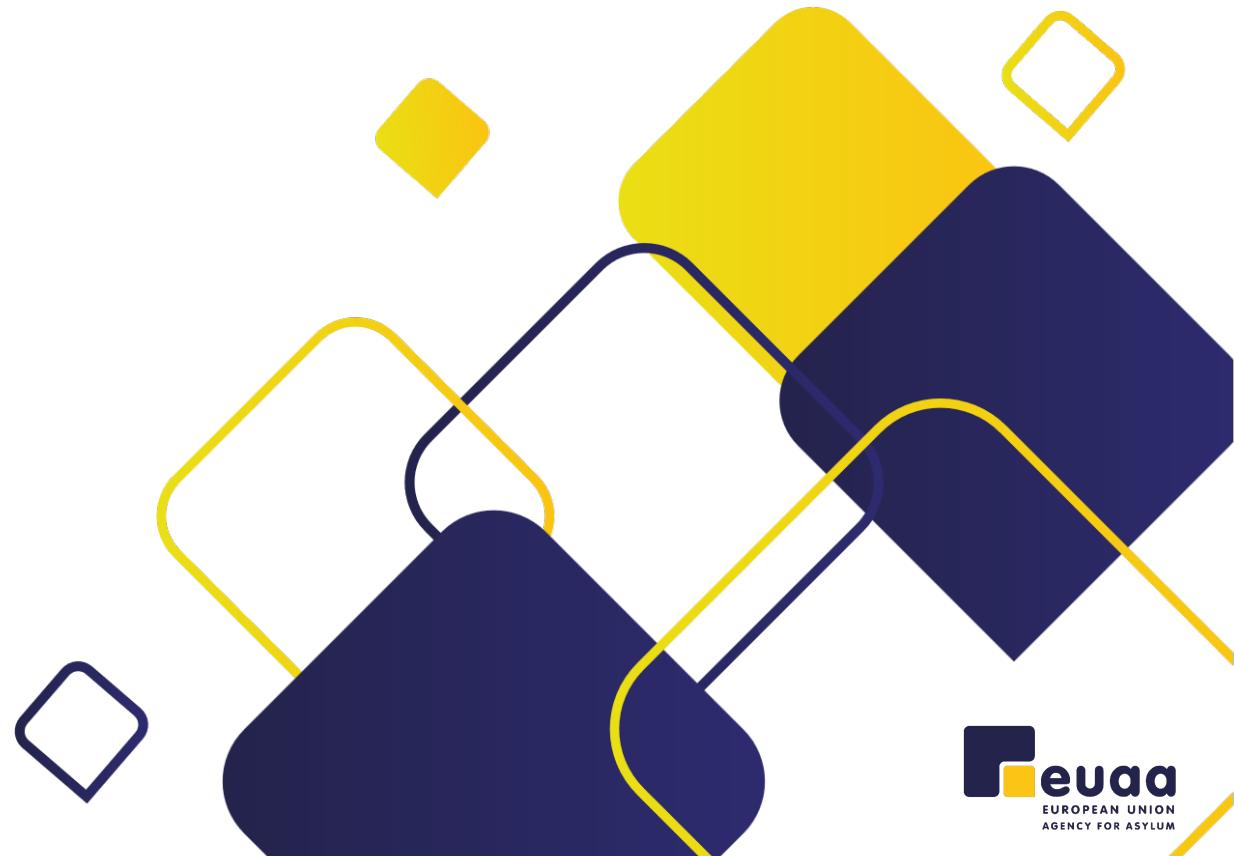
# EUAA Consultative Forum

## 4<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Marriott Hotel, St Julians

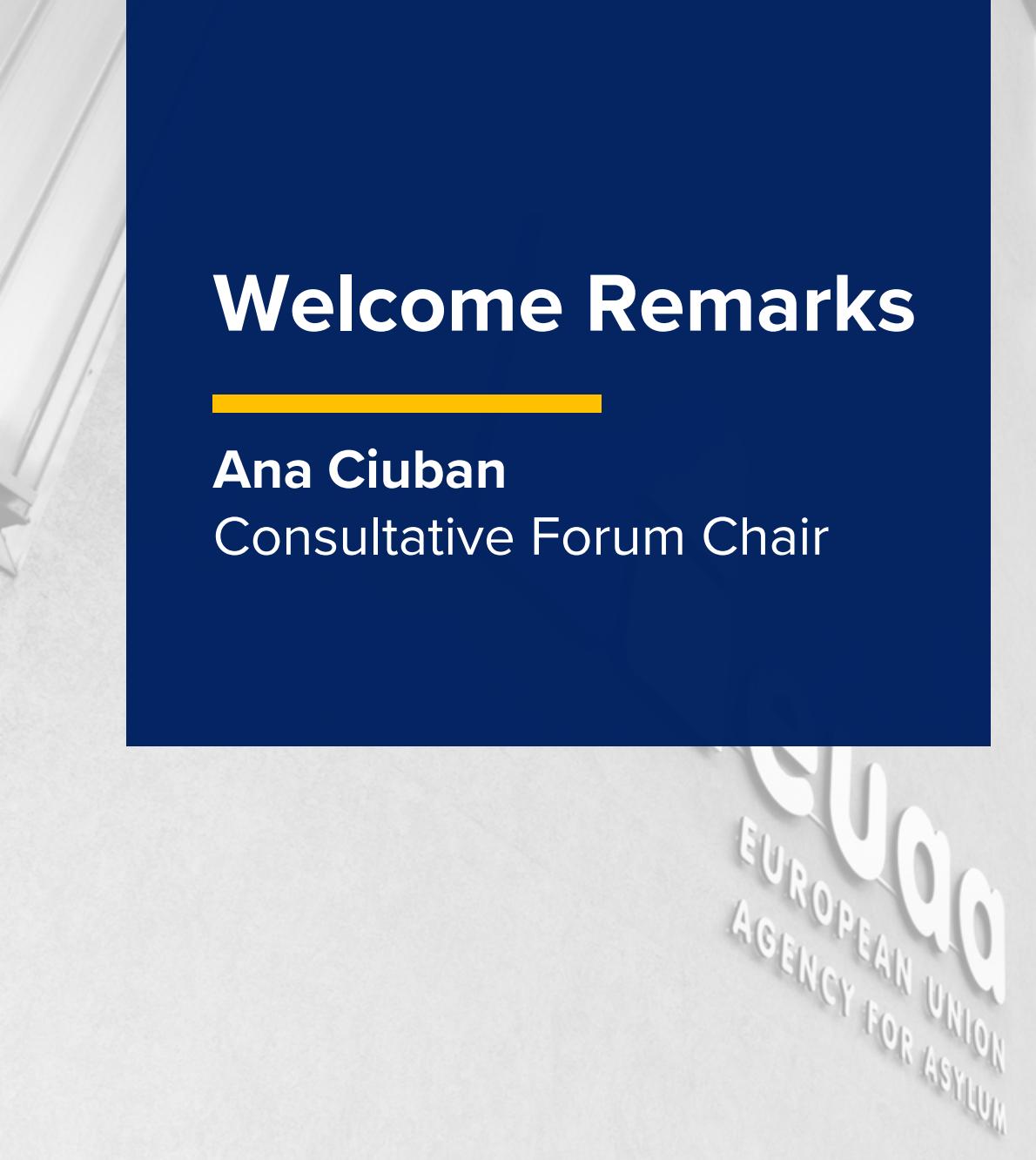
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# Welcome Remarks

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**Ana Ciuban**  
Consultative Forum Chair



# Opening Speech

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**Nina Gregori**  
EUAA Executive Director



# Panel debate

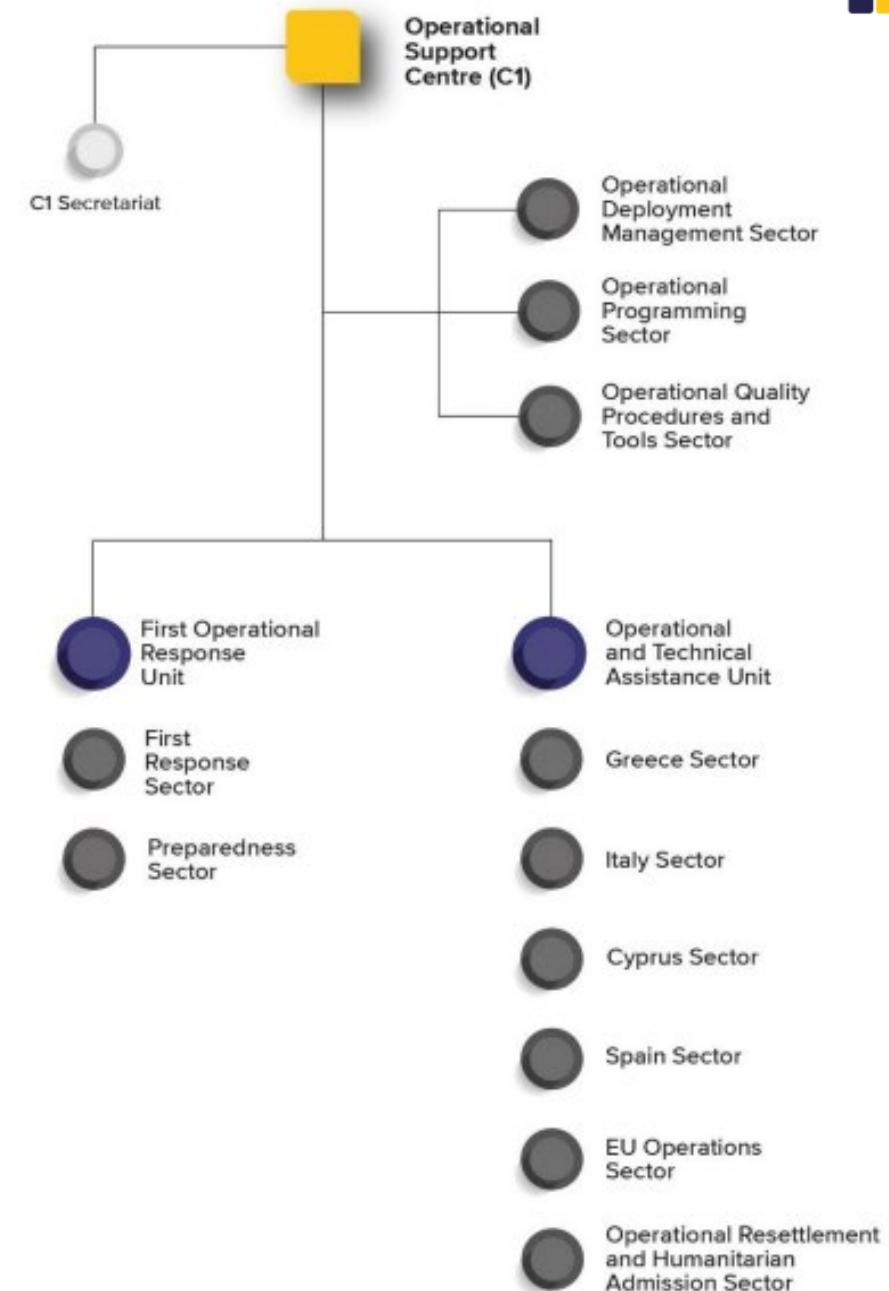
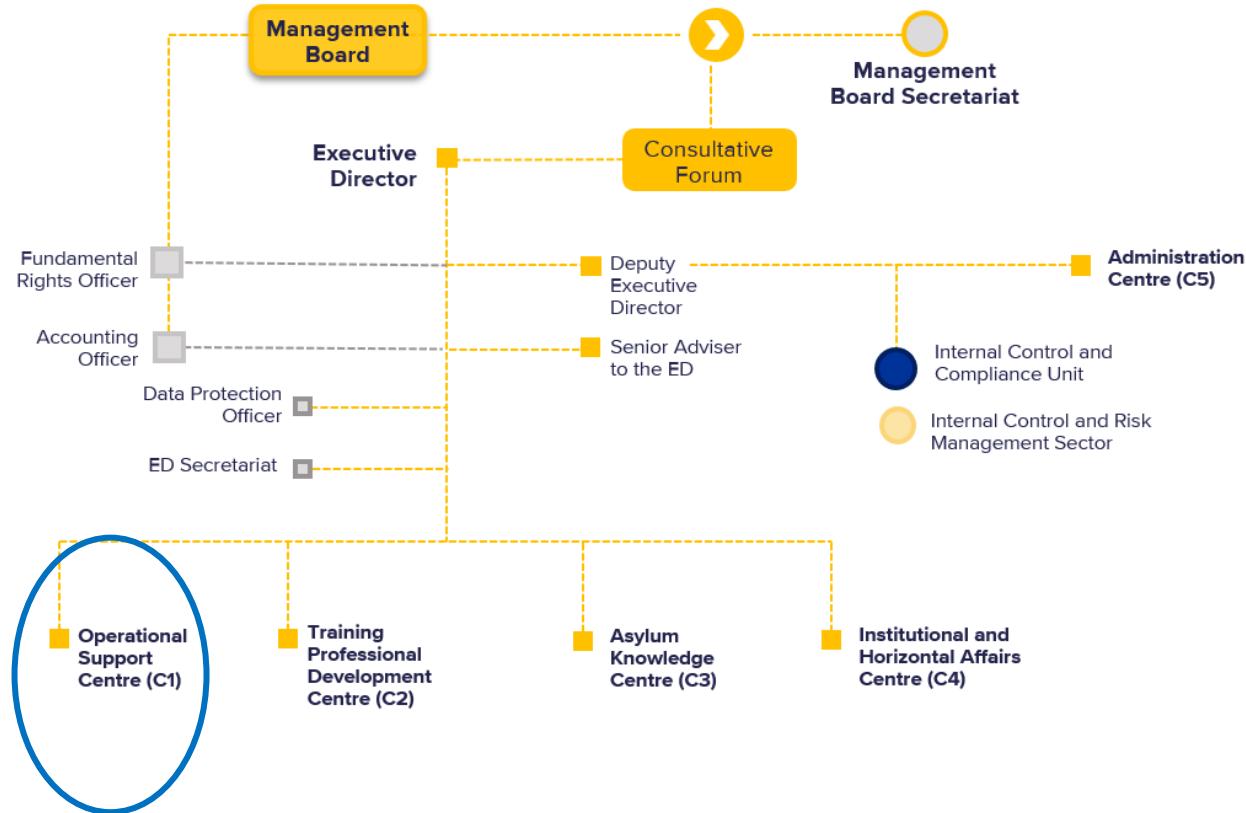
Updates on the situation of  
asylum in the EU and the  
Agency's activities



# EUAA's Operational Support Centre

Ilaria Siggia – Head of Operational Quality Procedures and Tools Sector

# C1 – Operational Support Centre



# Operational Support Centre



## MISSION



To provide operational and technical assistance to Member States, aiming to enhance their preparedness, asylum and reception systems, as well as to support their resettlement and humanitarian admission processes, in compliance with CEAS and in full respect of fundamental rights

## STRATEGIC GOALS



**SG3. Effective preparedness and rapid operational and technical response to Member States' needs, both with regard to the implementation of their obligations under the CEAS and when confronted with disproportionate pressure.**

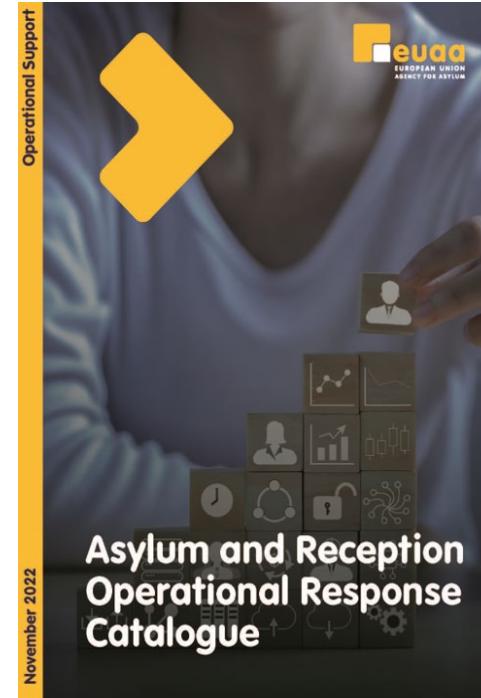
**SG5. Close cooperation with EU+ and third countries in the external dimension**

# How does EUAA deliver operational support?



Joint structured needs assessment between EUAA and the Member State concerned to inform and prioritize operational support that will be part of a binding agreement, the Operational Plan

The EUAA Asylum and Reception Operational Response Catalogue outlines the operational support interventions offered by EUAA and serves, together with needs assessments, as a foundation to the design of Operational Plans.



## First Response Support

Preparedness and frontline function in activity delivery, including first response to Member States to increase rapid response capacity (e.g. possible activation of the ARP) in case of a crisis or unexpected circumstances.



## Structural Operational Support

Operational support and technical assistance to Member States to shape their asylum and reception systems to ensure alignment with the EU legislative framework and standards.



## Relocation

Voluntary relocation schemes (e.g. VSM) to participating MS, coordination with the European Commission in line with Standard Operating Procedures agreed by participating Member States.



