



EUROPEAN ASYLUM SUPPORT OFFICE

*EJTN - Judicial Administrative Training of
Asylum Law - 17 September 2020*

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EASO's role

EASO is a **unique centre of expertise** on asylum with **operational capacities on the ground**, being capable to provide support to Member States under pressure in managing asylum applicants

- ✔ Implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS);
- ✔ Fostering greater convergence amongst Member State's Asylum Systems;
- ✔ Providing the necessary support in order to translate into practice the provisions of the CEAS;
- ✔ Ensuring that individual asylum applications are dealt with in a coherent way by all Member States.





EASO's focus points

Permanent Support -

common asylum training material (curriculum), common practical tools, guidance and common Country of Origin Information (COI)



Special and emergency support -

assistance to repair or rebuild asylum and reception systems



Operational Support -

coordinating all activities under the EASO Operating Plans with Member States



Information and analysis support -

sharing and merging information and data on asylum



Third-country support - supporting the external dimension of the Common European Asylum System



EASO Practical Cooperation Networks

In order to foster cooperation and transfer of best practices, EASO facilitates over 20 Cooperation Networks which bring together Member States practitioners in specialised asylum fields. These Networks include:

Courts & Tribunals Network

Aims to provide courts and tribunals members with a full overview of the CEAS.



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Vulnerability Expert Network

Organises thematic activities on, inter alia, children, victims of human trafficking, victims of torture and LGBTI issues.

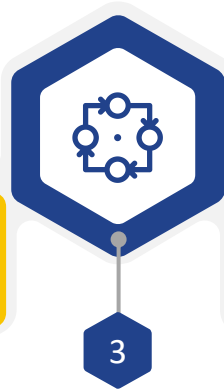
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Reception Network

Provides a forum for exchange of information and good practices.

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Asylum Process Network

Allows national asylum authorities to exchange information on their current practices and policies.

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Exclusion Network

Brings together EU+ States contact points, engaged in the EASO activities on matters related to exclusion from international protection.

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Dublin Units Network

EASO serves as its facilitator, ensuring its effective operation.

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EASO Information & Analysis



**Research
Programme**



**Country of Origin
Information**



**Early Warning and
Preparedness**



**Annual Report on
the Situation of
Asylum in the EU**

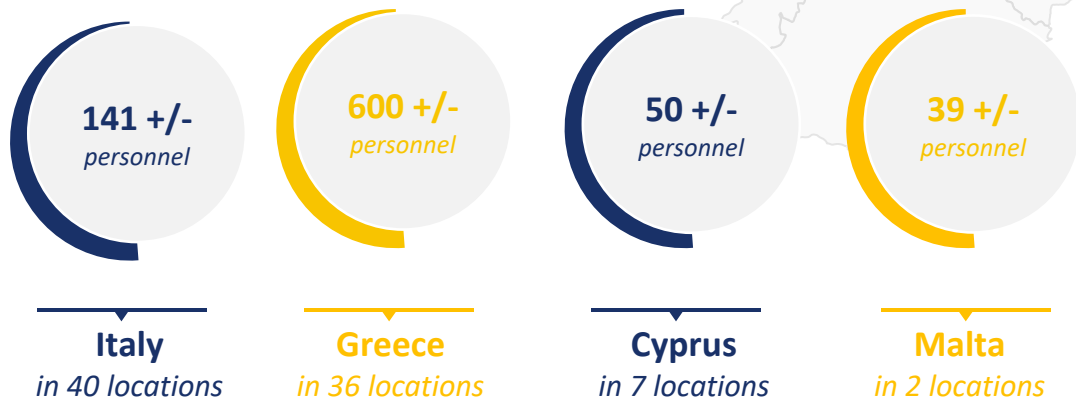


**Information and
Documentation
System**

Country Operations Unit

EASO currently runs major operations in **85 locations in Italy, Greece, Cyprus & Malta**, accounting for over **800 personnel** and **40%** of the Agency's budget.

