



## Romania

### National developments in 2025



Romania received support in 2025 on all building blocks of the national implementation plan for the Pact on Migration and Asylum,<sup>1</sup> with administrative and organisational reforms focusing on increasing general capacity.<sup>2</sup> Legislative amendments were adopted or are currently under examination in preparation for the implementation of the Pact.<sup>3</sup> A fact-finding mission by ECRE in March 2025 to monitor readiness for the Pact found a need to increase human resources and training; improve the identification of applicants with special needs; and reinforce procedural rights related to interpretation and legal aid.<sup>4</sup>

The number of applications sharply decreased in 2025 compared to 2024.<sup>5</sup> A needs assessment exercise indicated the necessity for continued support from the EUAA for 2025 - 2026, focusing on processing asylum applications, quality of the decision-making process, and interpretation services. Within reception, EUAA support will enhance information provision, the identification of applicants with special needs, and provide training and capacity-building.<sup>6</sup>

[Law No 84 of 22 May 2025](#) amended Article 11 of Law No 122/2006 on asylum to provide impunity for illegal entry into or stay in Romania by third-country nationals requesting to apply for or being granted a form of protection. The prosecutor and the court will have the power to suspend the criminal prosecution and the judgment and have the right to review such decisions.<sup>7</sup>

To ensure continuous support to displaced persons from Ukraine, the government issued [Emergency Ordinance No 15 of 20 March 2025](#) to extend the right to accommodation and a 3-month financial aid until 31 December 2025. However, there was a decline in registrations for temporary protection,<sup>8</sup> and national authorities observed that many renounced the status to request it in another Member State.

By [decision](#) of 4 September 2025, the government amended Article 3(1) of Government Decision No 1596/2008 to allow the resettlement of 300 refugees to Romania during 2026-2027. The decision mentions the resettlement of Eritrean, Sudanese and South Sudanese refugees from Kenya and Egypt.<sup>9</sup>

#### More input from civil society:

- [European Network on Statelessness](#)
- [Jesuit Refugee Service \(JRS\) Romania](#)
- [Romanian National Council for Refugees | Consiliul Național Român pentru Refugiați](#)

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## Key indicators for 2025



Rank by number of asylum applications

22

Rank per capita (applications per 1M inhabitants)

27

Share of applications in EU+

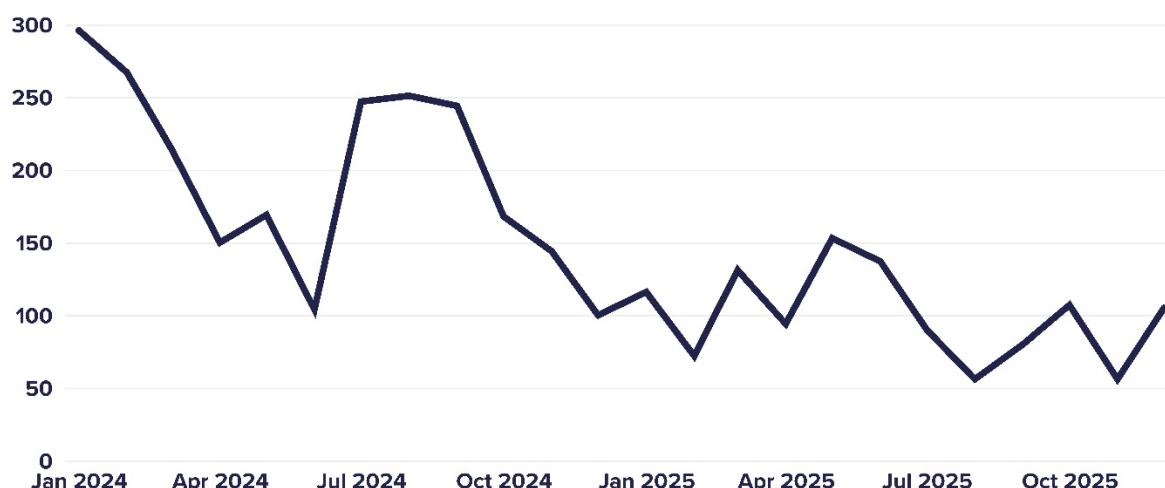
0.1%

Recognition rate

57%

Indicator	2025	2024	% change	Top 3 countries of origin
Asylum applications	1,197	2,354 ↓	-49%	Syria (25%), Palestine (15%), Iraq (9%)
Pending cases (Dec '25)	101	166 ↓	-39%	Syria (30%), Afghanistan (15%), Iraq (12%)
First instance decisions	994	1,822 ↓	-45%	Syria (28%), Palestine (18%), Sudan (9%)
Refugee status	306	225 ↑	36%	Palestine (51%), Syria (25%), Afghanistan (5%)
Subsidiary protection	263	441 ↓	-40%	Syria (48%), Sudan (25%), Palestine (9%)
Negative	425	1,156 ↓	-63%	Syria (17%), Iraq (15%), Bangladesh (6%)

Evolution of asylum applications, 2024-2025



For more developments, please consult the [Asylum Report 2026](#) and the [National Asylum Developments Database](#).





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