## Resettlement

Facilitating EU+ countries' efforts in providing legal access to the EU for persons in need of international protection. [RSF in Istanbul](#)

# EUAA Operational Support



## Timeline, budget and deployments



Total  
**1064**

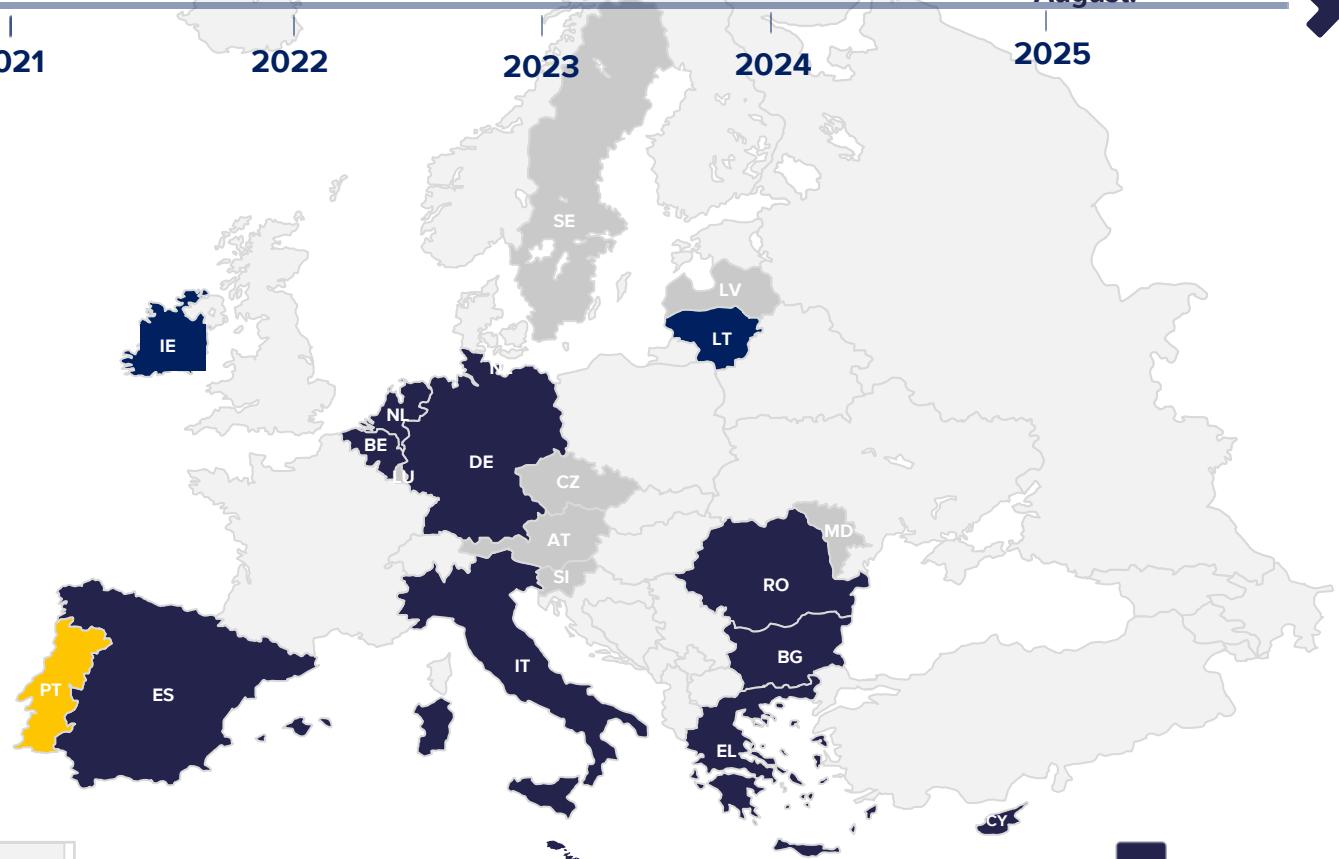
Temporary agency workers	<b>515</b> (48.4%)
Remunerated external experts	<b>481</b> (45.2%)
EUAA staff	<b>47</b> (4.4%)
Member State experts (MSEs)	<b>21</b> (2%)



**€ 89,000,00**  
allocated for  
Operational  
support activities



■ Current OPs ■ Previous operational activities ■ Future OPs



# EUAA Country Operations - Cooperation with Civil Society

*Some examples*



## **Greece:**

UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, Greek Council for Refugees, METAdrasi, RSA, InterSOS, Solidarity Now, Caritas, ZEUXIS, ARSIS, VELA, Network for Children's Rights, PIXIDA, Red Cross, MSF, NIDOS, SOS Villages, A21, HIAS, European Laywers in Lesvos, Equal Legal Aid, MdM, PRAKSIS.

## **Italy:**

Italy Red Cross, Save the Children, UNHCR, IOM and UNICEF.

## **Cyprus:**

CODECA, Cyprus Refugee Council, SPAVO, Metadrasi, Room for Hope, Red Cross, Generation for Change CY, Mihub, Emphasys, All 4aid, European University of Cyprus (EUC), Voges

## **Spain:**

The Red Cross, ACCEM, Fundación Cruz Blanca(FCB), ACCEM, FCB, CEPAIM, The Red Cross, AFAVI, Federación Andalucía Acoe, APIP ACAM, Arco Iris, Llar de Pau-Hijas de la Caridad, MPDL, Nuevo Hogar Betania, Asociación Engloba, ONG Rescate, UNICEF, SAVE THE CHILDREN, Asproinfa, SAMU, Nexus Meridional, Superacció, Fundacion Canaria CEP Social, Quorum, Coliseo, Nuevo Futuro, Respuesta social s.XXI, FEPAS, Mundo Nuevo.

**Bulgaria:** UNHCR, Mol, UNICEF, Bulgarian Red Cross, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, Council of Refugee Women in Bulgaria.

**The Netherlands:** UNHCR

**Romania:** UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, the Romanian National Council for Refugees (Fundația Consiliul Național Român pentru Refugiați - CNRR), The Romanian Ecumenical Church Association, AidROM (Asociația Ecumenică A Bisericilor Din Romania - Aidrom)

**Malta, Lithuania:** Various levels of engagement, mainly through meetings.

# Revised Code of Conduct



Consultation process including

- FRO - Article 49(5);
- CF - Article 50(6)



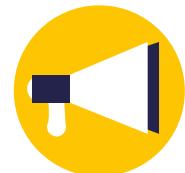
The updated CoC adopted by EDD – 5 May 2025



Applicable for all experts forming part of an Asylum Support Team (AST)



- MAIN CHANGES in line with EUAA Regulation (Art 58), EUAA Fundamental Rights Strategy and taking into account other examples.



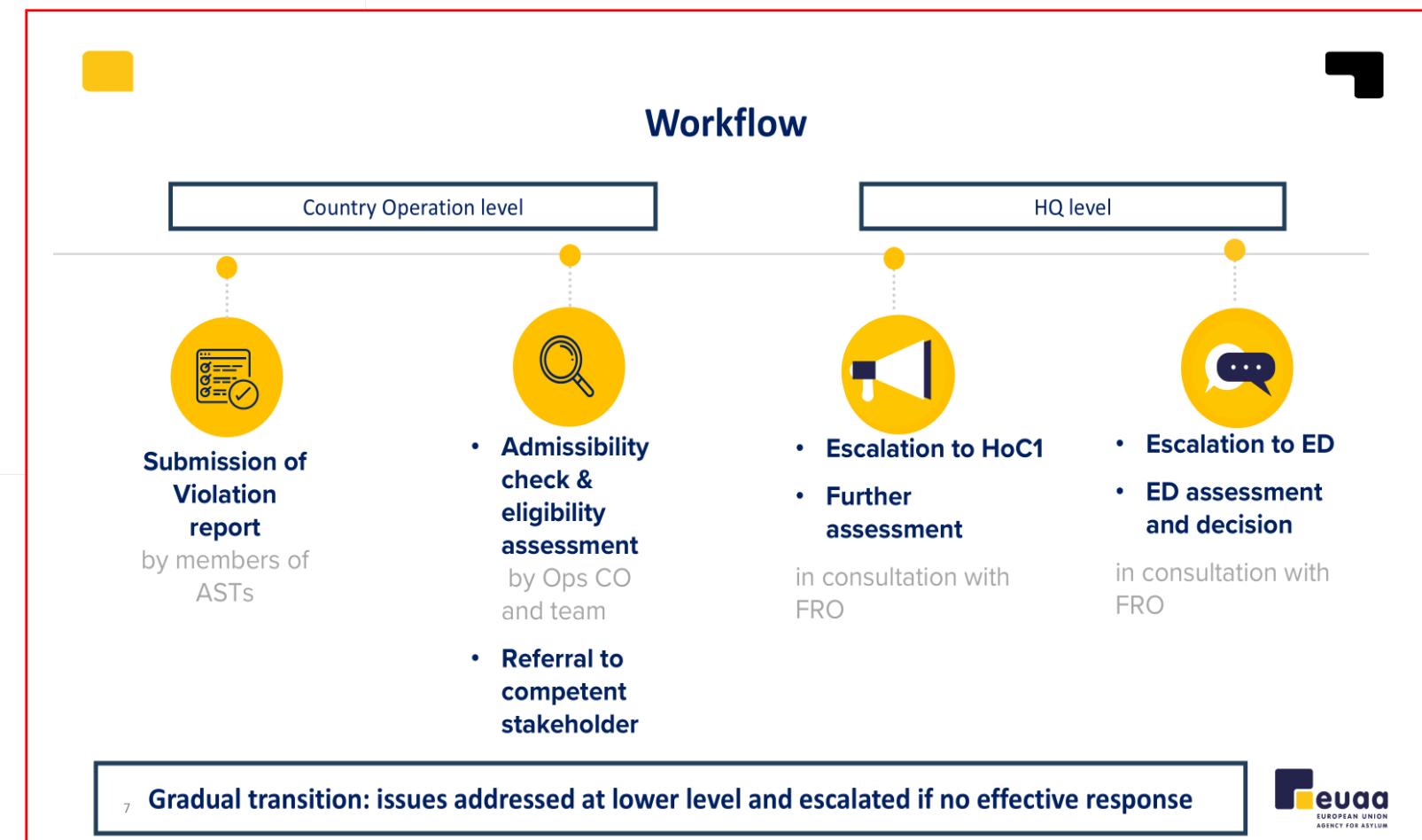
# Escalation Mechanism



- Internal mechanism to report, assess, escalate, and record violations, to ultimately inform an ED decision regarding implementation of Art. 18 (6) c of the EUAA Regulation

## SCOPE

- Alleged violations of fundamental rights (relevant to the EUAA mandate) and international protection obligations
- serious in nature or likely to persist
- Committed by authorities of host MSs or others acting on their behalf
- In the context of the EUAA operational support
- Stemming from incidents, practices, procedures, legislation, policies



## EUAA complementary mechanisms

**Code of Conduct:**  
breaches by ASTs,  
reported by any  
internal or external  
actors

**Complaints mechanism:**  
complaints from persons  
affected by the actions of ASTs,  
and who consider that their  
fundamental rights have been  
violated due to those actions

**Monitoring mechanism:**  
operational and  
technical application of  
the CEAS in MS  
monitored under the  
EUAA monitoring  
mandate

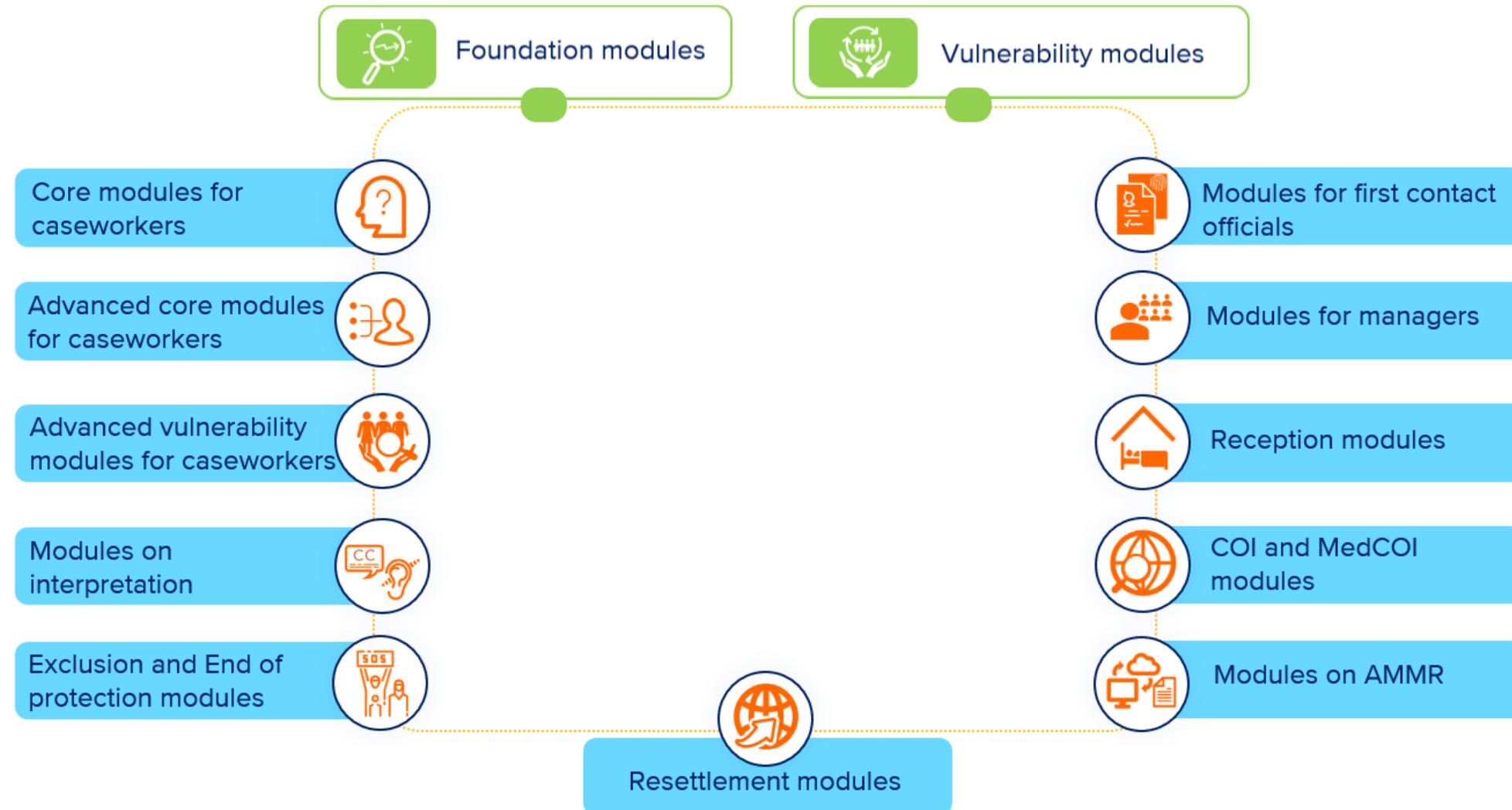
**Security  
incidents**

If a report is submitted to a mechanism but falls within a complementary mechanism, it shall be promptly forwarded, and the initiator shall be notified

# EUAA's Training and Professional Development Centre

Rachelle Cortis – Head of Training and Professional Development Centre

# The European Asylum Curriculum





# 2025 – Record year of consultations

## Completed

**A** Introduction to the legal framework on fundamental rights and international protection in the EU

Mar 2025

**A** Introduction to vulnerability and special needs

Apr 2025

**A** Introduction to reception (v.2)

Nov 2024

**A** Introduction to screening in the context of access to the asylum procedure

Jun 2025

**A** Access: Making an application for international protection (v.2)

Jun 2025

**A** Registration: Lodging an application for international protection (v.2)

Jun 2025

**A** Interpreting in asylum and reception contexts

May 2025

**B** Post-arrival phase in the context of resettlement and humanitarian admission

Mar 2025

**B** Responsibility determination under the AMMR

Sep 2025

**C** Managing cases of applicants with diverse SOGIESC

Jul 2025

**C** Advanced asylum interviewing

Jun 2025

## Ongoing

**A** Introduction to finger printing and data entry in EURODAC

**A** Identification of potential AMMR cases

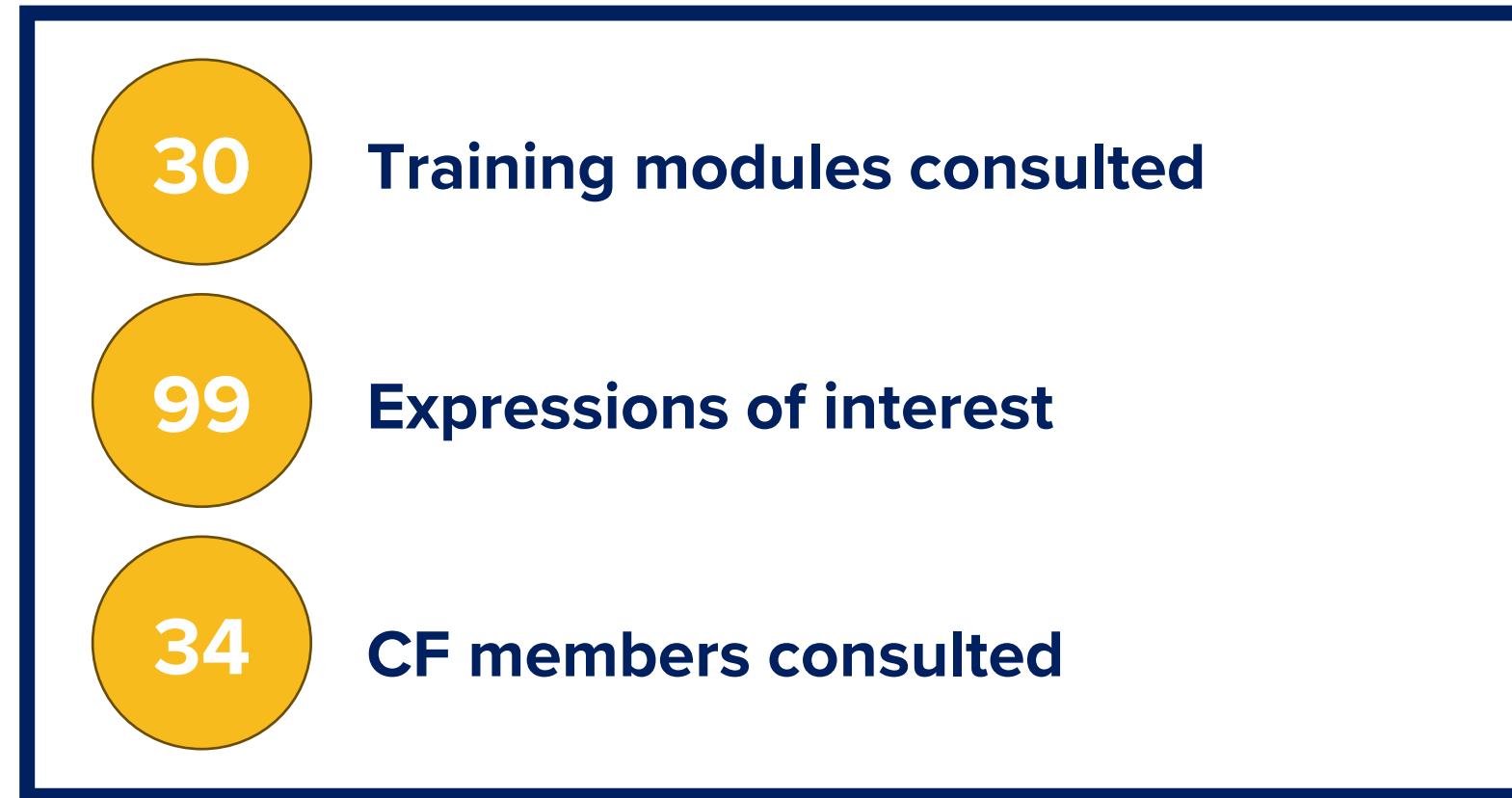
**A** Introduction to data protection in asylum and reception contexts