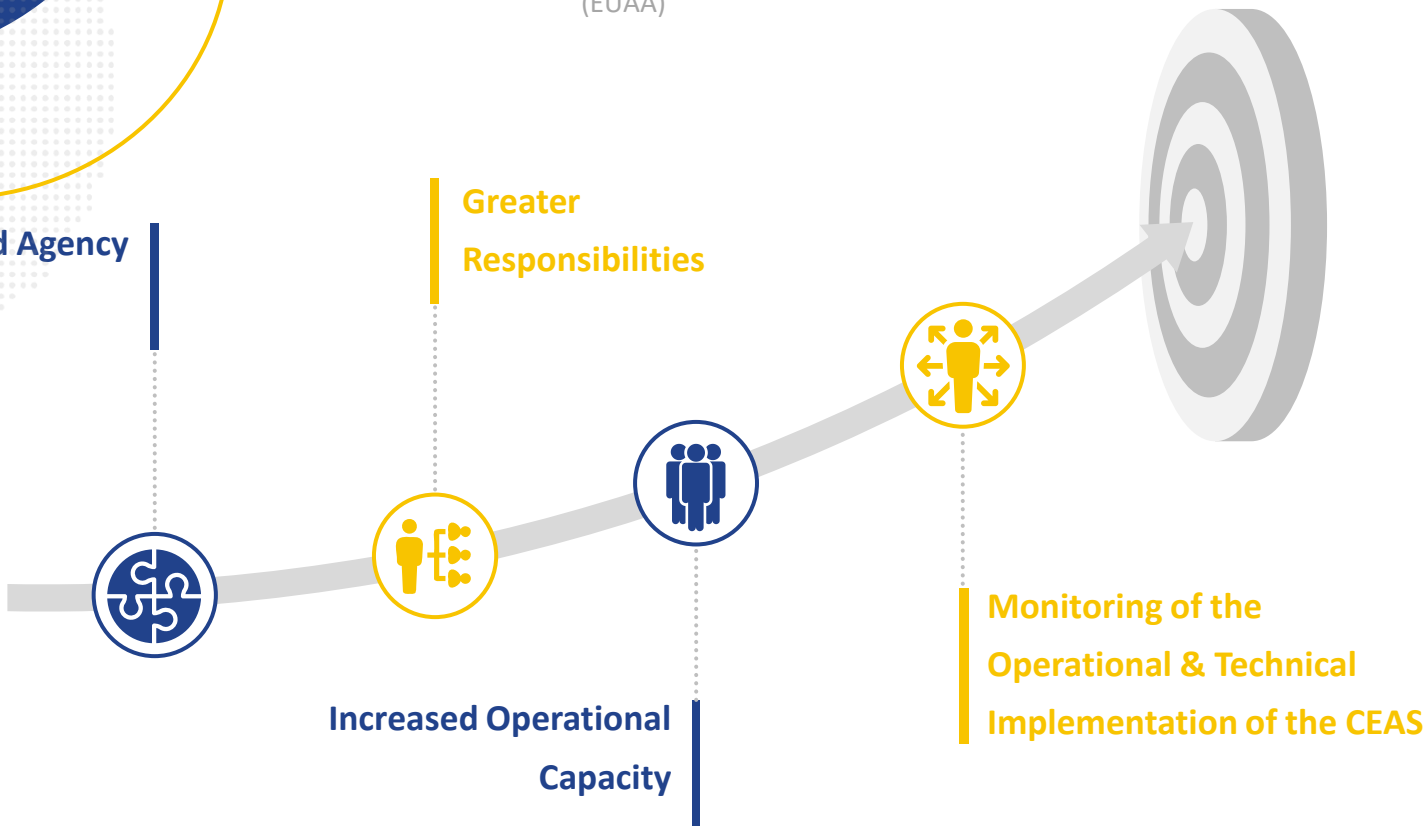
Upon request of the national authorities, EASO is implementing several measures, set out in the **Operating Plans** stipulated with **Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Malta**, aimed at relieving some of the pressures on the national authorities.



