

Working Arrangement

between

Eurostat,

and

the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

on cooperation in the field of statistics on international protection

The statistical office of the European Union (Eurostat), on the one side,
and
the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), on the other side,
jointly referred to as the ‘Sides’, or individually as the ‘Side’,
have agreed as follows:

Section 1. Purpose and principles

1. With a view to mutually beneficial collaboration, **Eurostat** and **EUAA** sign this Working Arrangement setting out a framework for cooperation in the field of statistics on international protection.

The Sides are willing, under their respective mandates¹, to carry out activities of common interest to exchange statistical data and metadata, share knowledge and develop statistical methodologies and tools in this field.

2. This Working Arrangement sets out the scope and the general and operating principles governing cooperation between the Sides. It will be complemented by a technical arrangement, referred to in Section 3.5, setting out in detail specific aspects of the cooperation.

3. This Working Arrangement does not create legal rights or obligations.

4. This Working Arrangement does not entail the exchange of the personal data of applicants for international protection between the Sides. Any processing of personal data, including the personal data of the Sides, necessary for administrative purposes or for facilitating cooperation between the Sides, such as the organisation of meetings or the exchange of contact details, will be carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725².

Section 2. Scope

1. The scope of this Working Arrangement covers statistical domains in areas of common interest in relation to European statistics on international protection provided to Eurostat under Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and data provided to the EUAA under Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 in relation to the situation of asylum in the Union and the functioning of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

2. Taking into account their respective areas of expertise, the Sides intend to focus in particular on:

- a. cooperating on compiling European statistics on international protection provided under Regulation (EC) No 862/2007, including re-using the data submitted under Regulation (EU) 2021/2303, which will be further specified in a technical arrangement;

¹ The mandate of the EUAA is laid down in 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.

² Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

- b. improving the overall quality of the European statistics and operational data on international protection through joint activities, including by harmonising methodologies and data sources and by applying sound quality assessment frameworks;
- c. exchanging knowledge and practice on the respective areas of competence and expertise of the Sides, including statistical methodologies and tools in this field and data on international protection, and arranging study visits where necessary;
- d. exchanging information and practice on emerging subjects for data collection for statistical purposes, relating to priorities in EU law and policy;
- e. attending working groups and expert meetings hosted by one of the Sides, upon invitation and as an observer, where such meetings are relevant to the work of the Sides, including:
 - i. for the EUAA, specific European Commission expert groups led by Eurostat that relate to the EUAA's areas of data collection and statistical analysis, to share expertise and experience relating to statistics on international protection;
 - ii. for Eurostat, consultation meetings of the EUAA where areas of common interest are discussed;
- f. contributing to joint publications and other data dissemination and communication actions, as appropriate.

3. A senior-level annual meeting should be held between the Sides, with participation by Eurostat at Director level and by the EUAA at Head of Centre level. In addition, regular working-level meetings should be held between the staff of the Sides to support the implementation of this Working Arrangement.

Section 3. Operating principles

1. Cooperation between the Sides will be based on the principles of equality, openness, mutual respect and mutual benefit.
2. In cooperating the Sides continue to be governed by their own rules and regulations.
3. Cooperation between the Sides is based on respect for, and mutual understanding of, their institutional structures, remits and institutional capacities.
4. The Sides intend to agree on concrete actions and activities to fulfil the purpose of this Working Arrangement during the regular senior level meetings referred to in Section 2.3 and to set these out in an annual cooperation plan. The annual cooperation plan, should be monitored on a regular basis.
5. Joint work under this Working Arrangement may be covered by a technical arrangement. Such a technical arrangement will define in detail agreed activities and specific roles and responsibilities, as appropriate. The technical arrangement may be concluded by Eurostat at Director level and by the EUAA at Head of Centre level.

Section 4. Confidentiality

1. The Sides undertake to keep confidential any information, document or other material communicated to it by the other Side as confidential, not to disclose it to third parties without the prior written consent of that Side, and not to use such information for any purpose other than the implementation of this Working Arrangement, even after it has been terminated.

2. The Sides commit to comply with all rules applicable to them on the protection of classified information and sensitive, non-classified information.

Section 5. Intellectual Property, use of name and logo/copyright

1. The Sides recognise the importance of protecting and complying with intellectual property rights. Any intellectual property rights arising from the cooperation carried out under this Working Arrangement will be detailed in a technical arrangement within the meaning of Section 1.2 and Section 3.5.

2. The Sides agree not to use the name or logo of the other Side in any press release, memo, report, or other publication relating to this Working Arrangement without the prior written consent of the other Side.

Section 6. Public access to documents

1. The Sides intend to process requests for access to documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.

2. If one of the Sides receives a request for access to (i) a document that originated from the other Side, (ii) a document drafted jointly, or (iii) a document including data/information originating from the other Side, the Side that received the request will consult the other Side before granting access to the requested document.

Section 7. Resources

1. This Working Arrangement does not give rise to any additional budgetary expenditure for the Sides.

2. The Sides will bear their own costs arising from their participation in the activities carried out as part of the cooperation under this Working Arrangement.

Section 8. Duration

1. Cooperation between the Sides under this Working Arrangement will commence on the date of its signature by the Sides.

2. The cooperation is intended to continue for a period of five years and this Working Arrangement is automatically renewable for an equal period, until one of the Sides terminates the cooperation by giving the other Side a notice in writing of no less than three months.

3. Termination of the cooperation under this Working Arrangement is not to affect any ongoing implementation of the actions and activities agreed between the Sides, unless agreed otherwise.

Section 9. Points of contact

1. The Sides will each nominate a contact point within their administration to be entrusted with all communications relating to this Working Arrangement.

2. The nomination of the contact points, as well as any subsequent change in those contact points, will be communicated through an exchange of letters between the Executive Director of the EUAA and the Director-General of Eurostat.

3. The contact points will hold overall responsibility for implementing this Working Arrangement, including responsibility for drawing up the annual cooperation plan referred to in Section 3.4.

Section 10. Dispute resolution

Any disputes that arise in connection with the interpretation or implementation of this Working Arrangement will be settled by means of consultations and negotiations between the Sides.

Section 11. Amendment

1. This Working Arrangement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Sides, through an exchange of letters between the Director-General of Eurostat and the Executive Director of the EUAA.

2. Any technical arrangement under Section 3.5 may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Sides, through an exchange of letters between Eurostat at Director level and the EUAA at Head of Centre level.

Signed in two original copies.

Eurostat	European Union Agency for Asylum
Director-General Mariana Kotzeva	Executive Director Nina Gregori
Date	Date
Signature <i>[Signed electronically on 31 July 2026]</i>	Signature <i>[Signed electronically on 29 July 2026]</i>
Place	Place