- A** Introductory
- B** Intermediate
- C** Advanced



# 2022 – 2025: What has been done so far?

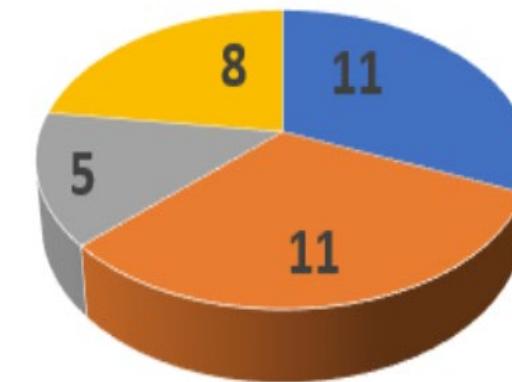
## Consultation in the development of the European Asylum Curriculum



# Fundamental Rights Mapping of the European Asylum Curriculum

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS MAPPING COMPLETED	
2022	8
2023	5
2024	11
2025	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>

**Yearly Overview of  
Fundamental Rights Mapping**



■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022

# Overview of training activities in 2025

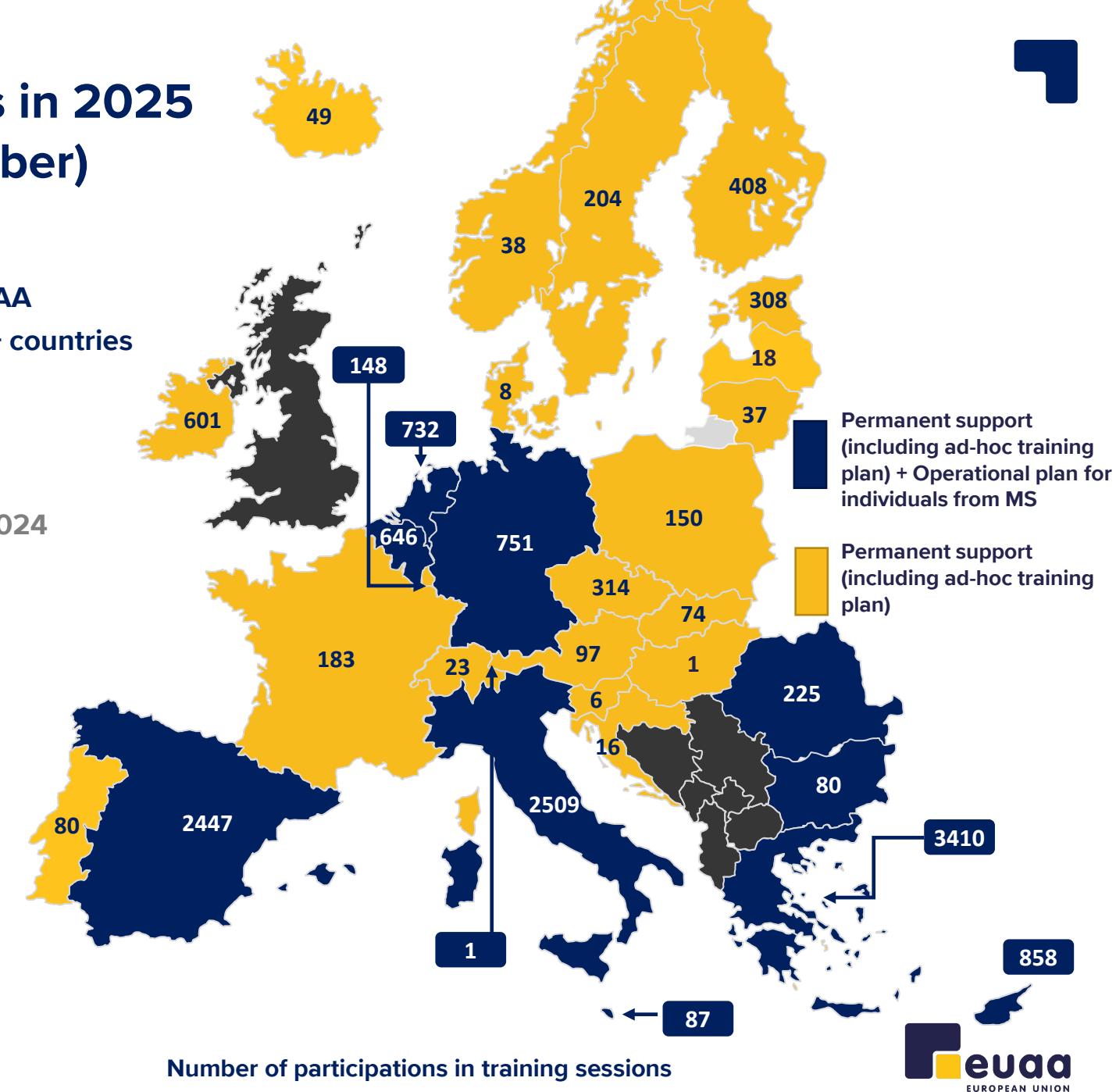
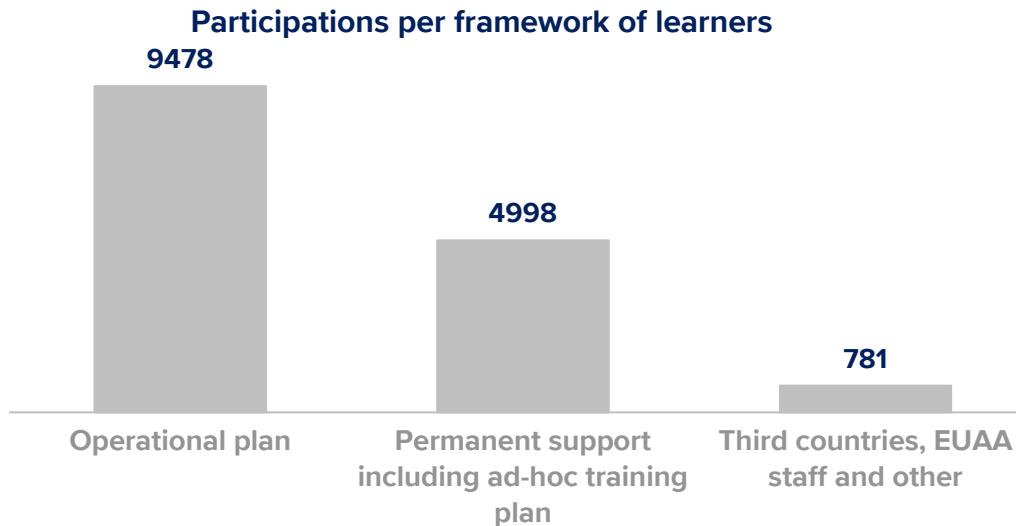
## (01 January – 30 September)

**702** Sessions: 6 out of 10 delivered by EUAA  
4 out of 10 delivered by EU+ countries

**8 822** Learners trained vs. 7 586 in 2024

**15 257** Total participations vs. 11 330 in 2024

**1.0 – 3.1** MS participations per learner





# Overview training participations 2012 – 30 September 2025

**8 822**

Learners trained

in EUAA training activities in  
2025 (until 30 September)

**15 257**

Total participations

in EUAA training activities in  
2025 (until 30 September)

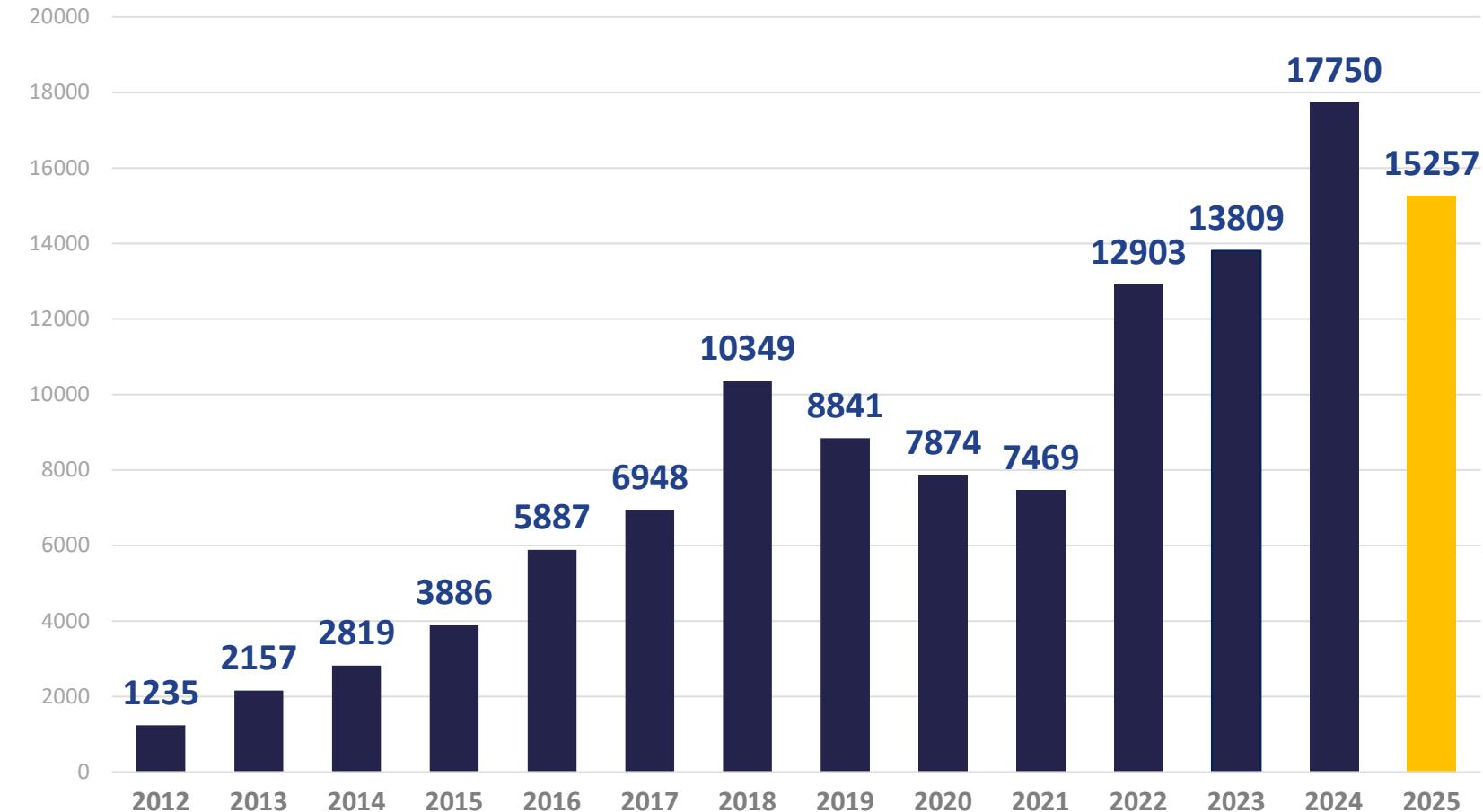
**117 184**

Total participations

in EUAA training activities  
since 2012



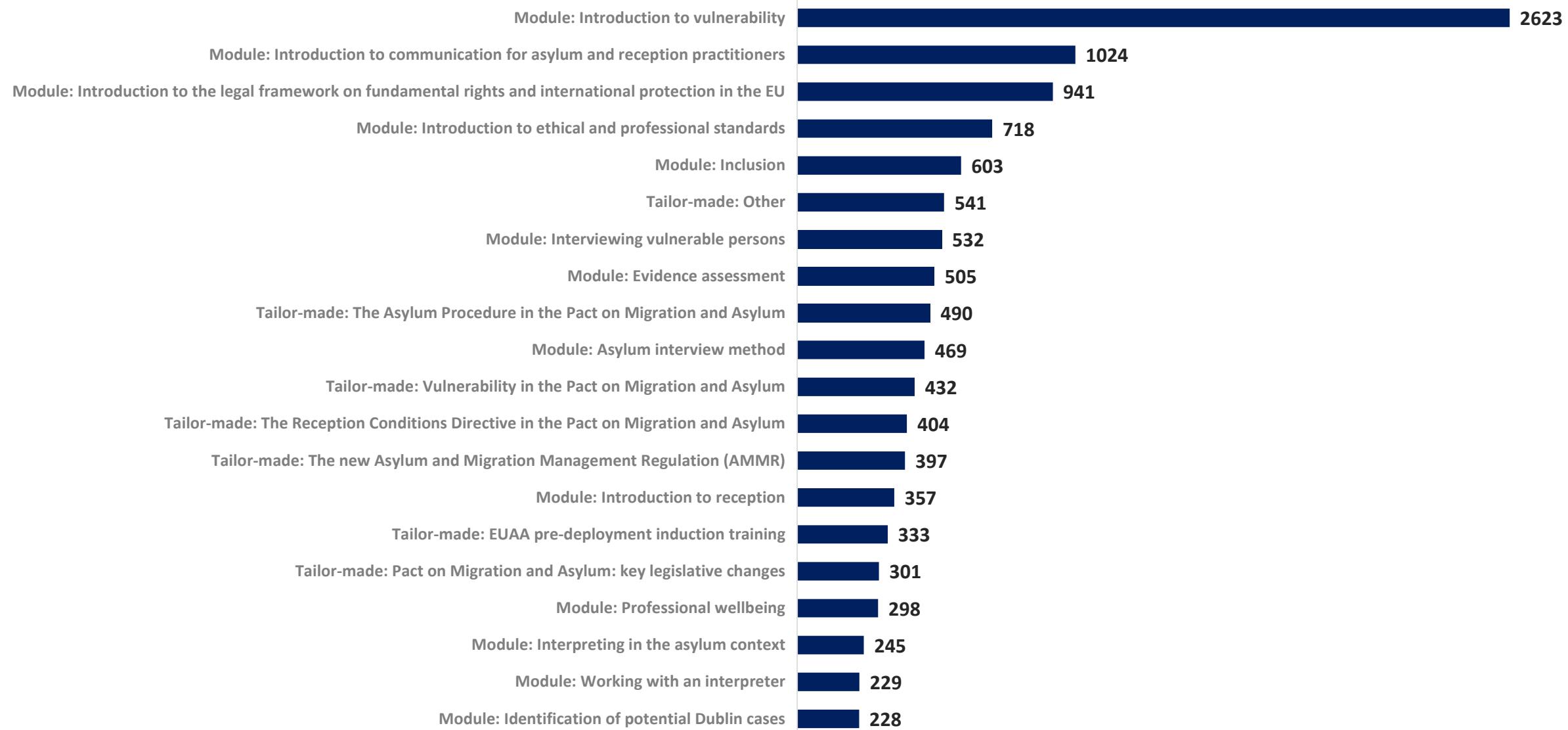
**100K** participations  
reached in November 2024



Number of participations in EUAA training activities 2012 – 30 September 2025



# Top 20 contents followed in 2025 (01 January – 30 September)



Number of participations in EUAA trainings in 2025 (01 January – 30 September)

# EUAA's Asylum Knowledge Centre

Geert Knockaert – Head of Reception and Vulnerability Unit

## Situational Awareness



### Information and Analysis on Developments in Asylum

collecting information and producing analysis of developments in legislation, policies, practices and jurisprudence



### Data analytics, strategic analysis and research

research on the root causes of asylum-related migration as well as analysis on asylum trends

## Monitoring NEW



monitor the practical implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) by the Member States

## Country Information and Guidance



### Country of origin information

Research on countries of origin and transit and maintaining networks that cooperate in COI



### Medical country of origin information

Providing responses to requests for information about the availability and accessibility of medical interventions in COI



### Country Guidance

Assisting decision-makers and policy-makers to foster convergence in the assessment of applications for international protection

## Asylum and Reception Cooperation and Guidance



### Asylum Processes

continuous improvement of the efficiency and quality of MS asylum systems



### Reception

improving quality and efficiency in the area of reception



### Dublin

supporting MS in the implementation of the Dublin III through a dedicated Network



### Vulnerability and special needs

practical cooperation and information sharing on issues related to vulnerable persons



### Courts & Tribunals

developing and supporting judicial professional development materials and activities for members of courts and tribunals

# Asylum Knowledge Centre

## Situational Awareness Unit



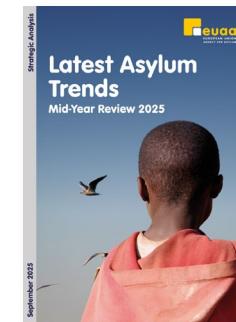
### Information and Analysis Sector (IAS)

- [Asylum Report](#): changes and CF feedback
- [Public IDS Project](#): consultations with CF and launch of the new platform in 2025
- [Grants project for EUAA Case Law Database](#)



### Data Analytics and Reporting Sector (DARS)

- [Latest asylum trends in Europe](#): Updated Insights for an Informed Public Discourse



### Strategic Analysis and Research Sector (SARS)

- [Surveys with Asylum-related Migrants \(SAM\)](#) and [Surveys with Arriving Migrants for Displaced People from Ukraine \(SAM-UKR\)](#)
- Gaining insights from local experts, e.g. collaboration with Gradus Research Plus in Ukraine