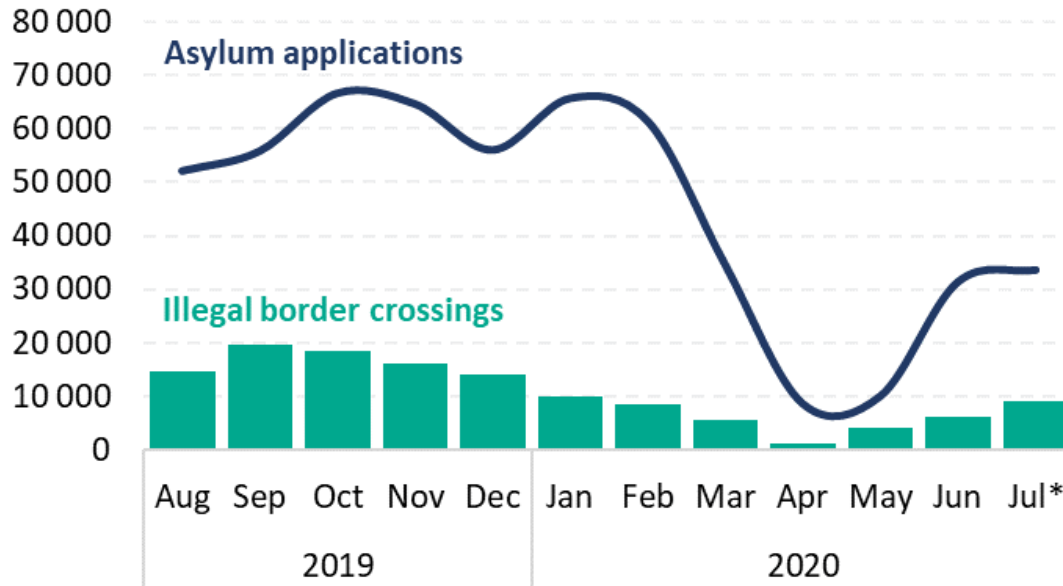
EU Agency for Asylum

(EUAA)

Fully fledged Agency



Latest asylum trends (1)

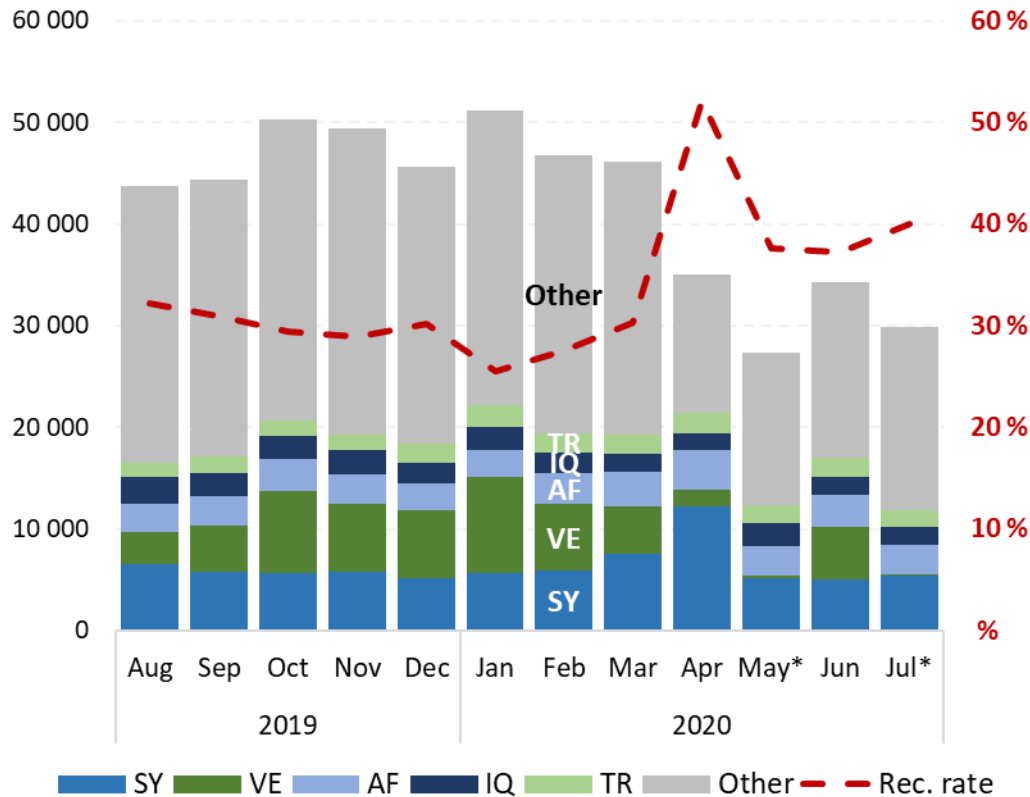


* Missing data for 2 EU+ countries, the number of applications is likely higher

- Before the pandemic, asylum trends were higher than in the previous two years
- Applications dropped to record lows in April (8 730, - 87 % from January) and May (10 200, - 84 %), due to containment measures
- Asylum trends on the rise since then, but still halved from pre-COVID levels.



