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COI and MedCOI modules focus on the use of Country of Origin Information (COI) as a key element in the assessment of applications for international protection. They support asylum professionals in gathering, assessing, and applying reliable, relevant, and up-to-date country of origin information to inform decision-making.

COI plays a central role in asylum procedures, providing information on the situation in countries of origin and supporting objective and well-reasoned decisions.

Who this training is for

These modules are intended for:

- **asylum case workers and decision-makers**
- **professionals involved in research and analysis of country of origin information**
- **practitioners seeking to strengthen evidence-based decision-making**

What these modules cover

Through COI and MedCOI modules, participants develop knowledge and skills related to:

- **identifying the role of COI and its quality standards in the context of international protection and the concepts for which COI research should be conducted**

- **applying the relevant quality standards when dealing with COI questions**
- **assessing COI sources**
- **applying the appropriate strategy/strategies when researching COI**
- **conducting COI research on vulnerable groups, Article 15 (c) QR and exclusion**
- **applying techniques for drafting useful COI products**
- **conducting peer - review of COI production**
- **assessing health-related claims through Medical Country of Origin Information (MedCOI)**

These competencies support decision-making that is transparent, consistent, and grounded in objective information.

Available modules

The following modules are included in this category:

- **Introduction to country of origin information**
- **Country of origin information – Advanced**
- **Medical country of origin information**

These modules provide a progressive learning pathway, from understanding the basic concepts of COI to applying advanced analytical methods, as well as addressing specialised medical aspects relevant to protection cases.

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