# Asylum Knowledge Centre

## Country of Origin Information (COI): production and activities in 2025

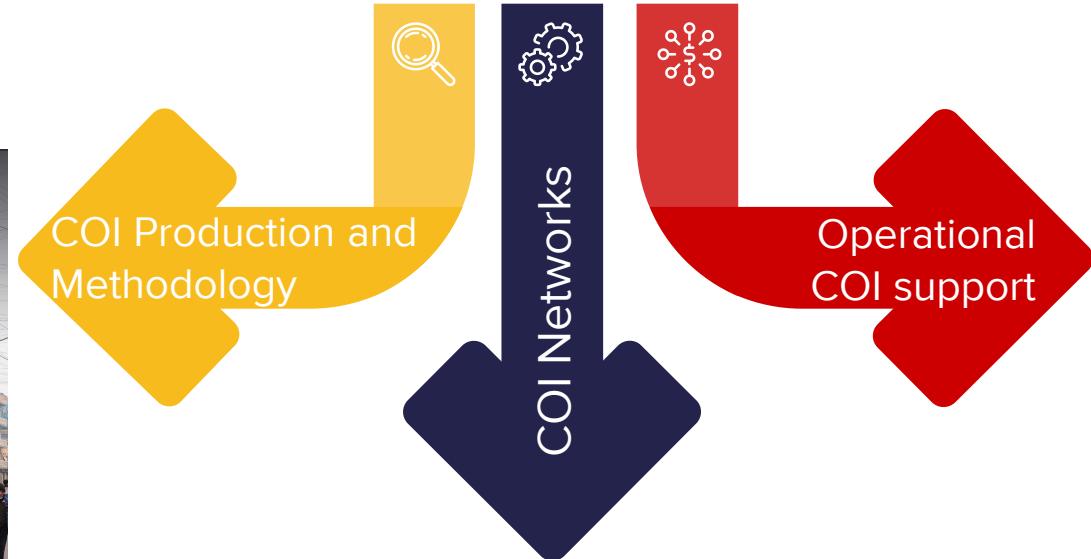


### 14 COI reports

SDN 2, SYR 2, SOM 2, BGD, IRQ

To be published: NIG 2, LEB, RUS,

COL, AFG



13 meetings

RUS 2, AFG, PAL, WA, IRN, SYR, StratNet

Upcoming: PAK, SOM, LA, IRQ, ERI/ETH

### 24+ activities

- 15 COI methodology coaching sessions/workshops
- 9 COI country briefings

**33 COI Query responses**  
(up to 1 October 2025)

# Asylum and Reception Cooperation and Guidance



## Children & UAC

- Practical Guidance on family tracing: APPROVED AND PUBLISHED
- Practical guide on age assessment: to be approved in November
- Guidance on the best interest of the child: to be approved in March 2026

Tool for Best Interest Assessment: to be published in March 2026

- Age assessment practices in EU+ countries: updated findings – Survey closed, report to be published in 2025
- EUAA/FRA Practical Tool for Guardians (2026)

## On Asylum

- Guidance on free legal counselling
- Guidance on audio recording
- Standards and Indicators in Asylum

## Next year

- Guidance on border procedure
- Guidance on solidarity
- Standards and Indicators for Reception and AMMR
- (... and many more)

# Screening toolbox (EUAA - Frontex)



**Screening  
overview +  
recommendations**

**Horizontal  
safeguards for  
persons subjected  
to screening**

**Guarantees for  
minors**

**Location and  
conditions of stay  
during screening**

**EUAA and  
Frontex support**

# Screening Toolbox

## Conducting the preliminary vulnerability check during screening: a practical annex

### Safeguards

A list of safeguards to observe when interacting with a person during the check



### Checklist

Practical tool to support the early identification of vulnerability



### Identifying vulnerability

Practical information on how to detect indicators and signs of special needs and vulnerabilities

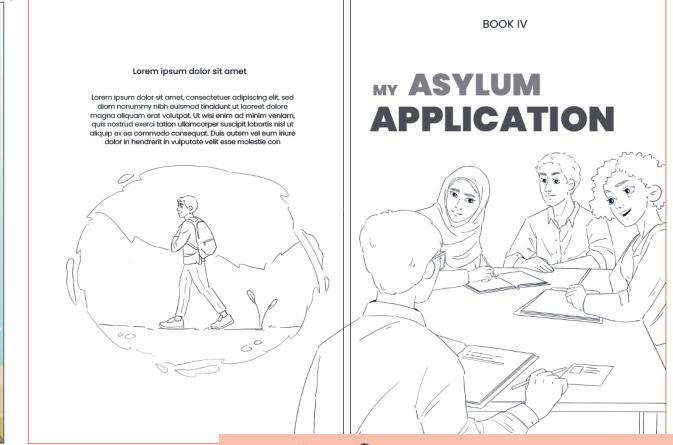
### Referral form

Standardised form to ensure that persons with identified needs are properly referred to tailored support

# Information material

The EUAA vulnerability team develops material on:

- Access to Procedure (during Screening)
- AMMR
- APR (focus on registration)
- BIA (Reception)



The materials can be used with these target groups:

- unaccompanied and accompanied applicant teens (13 – 17),
- applicant children (below 12)
- applicants with special needs (e.g illiterate population, those with mild cognitive impairments)

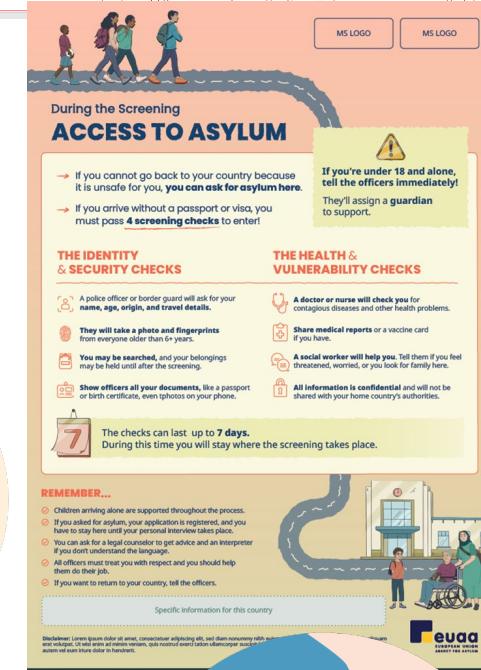
Formats used to share rights and obligations on the selected instruments:

- comic story (4 booklets drafted covering Access to procedure, AMMR, APR, BIA)
- poster (4 posters drafted covering the above topic's)
- flashcards (key words and visuals selected covering the above topic's)

The 3 formats will be complemented by a manual to explain how to use the formats most effective and efficiently.

Additional ongoing discussions:

- production of audio files linked to the 4 booklets (into the languages of applicants)
- small animated / video clip content pieces covering information on posters
- piloting posters to be translated into braille (tbd) ?



BOOK IV

MY ASYLUM APPLICATION

# EUAA's Institutional and Horizontal Affairs Sector

Mark Camilleri – Head of the Institutional and Horizontal Affairs Centre

# Liaison officers to the Member States in 2025

Germany, Liechtenstein,  
Switzerland  
*main seat in Nuremberg,  
Germany*

Belgium, Luxembourg,  
The Netherlands, Ireland  
*main seat in Brussels,  
Belgium*

France, Portugal, Spain  
*main seat in Paris,  
France*

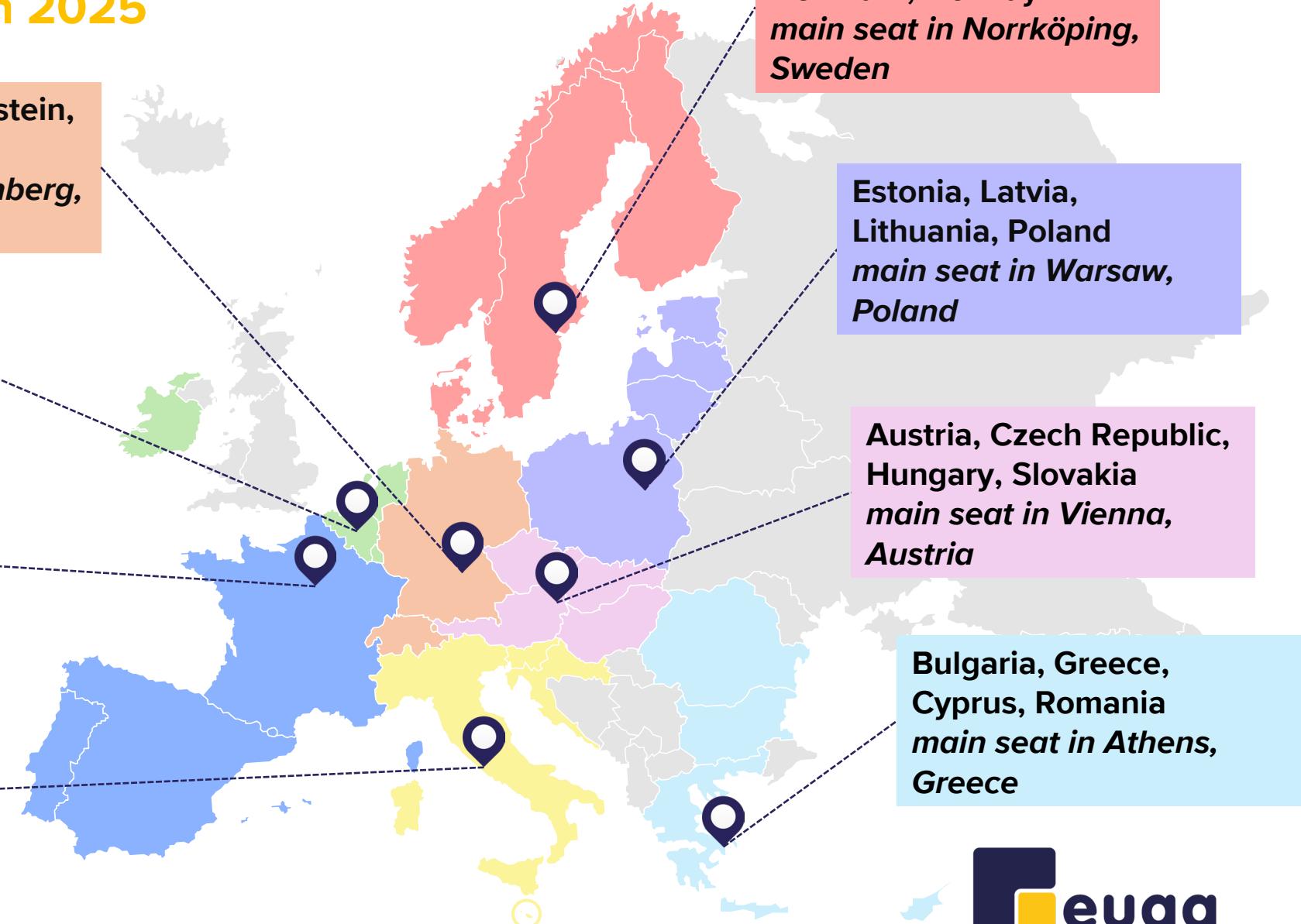
Croatia, Italy, Malta,  
Slovenia  
*main seat in Rome, Italy*

Finland, Sweden,  
Denmark, Norway  
*main seat in Norrköping,  
Sweden*

Estonia, Latvia,  
Lithuania, Poland  
*main seat in Warsaw,  
Poland*

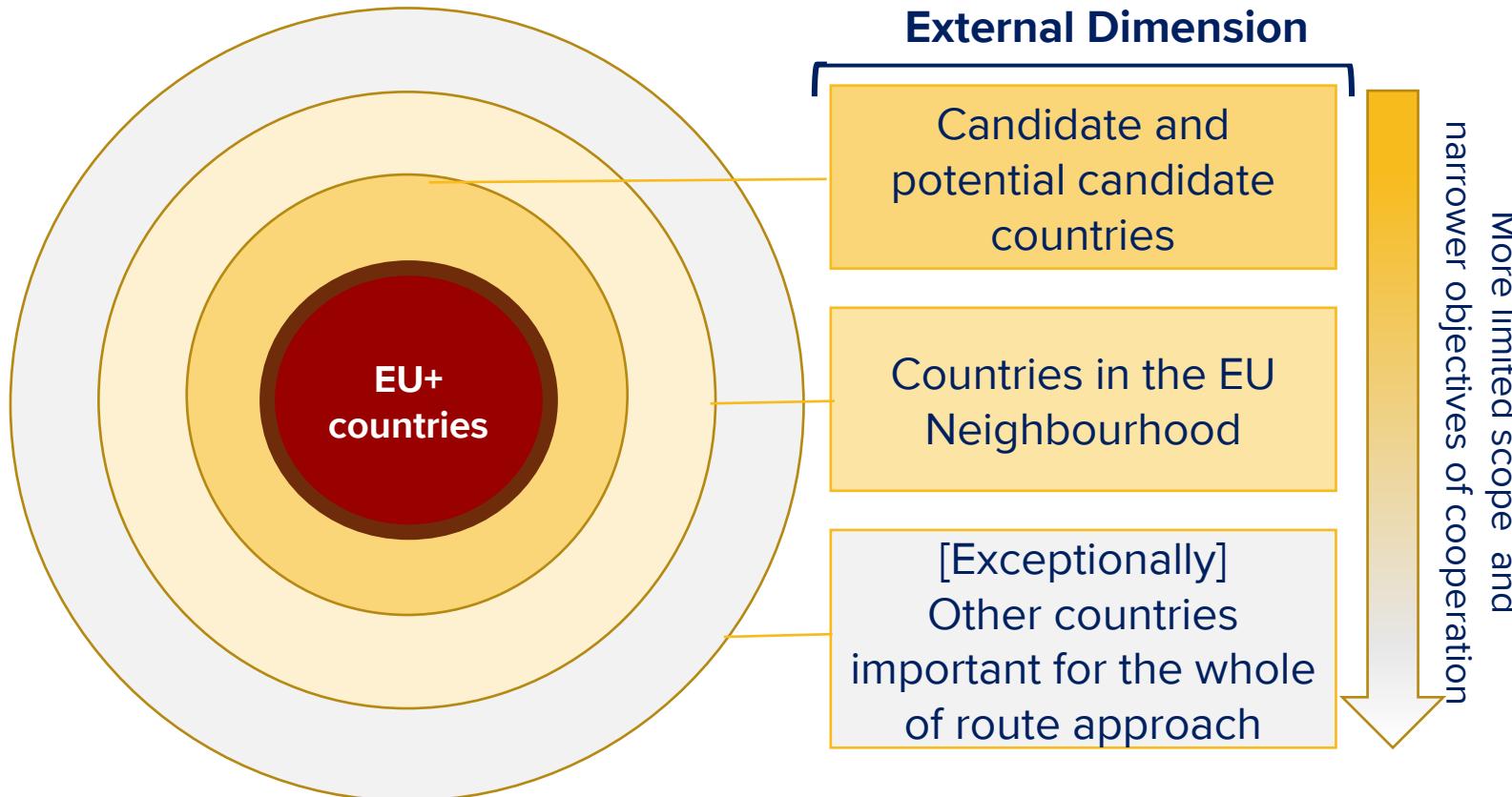
Austria, Czech Republic,  
Hungary, Slovakia  
*main seat in Vienna,  
Austria*

Bulgaria, Greece,  
Cyprus, Romania  
*main seat in Athens,  
Greece*





## Third-Country Support: a relation-centred approach



***The “core” mandate of the EUAA lies in the internal dimension. The mandate of the Agency in the external dimension is considerably more limited and does not include the provision of “operational assistance”.***

# Geographic areas of engagement



Western  
Balkans

IPA III Regional project  
Six bilateral Roadmaps

Turkey

5<sup>th</sup> Roadmap

MENA

Regional Project for the Southern Neighbourhood  
Bilateral Roadmaps with Egypt

Eastern  
Partnership

Regional support through the Prague Process

# Main achievements in implementing the Strategy

## Projects database

- Launched on 15 November 2024
- **Priority areas and countries** covered: Middle East and North Africa, Western Balkans, Türkiye, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Niger, Syria, Iran, and Lebanon

## WB integration into EUAA networks

- EUAA **Asylum Processes** Network
- EUAA Network for **Reception** Authorities
- EUAA **Vulnerability** Experts Network
- EUAA **Country of Origin** Specialist Networks

# Questions & Answers

Moderated by Ana Ciuban

# Coffee break



# Office of the Fundamental Rights Officer

Francois Deleu – Fundamental Rights Officer



# EUAA Fundamental Rights Strategy 2024-2028



**Legal basis: Article 57(3) EUAA Regulation** - provides that the Agency, with a proposal from the FRO, is to adopt and implement a fundamental rights strategy to ensure respect for fundamental rights in all the Agency's activities



**Aims:** Threefold: Compliance with fundamental rights and promoting respect of them, contributing to dignified and fair treatment of applicants for international protection, achieved through **7** objectives

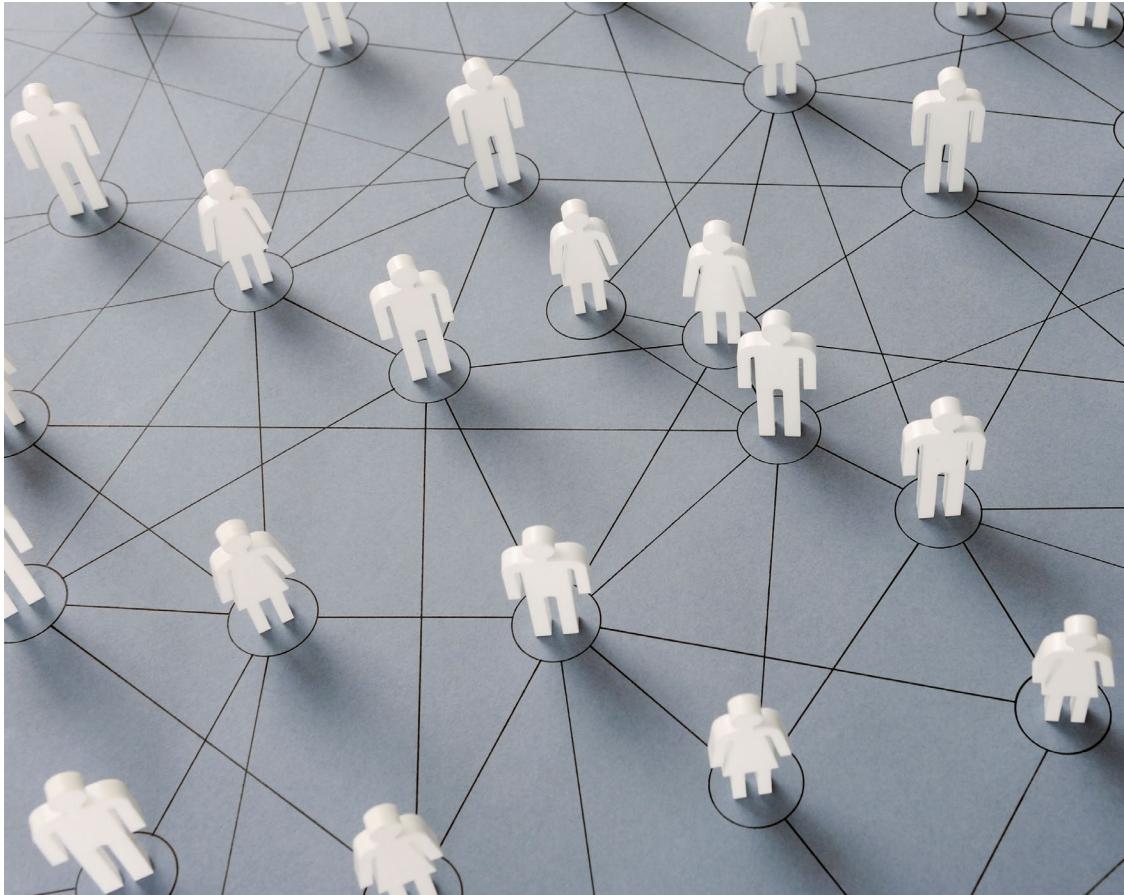


**Adopted:** Management Board Decision No 166 of 25 September 2024



**Implementation:** Through annual action plans

# Fundamental Rights Focal Points



Agency-wide network across all units & sectors

Dedicated focal points in each operation

Responsibilities:

- Discuss rights issues in their area
- Share information with FRO/OFRO
- Coordinate inputs & data gathering
- Contribute to annual FRS action plans
- Report on progress regularly



# Fundamental Rights Strategy: Goals & Objectives

## Objectives

### Goal 1

The Agency complies with fundamental rights in all its activities.