Decrease in decision-making more modest...

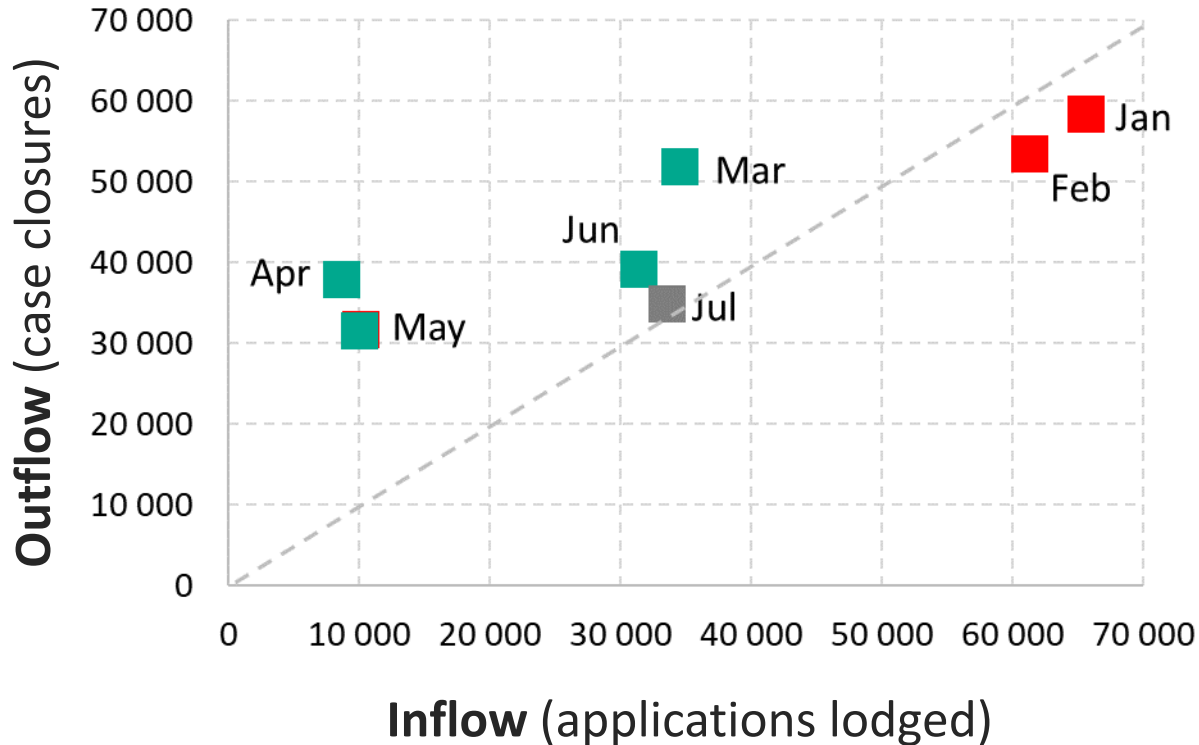


- The decline in decision-making was far more modest than for lodgings
- In April, more than a third of all decisions were issued to Syrians, leading to a sharp rise in EU+ recognition rate
- The share of positive decreased, but it is still higher than pre-COVID months