### Goal 2

The Agency contributes to guaranteeing the dignified and fair treatment of all people seeking international protection in the EU.

### Goal 3

The Agency seeks to promote respect of fundamental rights in all its activities

1. The Agency's **operational and technical assistance is organised and coordinated** in a manner that fully **respects fundamental rights**.
2. The Agency's operational and technical assistance is **implemented in a manner that fully respects fundamental rights**.
3. The operational and technical application of all aspects of the CEAS including respect for fundamental rights, child protection safeguards and the specific needs of persons in a vulnerable situation are covered by the EUAA's **monitoring mechanism**.
4. Fundamental rights in the context of **asylum and reception** are promoted via **training activities**.
5. Fundamental rights standards are promoted by the Agency in **asylum and reception**.
6. The application of the CEAS in a manner that fully respects fundamental rights is promoted when the **Agency cooperates with its stakeholders**.
7. **Human resources, communication and procurement** are aligned with fundamental rights principles.



# Implementation of Fundamental Rights Strategy

## Selected milestones per FRS objective



### Organisation of operational & technical assistance

Integration of fundamental rights considerations into the needs assessment process and the Operational Plan template



### Implementation of operational & technical assistance

Stronger cooperation with FRO through operational visits and observation cycles



### Monitoring of CEAS

Monitoring methodology & exercises include consultations with the FRO and HR bodies



### Training

Fundamental rights systematically integrated into training design and manuscripts through fundamental rights mapping and consultations with the FRO



### Asylum & Reception products

Guides with important fundamental rights elements issued after consultation with the FRO (alternatives to detention, family tracing).  
*Consultation on the legal counselling guide*



### Cooperation with Stakeholders

Tender specifications for resettlement embed fundamental rights.

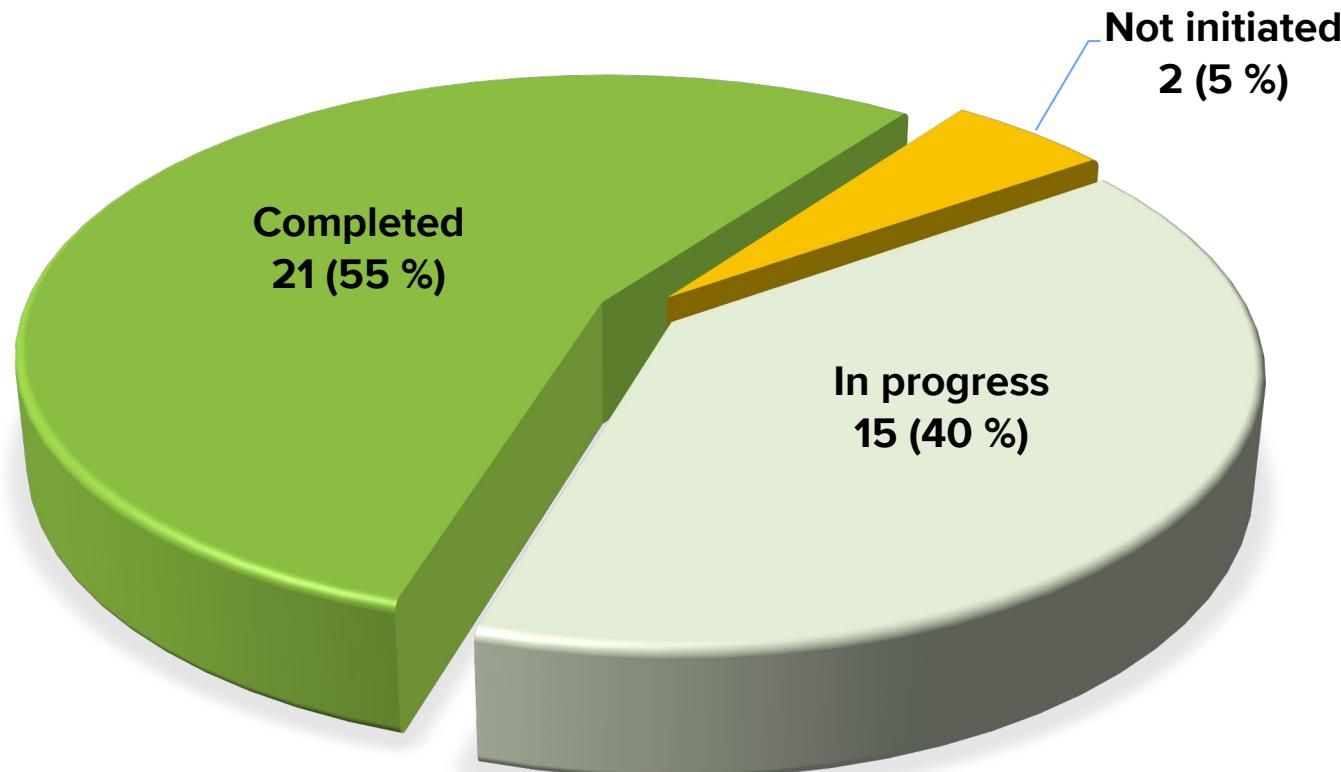


### Human Resources, Communication & Procurement

Onboarding module on fundamental rights under development.



## Status of measures under the 2025 fundamental rights strategy action plan as of 30 June 2025



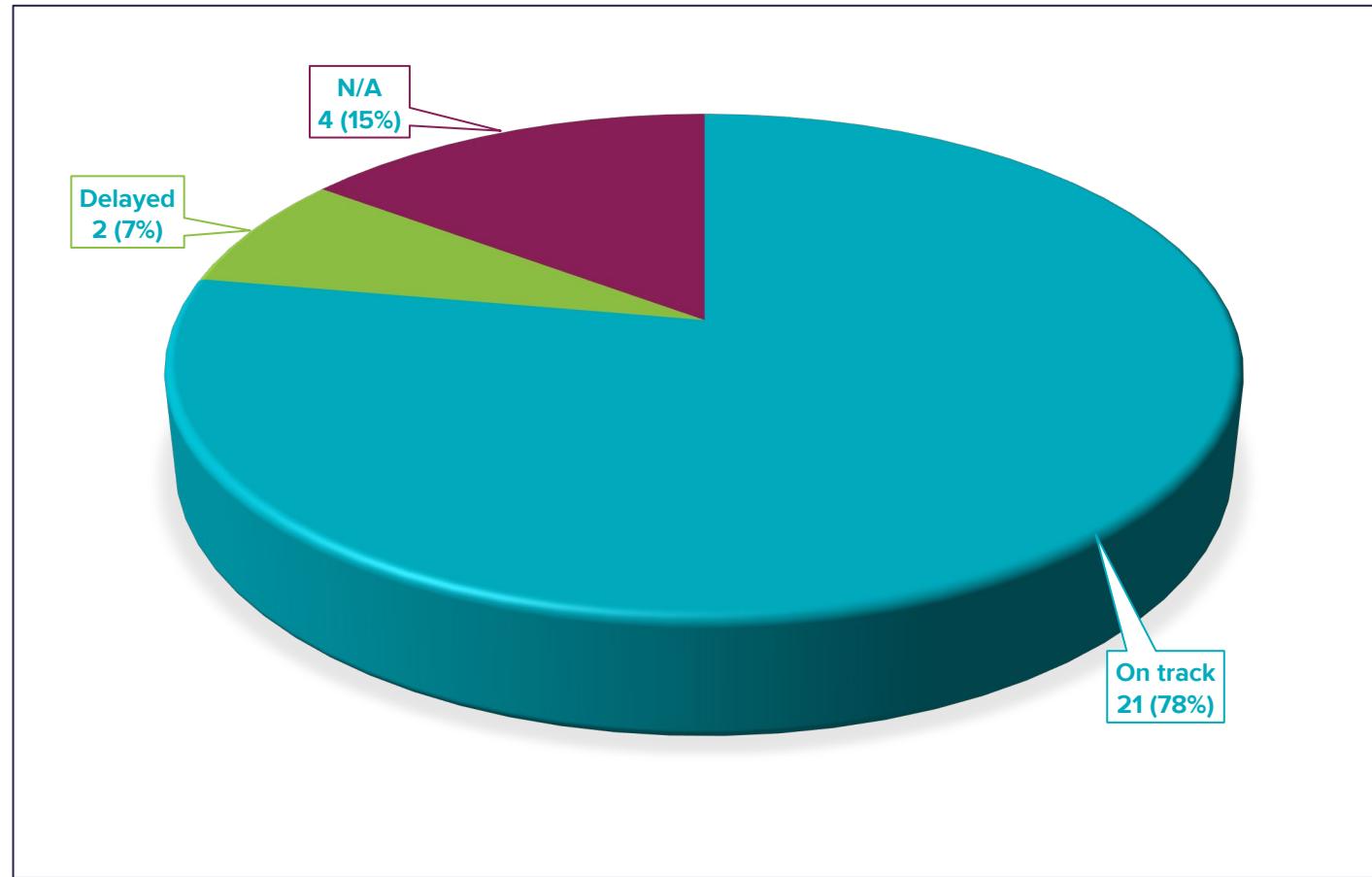
\* Percentages rounded to whole numbers



# Implementation of the Action Plan 2025

Reporting period: 25 September 2024–30 June 2025

## OVERVIEW OF THE STATUS OF INDICATORS



# Fundamental Rights in Operational and Technical assistance

The EUAA Fundamental Rights Officer contributes to ensuring that the **EUAA operational and technical assistance** is organized and implemented in a manner that **fully respects fundamental rights and principles**.

In line with the Agency's Regulation, the EUAA Fundamental Rights Officer:



- Is consulted on Operational Plans and provides observations to the evaluation exercises.



- Conducts operational visits.

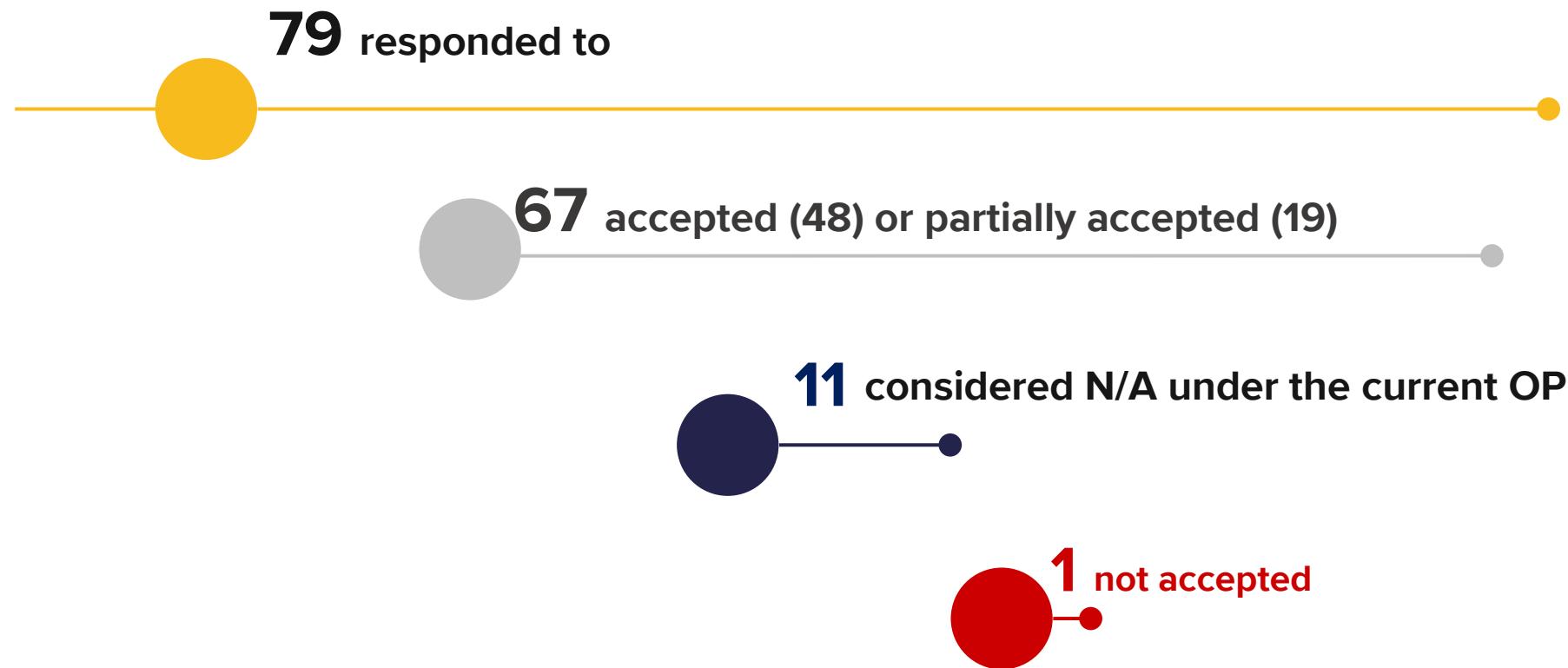


- After consulting the fundamental rights officer, the Executive Director considers that there are violations of fundamental rights or international protection obligations by the host Member State.



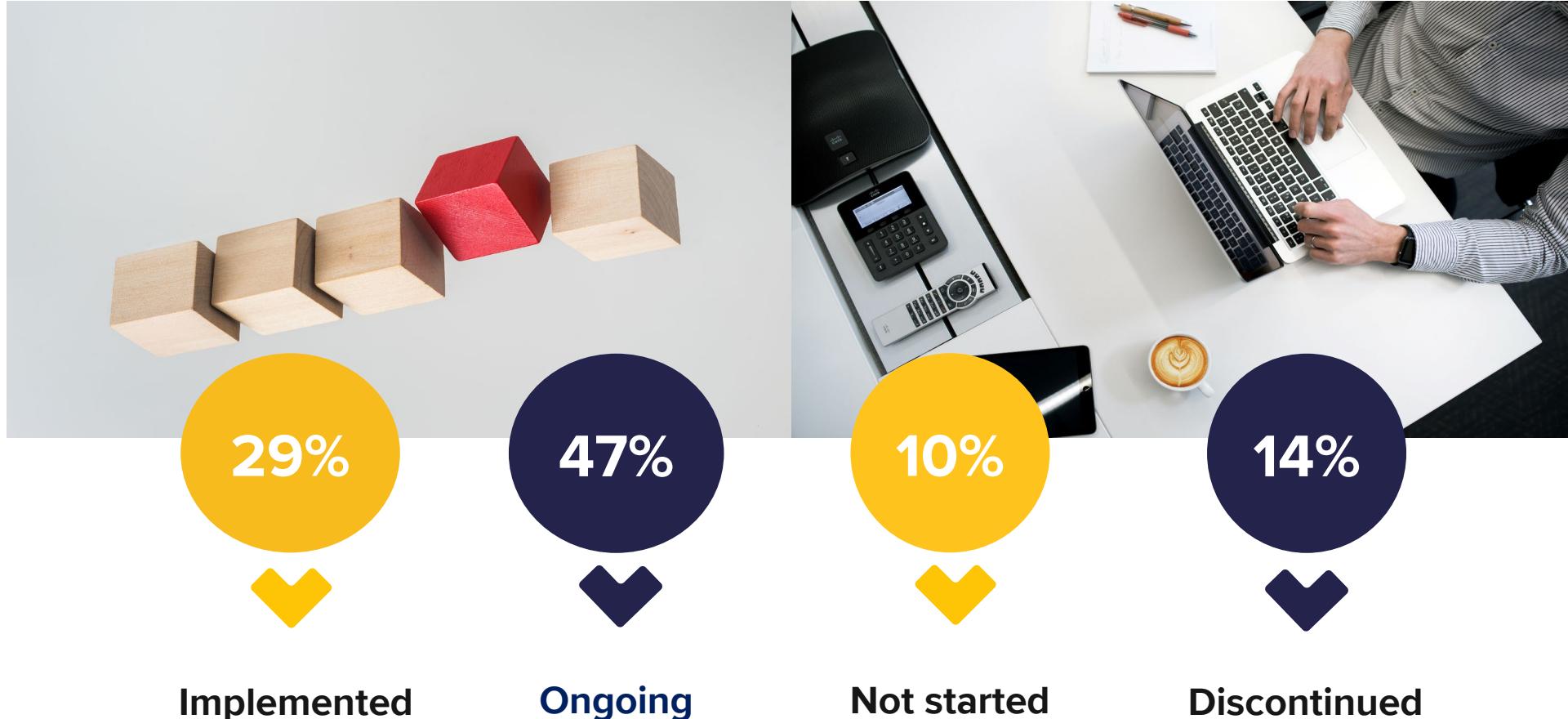


## Individual observations





## Follow-up measures



# FRO activities in operational and technical assistance\*

## Activities in numbers

- **22** consultations in operational plans between the Agency and the Member States
- **13** consultations in the context of evaluation of operational plans
- **14** operational visits resulting in **12** observation reports
- **53** locations visited in **9** countries

## Content of observations & consultations

- Observations to the Agency, aimed at effecting changes or improving Agency's own activities
- Follow-up measures drafted by the Agency; monitoring of implementation



\*Data from the appointment of the FRO up until 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025

# Complaints Mechanism – 1 year of operations

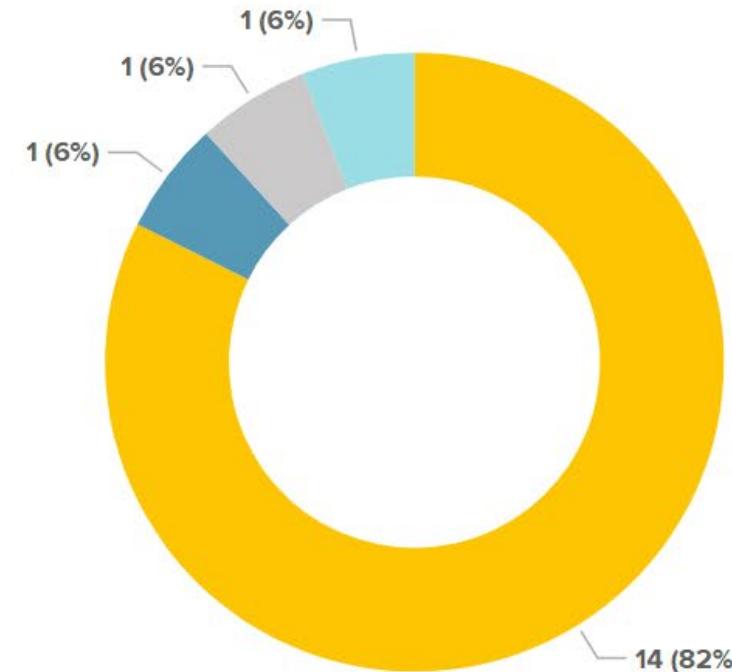
Established: MB decision No 159 of 24 May 2024

**EUAA Regulation Article 51:**  
*Any person who is directly affected by the actions of an expert participating in an asylum support team, and who considers that his or her fundamental rights have been violated due to those actions, or any party representing such a person, may submit a complaint in writing to the Agency.*



# Complaints: Current status of admissibility \*

● Inadmissible ● Discontinued ● Pending ● Stayed

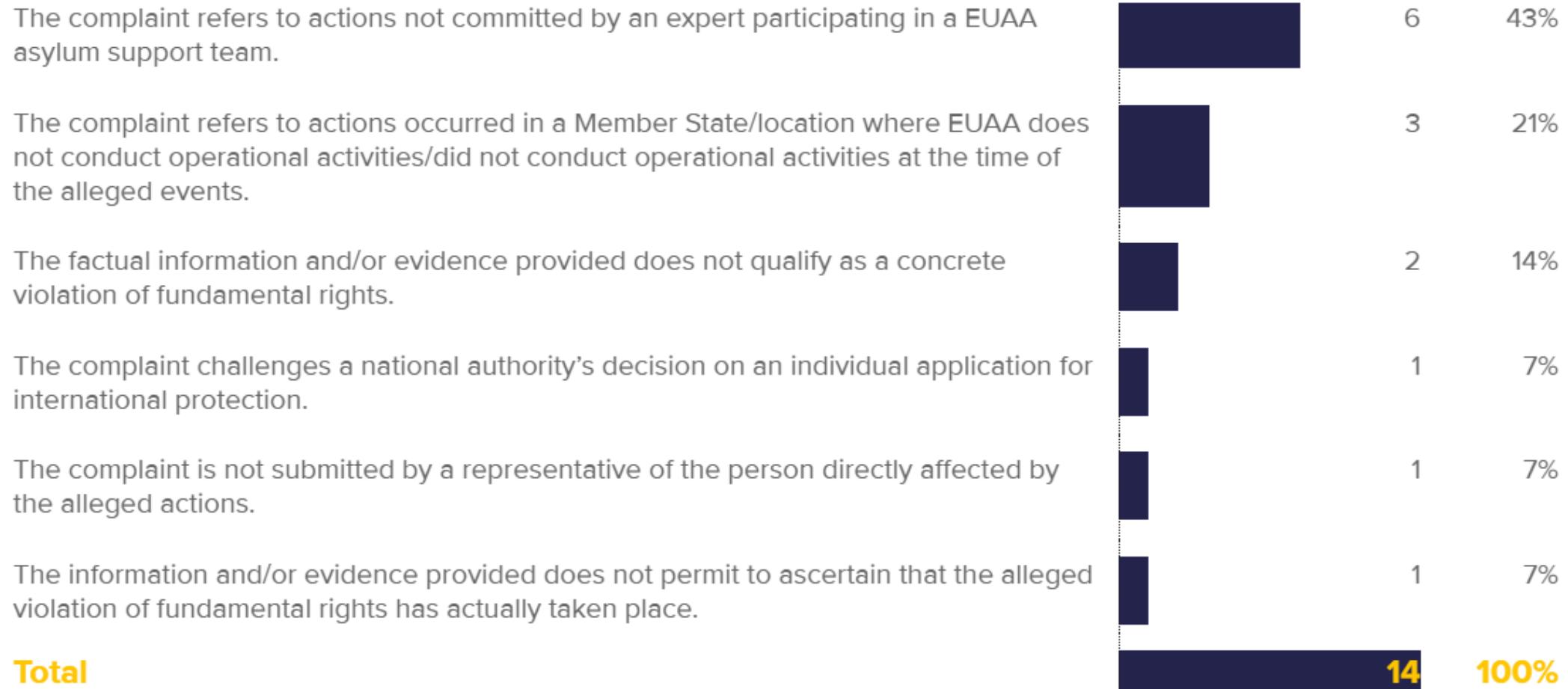


- **17** complaints submitted overall; **5** of those between May and July
- **5** complaints deemed as inadmissible between May and July

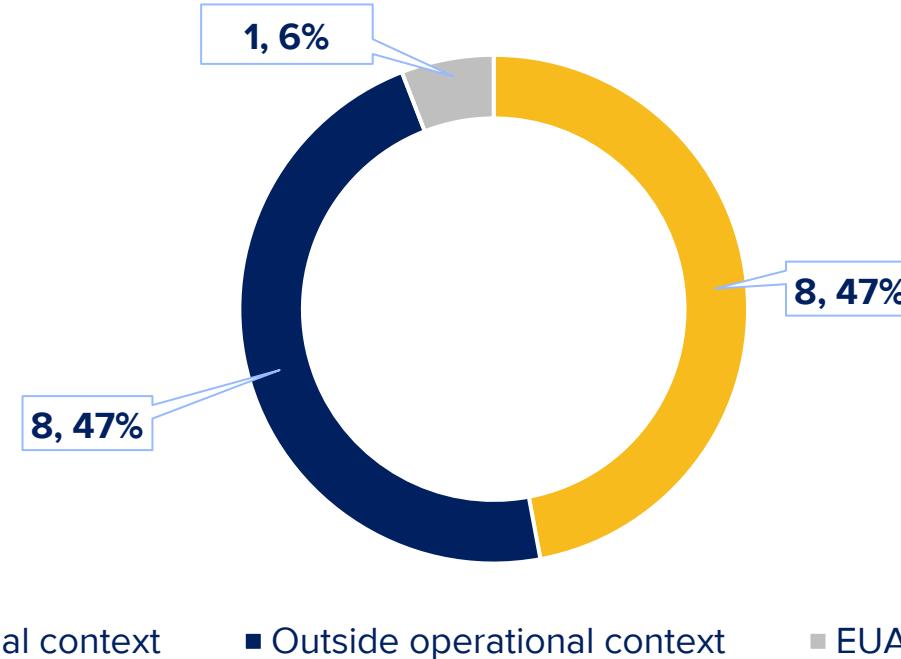
\*As of 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025



## Inadmissible complaints per type of inadmissibility reason



# Link to EUAA operations



## EUAA operation:

**The complaint concerns deployed ASTs in asylum or reception activities in a Member State where the EUAA is operational**

## Operational context:

**The complaint refers to asylum or reception matters within a country, authority or location covered by the EUAA Operational Plan, but no EUAA staff are directly involved.**

## Outside operational context:

**The complaint does not concern a country, authority or location covered by an EUAA Operational Plan or falls outside asylum and reception in general.**

# Complaints mechanism

## Informative material & dissemination



**Dedicated webpages  
on the complaints  
mechanism – including  
a video**



**Posters & leaflets to be  
dispatched in  
operational locations**



**Internal guidance on  
the dissemination of  
informative material**



**Training module –  
Including all  
accountability  
mechanisms of the  
Agency**



**Meetings with  
stakeholders  
(e.g.  
Ombudspersons  
institutions)**

*\* More activities planned in 2026, including CF organisations*



# Cooperation with Consultative Forum

## 45 members of CF consulted in the context of operational visits



Consultation with CSOs in each country before operational visits to share insights relevant to EUAA activities. Afterward, the FRO debriefs with the same CSOs.

Countries: Cyprus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Malta, Netherlands, Romania, Italy, Spain

## Consultation with the CF on the informative material and standard forms on the complaints mechanism



A total of **10** of CF organisations replied to a survey regarding the efficiency and accessibility of the informative material and standard forms on the complaints mechanism (website, complaint form) leading to amendments to the material.

## Ongoing close cooperation with FRONTEX FRO & FRA



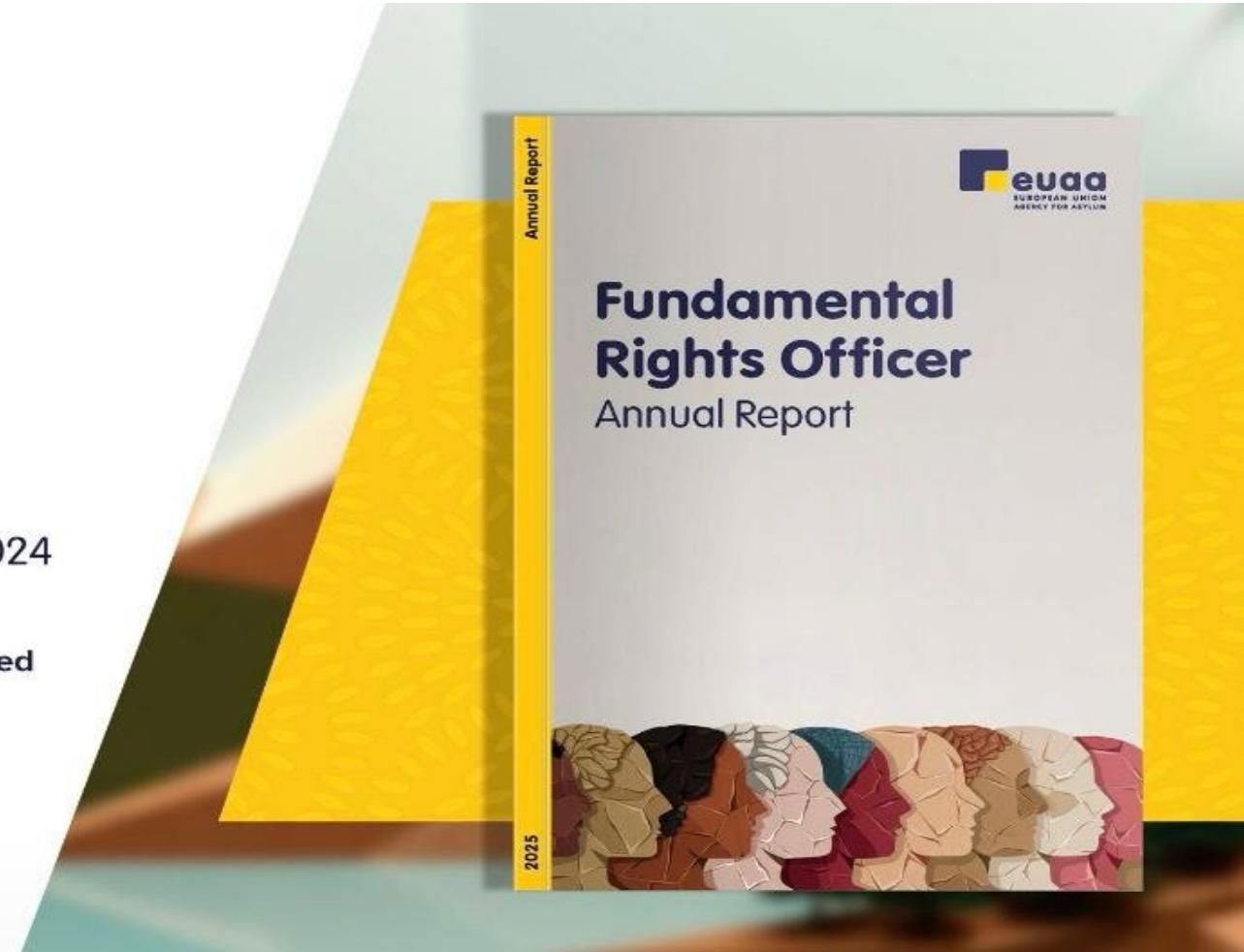
# The 1st Annual Report of the Office of the Fundamental Rights Officer



## FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OFFICER

Annual Report - Overview of Activities in 2024

- First EUAA Fundamental Rights Strategy adopted
- Complaints mechanism established
- 12 field visits across 9 EUAA operations
- 79 rights-related observations submitted to the Agency





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# Election of the CF Chairs: presentation of candidates



**Ana Ciuban**



**Vladimir Milev**



**Najib Obaid Babakerkhail**

**Lunch break**



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# Voting results:

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## »»» The EUAA Pact Programme

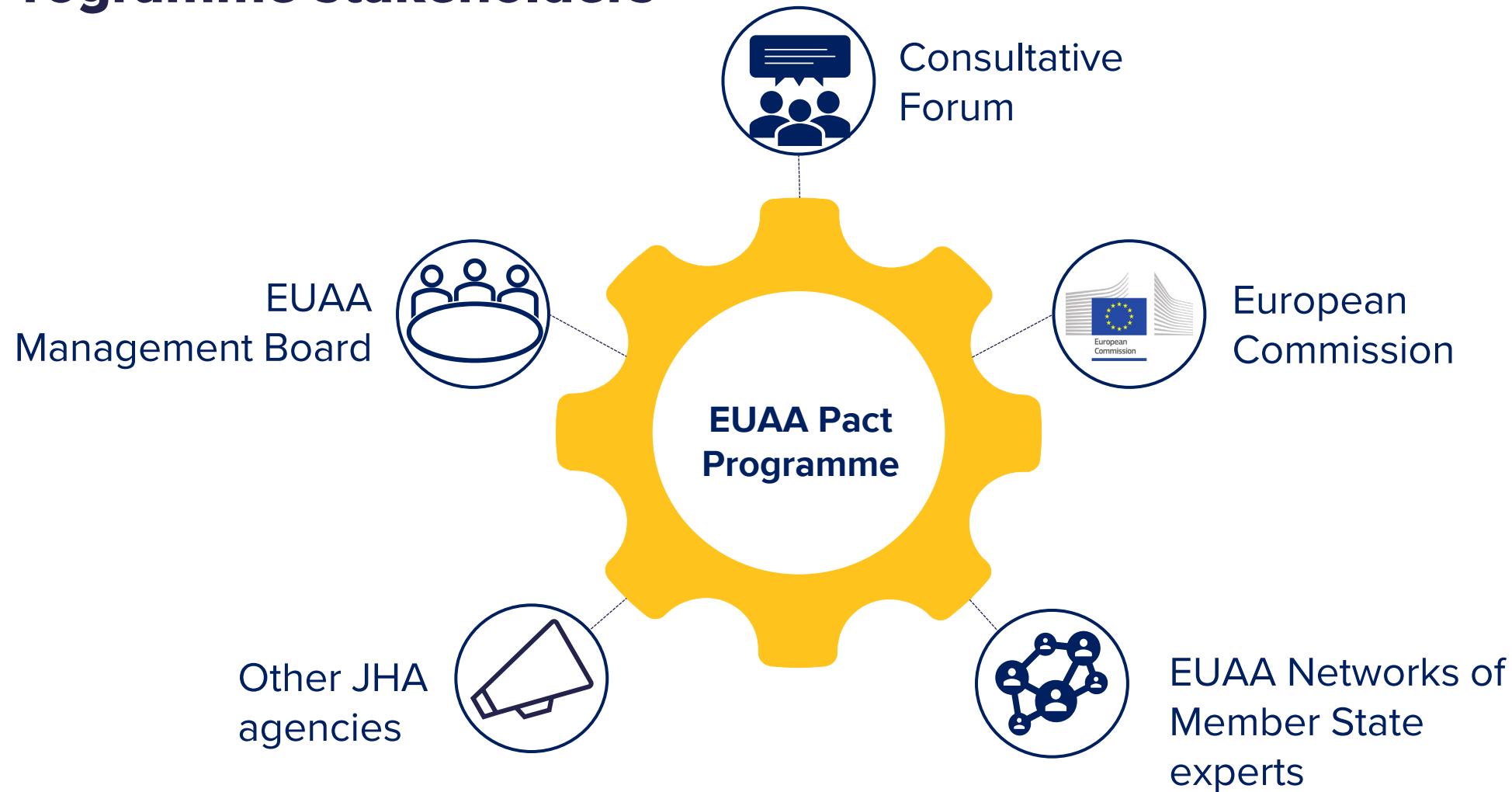
Alison Gatt, Head of European Affairs and International Cooperation Unit

# EUAA Pact Programme: four pillars of support





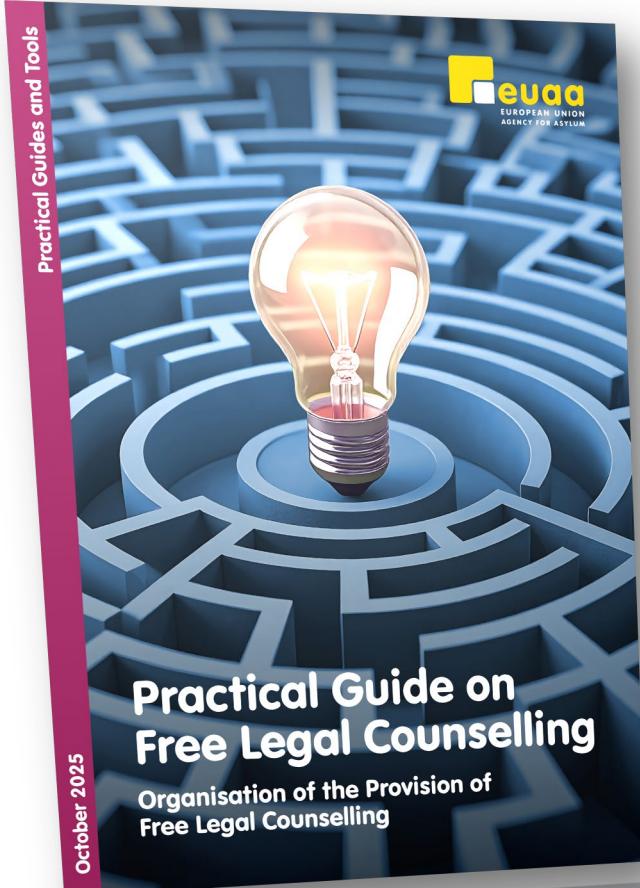
# Programme stakeholders



# Programme status update: Pillar I



- **Contingency planning** template, manual and webinars
- Practical guide on applicants with **diverse sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, and sex characteristics**
- Practical guide on **mental health of applicants** for intl. protection
- Guidelines on **alternatives to detention**
- Practical guide and templates on **family tracing**
- EUAA guidance on **remote interviews**
- Practical guide on **membership of a particular social group**
- Practical guide on **free legal counselling**
- **Screening toolbox/vulnerability check tool**
- Training modules (17)
- Etc.