* Missing data for one country in May, and for two countries in July



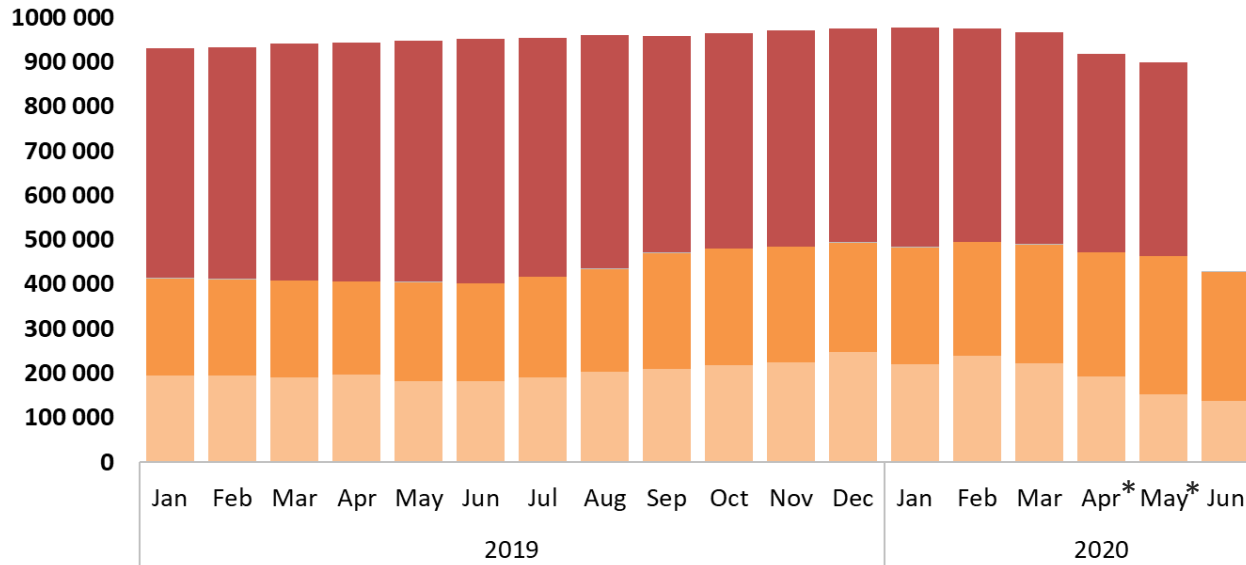
More case closures than applications amidst the pandemic



- Before the pandemic, more applications than case closures
- During the pandemic the situation was reversed, resulting in a decrease of pending cases
- As the situation normalises, the balance is returning to an equilibrium (inflows=outflows)

Fewer cases pending at both first and higher instances

■ 1st instance <=6 months ■ 1st instance >6 months ■ 1st instance: Unknown ■ Pending at higher instance



* Missing data for one country in April and May (higher instances)

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- First instance pending cases were increasing up to the beginning of 2020
- As a result of the focus on decision making, the trend was reversed as of March 2020
- As the situation normalises, the balance is returning to an equilibrium (inflows=outflows)



Disclaimer

These slides were produced by EASO's Data Analysis and Research Sector within the Situational Awareness Unit on the basis of data collected and exchanged under the Early warning and Preparedness System (EPS). It consists of statistical data shared with EASO by European Union Member States plus Norway and Switzerland (EU+) via a standard template, as well as other sources. The United Kingdom is excluded from all reference periods.

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EASO's support to Courts & Tribunals

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Courts and Tribunals Sector

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- Mandate of the C&T Sector

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- C&T Sector (WHO?) and
- C&T Network Cooperation (HOW?)

3 (WHAT?)

- Professional development series (PDS)
- Professional development workshops
- Collection and exchange of jurisprudence

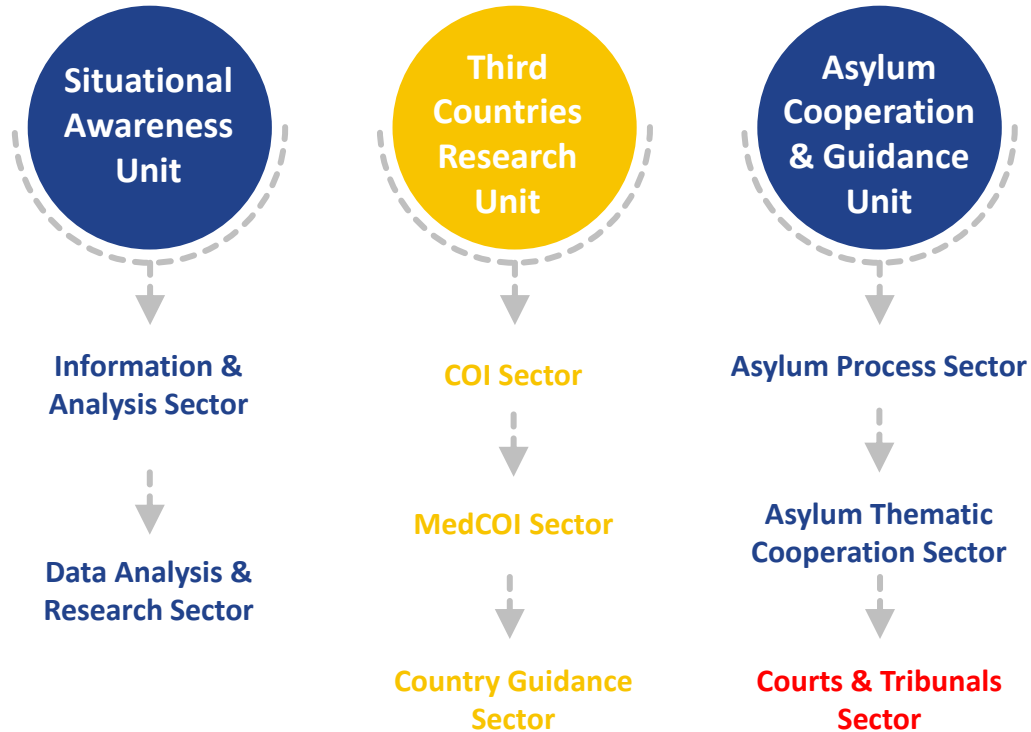


Courts and Tribunals Mandate in EASO regulation

EASO Regulation (EU/439/2010), Article 6:

- Training available to members of all national administrations and **courts and tribunals**
- Full respect of the **judicial independence**
- **Gather information** on national law and legal developments in the field of asylum

Asylum Knowledge Centre



EASO Courts and Tribunals Network

National Contact Points from 27 EU Member States +
Norway & Switzerland +



Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)



European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR)



UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)



Academy of European Law (ERA)



European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)



International Association of Refugees & Migration Judges (IARMJ)



Association of European Administrative Judges (AEAJ)



Review of EASO's judicial activities

Professional
Development
Workshops



 European Asylum Support Office

Judicial analysis

Legal Standards for the Reception of Applicants for International Protection (Reception Conditions Directive 2013/33/EU)

 EASO Professional Development Series
for members of courts and tribunals

2019

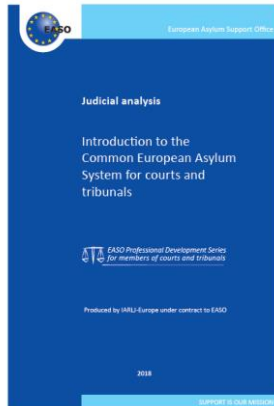
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Professional
Development
Series

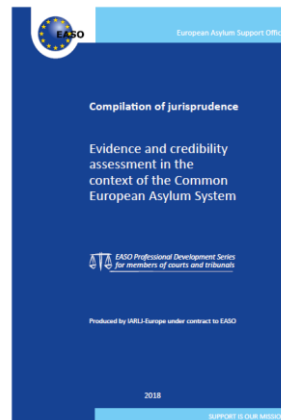


Professional Development Series (PDS)

Judicial analysis /
Judicial practical
guide



Compilation of
jurisprudence



Judicial trainers'
guidance note



Professional Development Series (PDS)