## Asylum Procedure Regulation (APR) and Regulation on Asylum and Migration Management (AMMR)

### Article 16(1) APR

‘Member States shall, at the request of the applicant, provide free legal counselling in the administrative procedure ...’

### Article 21(2) AMMR

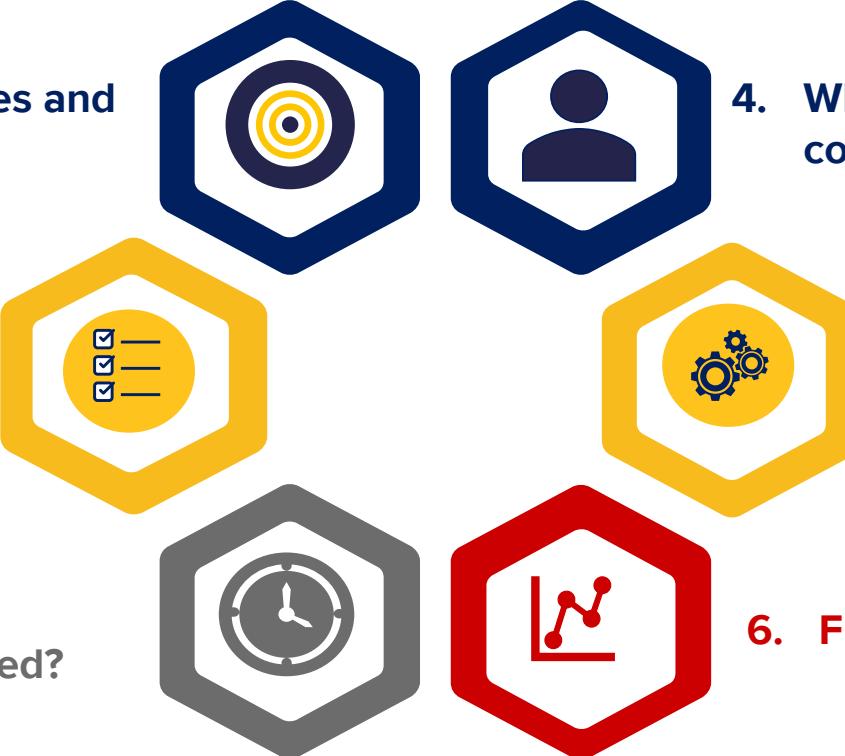
‘... an applicant may request free legal counselling in the procedure for determining the Member State responsible.’



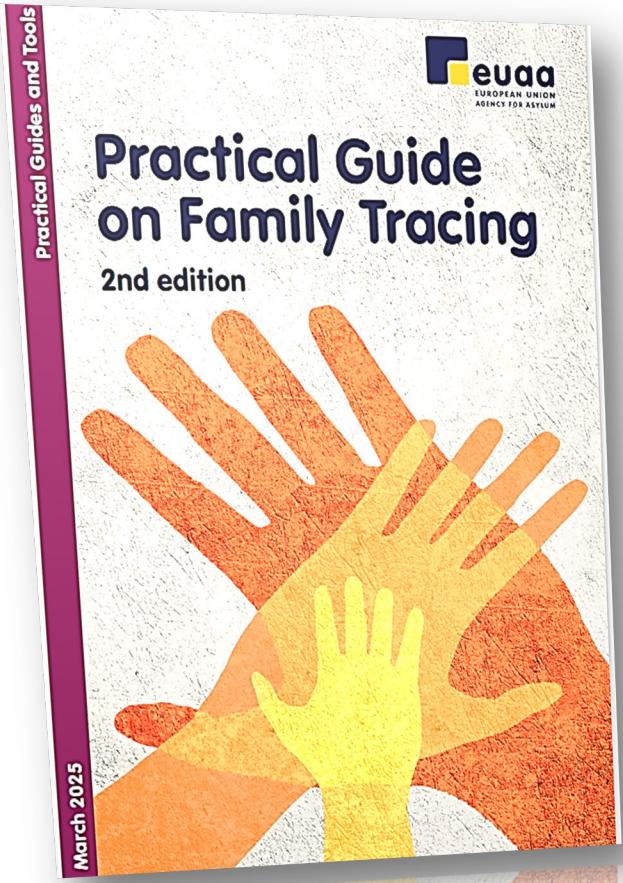
# Practical Guide on Free Legal Counselling

## 6 Chapters

1. General principles and objectives
2. Content of Free Legal Counselling
3. When should legal counselling be provided?
4. Who may provide legal counselling
5. How can legal counselling be provided?
6. Funding of legal counselling



# Practical Guide on Family tracing



March 2025

March 2025



## Aim

Directly tasked by Article 22 of the AMMR\* to support Member States in tracing and identifying family members within and outside the EU+



## Objective

- Resource for practitioners
- Prioritisation and early detection of potential family cases
- Improved family reunification procedures in general and under the AMMR\*

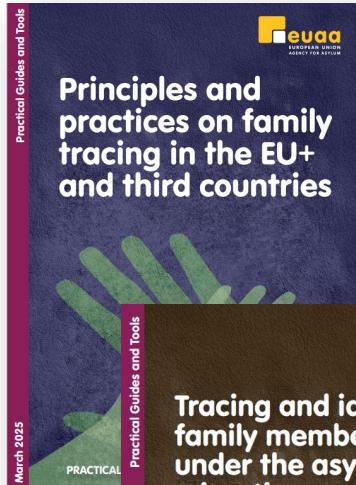


## Target audience

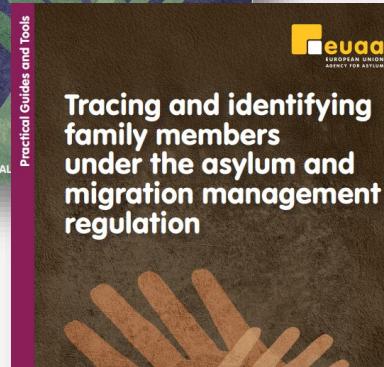
- Policy officers, managers
- Case officers (screening, registration, reception, AMMR\* officers, child protection)
- Legal guardians, representatives and legal counsellors

\*Asylum and Migration Management Regulation

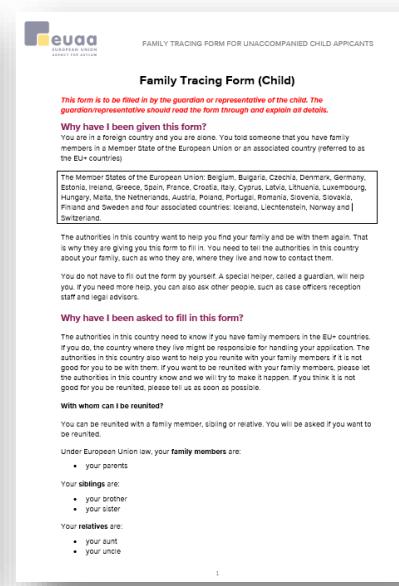
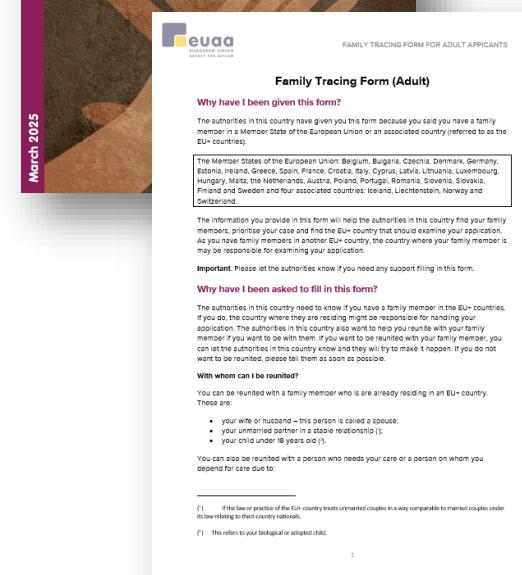
## Practical Guide on Family tracing (Part I & II, templates)



- **Part I**
- Family tracing in the EU+ and outside
- **Revision** of existing guidance (from 2014)



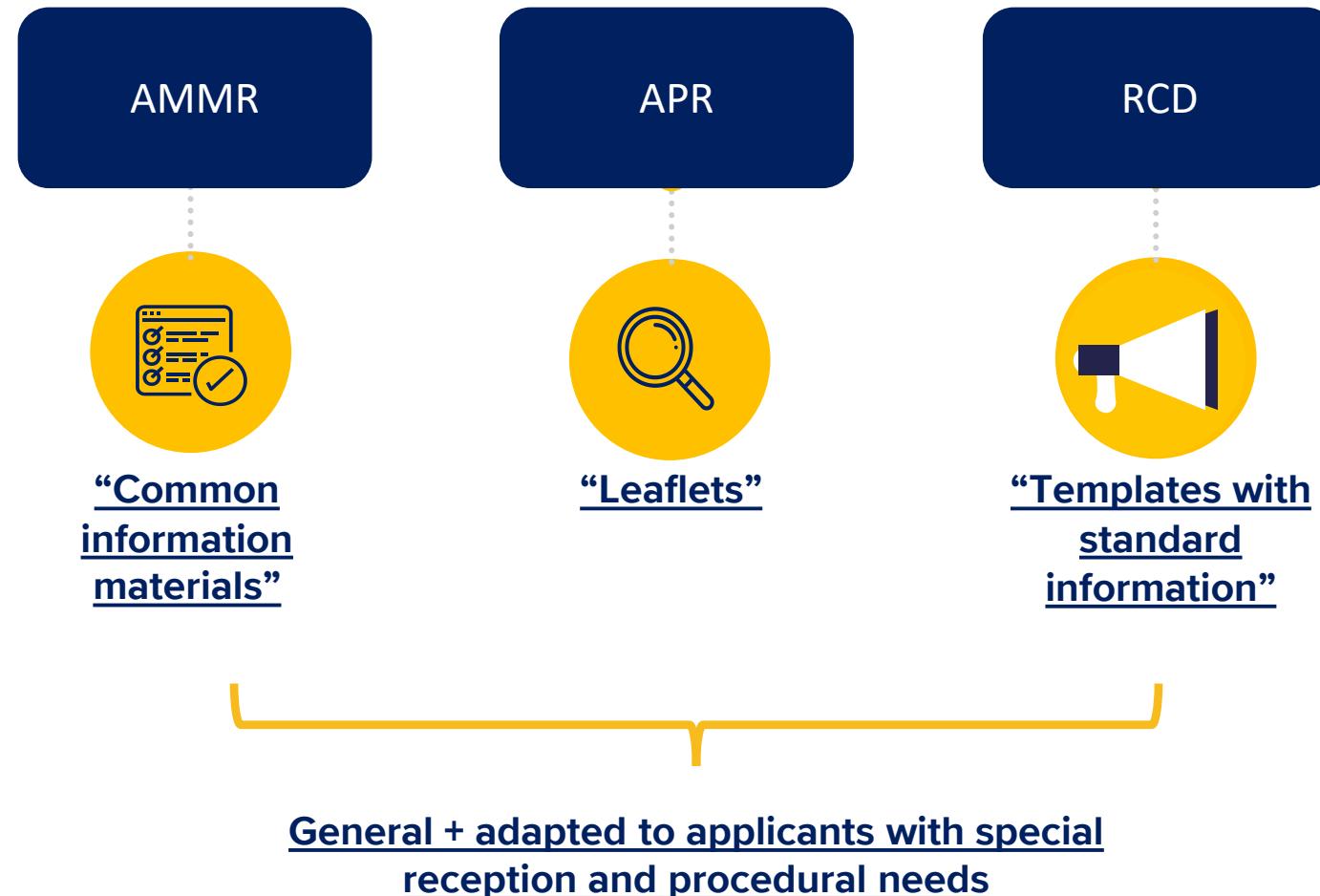
- **Part II**
- Tracing and identification as per AMMR
- **New** development



## Family tracing forms

- **As per Article 22 AMMR**
- **New** development

# Information provision products directly tasked to the EUAA



## Information provision materials



## AMMR & Eurodac (for adults/general profile)



(for adults/general profile and  
accompanied and unaccompanied  
children above 14)



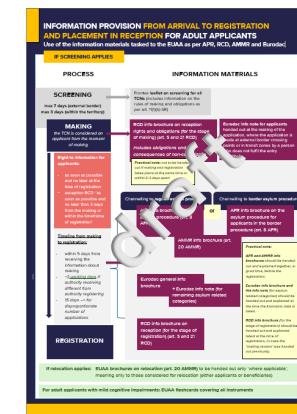
### APR (for adults/general profile)



## Vulnerable groups and children (complementary package of comic stories, posters, flashcards)



## APR (animated slide presentation for unaccompanied children)



- Customisation manual
- Information flowchart
- Manual on the use of info materials

# Delivery of upcoming products



- Practical guide on the **audio recording** of the personal interview
- Practical guide on **registration** and **lodging of applications** for international protection
- Practical guide on setting up and managing an **arrival/reception centre**
- Practical guide on **age assessment**
- Guidance on **asylum procedure**: operational standards & indicators
- **Training modules:**
  - Introduction to the **legal framework** on fundamental rights & international protection in the EU
  - **Children** in the asylum process



## The Monitoring Mechanism *state of play*

Alessia Chiocchetti Head of Monitoring Unit



# Outline

- ▶ The EUAA Monitoring mechanism
- ▶ Pilot exercises in Estonia and the Netherlands
- ▶ Looking ahead: 2026 country monitoring

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 (Legislative act)

REGULATIONS

REGULATION (EU) 2021/2303 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
 of 15 December 2021  
 on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 78(1) and (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure (1),

Whereas:

(1) The objective of the Union's policy on asylum is to develop and establish a Common European Asylum System (CEAS) that is consistent with the values and humanitarian tradition of the Union and governed by the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility.

(2) A common policy on asylum based on the full and inclusive application of the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of 28 July 1951, as amended by the New York Protocol of 31 January 1967, is a constituent part of the Union's objective of establishing progressively an area of freedom, security and justice open to third-country nationals or stateless persons who seek international protection in the Union.

(3) The CEAS is based on common minimum standards for procedures for international protection, recognition and protection offered at Union level and for reception conditions, and it establishes a system for determining the Member State responsible for examining applications for international protection. Notwithstanding the progress made on the CEAS, there are still significant disparities between the Member States as regards the granting of international protection and the form that such international protection takes. Those disparities should be addressed by ensuring greater convergence in the assessment of applications for international protection and by guaranteeing a uniform level of application of Union law, based on high protection standards, across the Union.

(4) In its communication of 6 April 2016 entitled 'Towards a reform of the Common European Asylum System and enhancing legal avenues to Europe', the Commission set out priority areas for structurally improving the CEAS, namely the establishment of a sustainable and fair system for determining the Member State responsible for asylum seekers, the reinforcement of the Eurodac system, the achievement of greater convergence in the Union asylum system, the prevention of secondary movements within the Union and the development of a new mandate for the

(1) Position of the European Parliament of 11 November 2021 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and decision of the Council of 9 December 2021.

# Monitoring mechanism

'The Agency, in close cooperation with the Commission, shall establish a monitoring mechanism for the purpose of monitoring the **operational and technical application** of the CEAS in order to prevent or identify possible **shortcomings** in the **asylum and reception systems** of Member States and to assess their **capacity and preparedness** to manage situations of disproportionate pressure so as to **enhance the efficiency** of those systems.'

*Art. 14(1) of the EUAA regulation*



# Sources of information

## Information provided by the Member State

MS questionnaire; meetings with MS authorities and implementing partners

## NHRIs, Ombudspersons and CSOs

(CSOs only if members of the EUAA Consultative Forum or registered in EU Transparency register).