- **2 tracks** for the development of PDS
 - EASO track
 - Contractor



- **9 chapters** already developed in English



- **Translation in 7 languages**

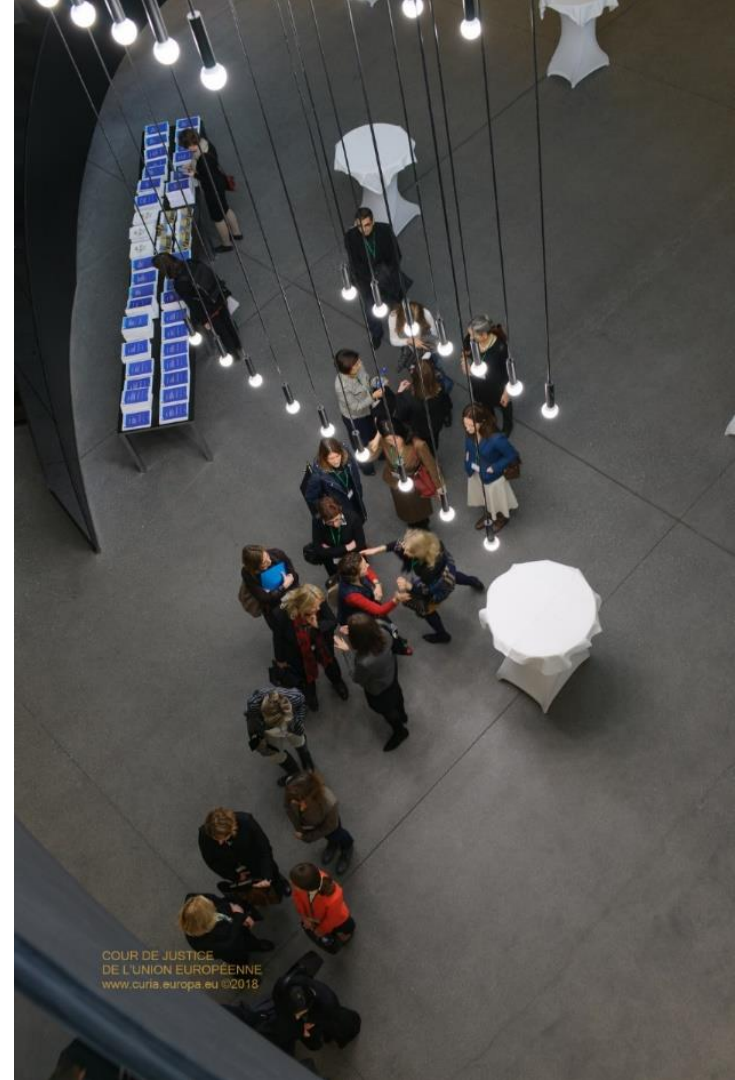


<https://www.easo.europa.eu/courts-and-tribunals>

European Asylum Support Office
QUALIFICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION (DIRECTIVE 2011/95/EU)
A Judicial Analysis

CJEU, judgment of 13 September 2018,
Case C-369/17, EU:C:2018:713, para. 56:

*‘That interpretation is supported by the report
of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
for the month of January 2016, entitled
‘Exclusion: Articles 12 and 17 of the
Qualification Directive (2011/95/EU) (...)’*



EASO Professional Development Workshops



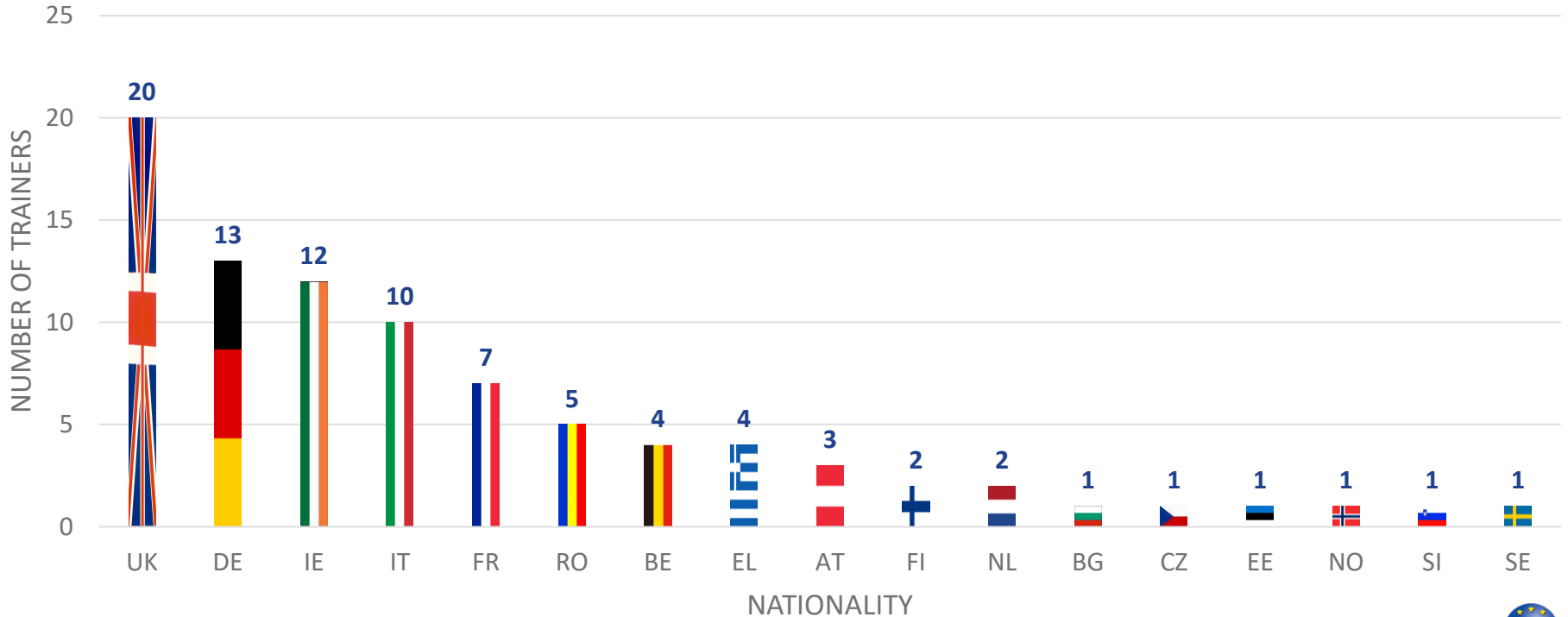
- Based on the PDS

- Train-the-trainers methodology

- Led by **members of courts and tribunals** who are selected from the **EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool**

EASO Judicial Trainers' Pool

Trainers by Nationality



Professional Development Activities in 2019

349 participants

10

Professional development workshops in Malta

- 192 participants from 24 Member States
- 20 judicial trainers

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Regional workshops

- Leipzig, DE – 74 participants from 9 Member States
- Naples, IT – 20 participants
- Nicosia, CY – 3 participants

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Tailored Workshops under operating plans

- Athens, GR - 25 Members of the Independent Appeals Committees (IACs)– 10 Legal Rapporteurs in the IACs

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Activities in the External Dimension of CEAS

- Warsaw, PL – 7 participants from SRB
- Belgrade, SRB – 18 participants from Western Balkans and Kosovo



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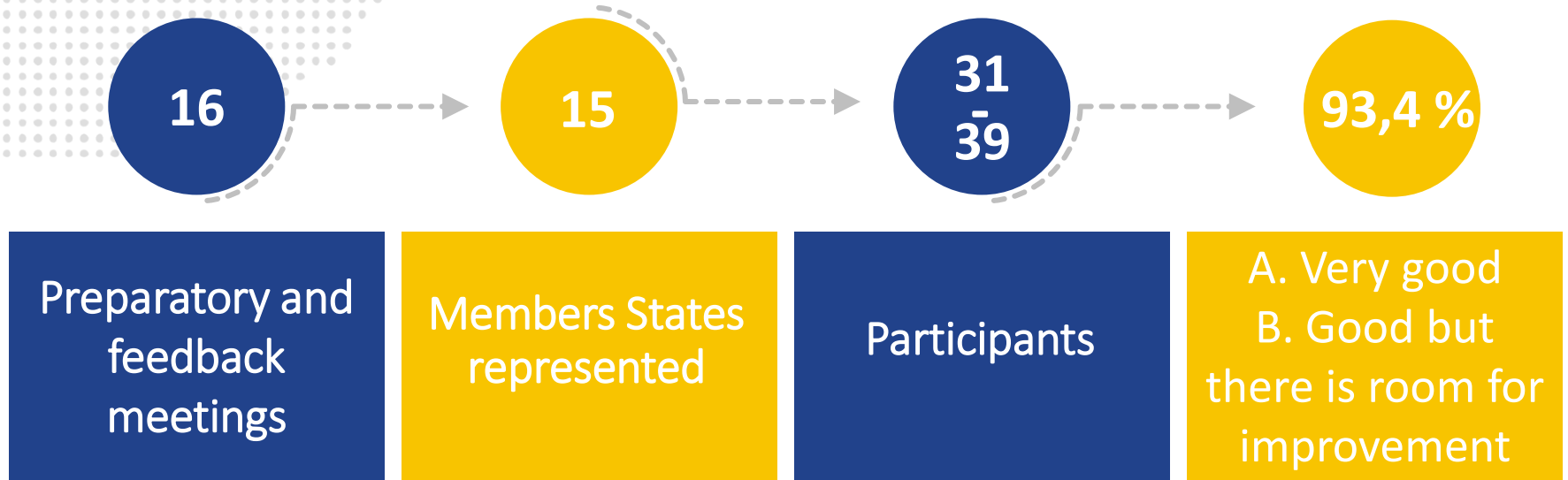


Joint EASO / EJTN Professional Development **Webinar** Series on *Country Of Origin Information (COI) for EU+ judicial trainers*

16, 18, 23 June 2020, 14:00 – 16:00 CET
25 June 2020, 14:00 – 16:30 CET



The Pilot in Numbers





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