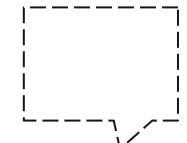
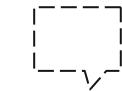


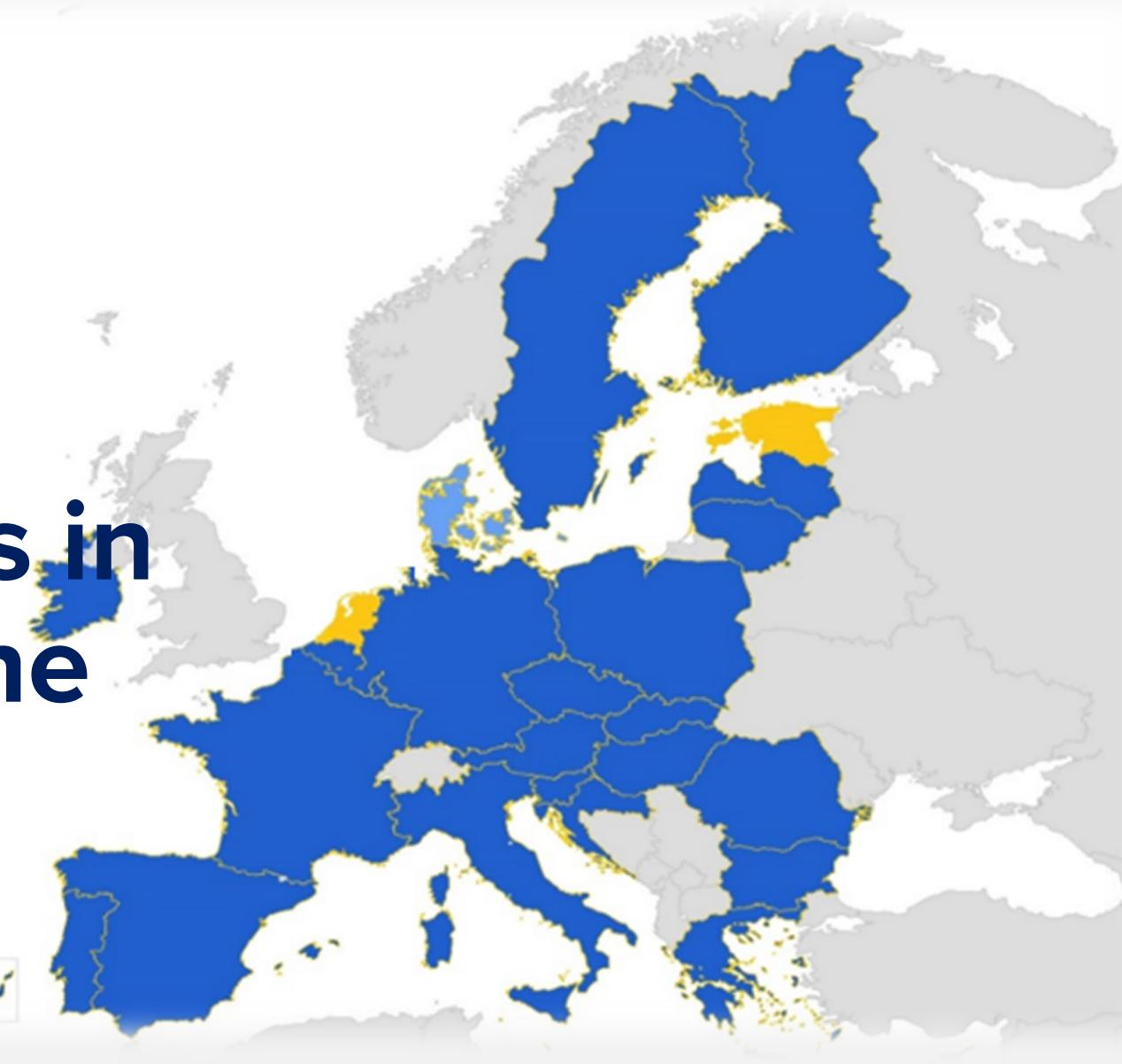
## Information available to the EUAA

Annual Asylum report, EUAA analysis and research products (IDS, Caselaw, EPS data etc.

## UNHCR and IGOs; EU Institutions and Agencies

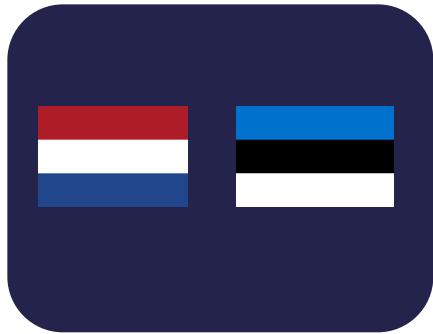
such as Frontex, FRA etc.





# Pilot exercises in Estonia and the Netherlands

# Pilot monitoring exercises: state of play



## Pilot kick off

13 January



## Analysis and Preparation

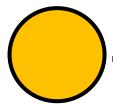
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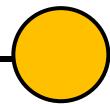
## On-site visit

2-13 June EE

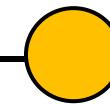
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- **Official request** sent out to the Netherlands and Estonia, including **questionnaire & case sampling** request
- **Call for information** sent to COM, UNHCR, CSOs, Ombudspersons, NHRI



- **Information consolidation**
- **Case sampling & questionnaire analysis**
- Preliminary gaps identified and **analysis performed** to provide structured information to the teams of experts
- **Selection and training** of the teams of experts



- **On-site visit** performed by teams of experts

# Pilot monitoring exercises: next steps

## Finalisation of report with findings

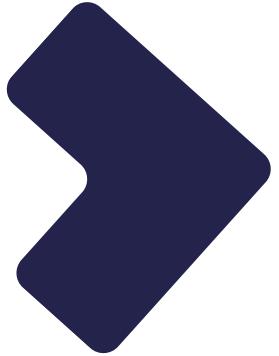
September - October 2025

- ED sent the findings of the monitoring exercise to the Member State concerned for comments
- Following the Member State comments, the **reports were finalised.**

## Lessons learnt

PACT

Revision of the monitoring methodology (& adaptation of tools)



# Looking ahead: 2026 monitoring exercises



# Multiannual programme 2026 – 2030

	<b>Revision of methodology</b>					
	✓ Slovakia ✓ Malta ✓ Bulgaria		✓ Portugal ✓ Slovenia ✓ France ✓ Czech Republic ✓ Sweden		✓ Lithuania ✓ Greece ✓ Italy ✓ Latvia ✓ Luxembourg	
<b>Pilots</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	
<b>Pilot phase:</b>		✓ Austria ✓ Romania ✓ Finland ✓ Croatia ✓ Germany		✓ Spain ✓ Belgium ✓ Hungary ✓ Poland ✓ Cyprus ✓ Ireland	+ At least one thematic monitoring exercise	



# Interested to know more?

Visit our public webpage!

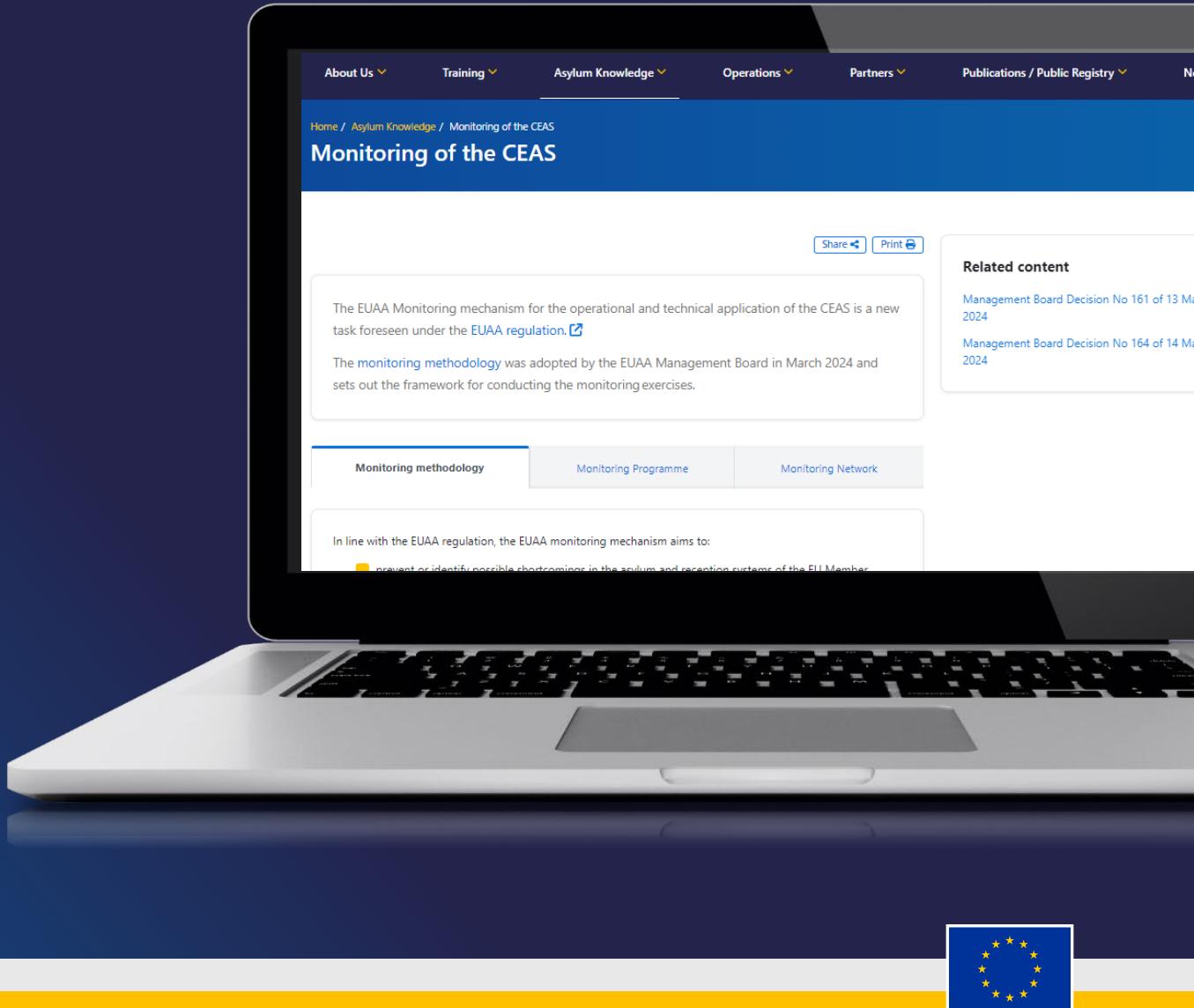


<https://euaa.europa.eu/asylum-knowledge/monitoring-ceas>



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The screenshot shows a laptop displaying the EUAA website. The page title is 'Monitoring of the CEAS'. The content area discusses the EUAA Monitoring mechanism for the operational and technical application of the CEAS, which is a new task foreseen under the EUAA regulation. It mentions that the monitoring methodology was adopted by the EUAA Management Board in March 2024 and sets out the framework for conducting the monitoring exercises. Below this, there are three tabs: 'Monitoring methodology' (which is active), 'Monitoring Programme', and 'Monitoring Network'. A sidebar on the right is titled 'Related content' and lists two management board decisions. The EU flag is visible in the bottom right corner of the laptop screen.

# Overview of CF activities in 2025

Ana Ciuban

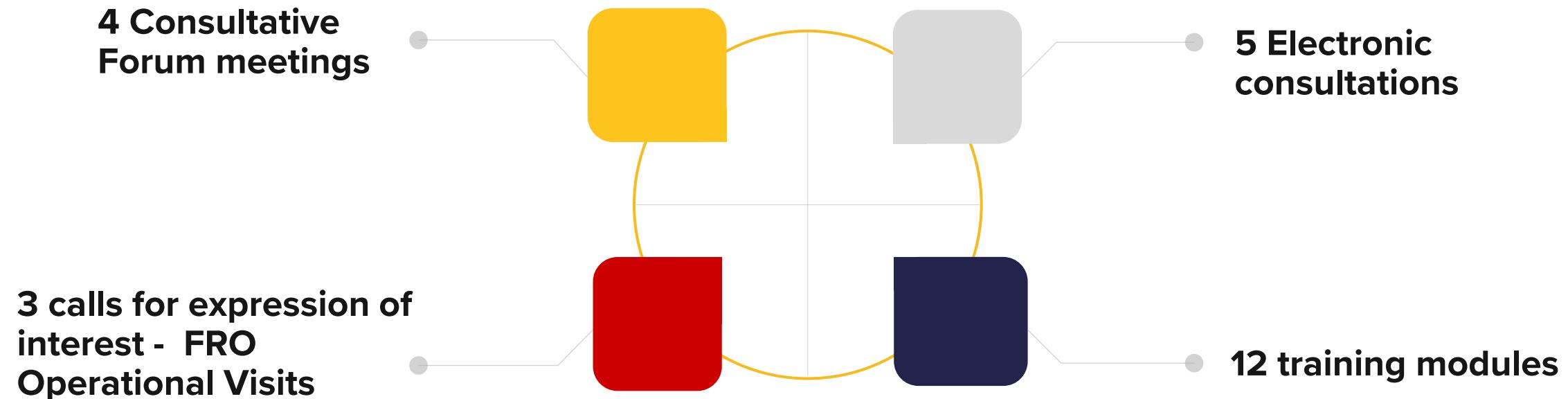
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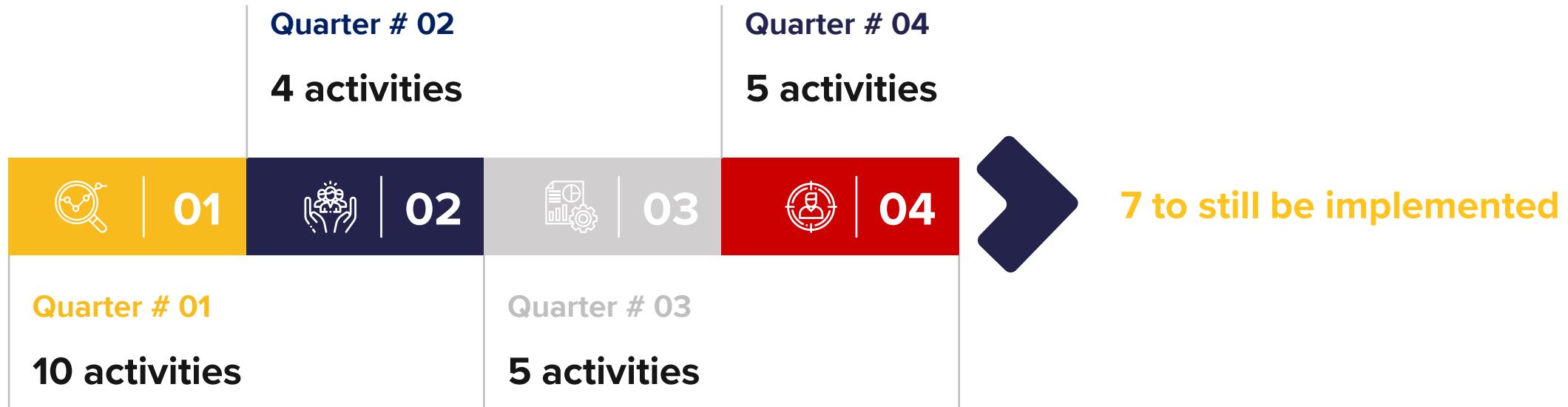
# Overview of CF activities in 2025

**State of Play: 24 activities to date**



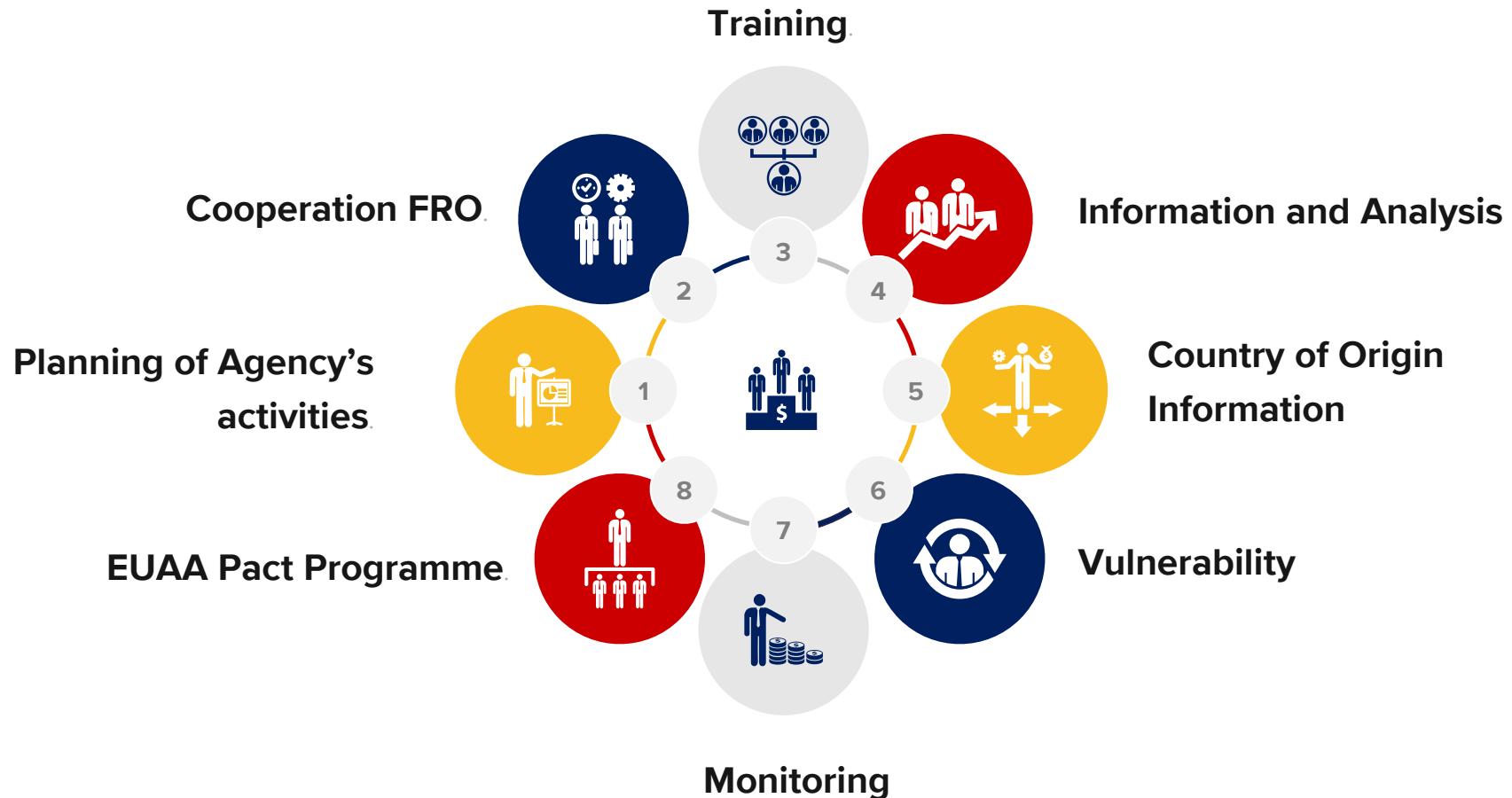
# CF activities 2025

## Per Quarter



# Priority areas of work for the CF in 2025

Activities have concentrated on 8 different areas of the Agency's work



# CF activities 2025 still to be implemented

Some 7 activities still to be implemented until the end of the year

Meetings

2 Consultation Group Meetings (16 October 2025)

Possible meeting on Legal Counselling and/or Public IDS

Electronic  
consultations

Survey to collect input to the CF Work Plan 2026

Evaluation survey to assess satisfaction exchange of info  
Agency-CF

Feedback/advice

Presentation to EUAA MB - CF feedback on the Annual Report

# Update and preparations for:

- CF Group on COI
- CF Group on Persons in a Vulnerable Situation



# Conclusion & Wrap up

