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FACTS AND FIGURES: THE ASYLUM INFORMATION DATABASE

Project name:
Supporting and developing the Asylum
Information Database – AIDA

Purpose:
Strengthening the Asylum Information
Database as an authoritative and
sustainable research and
documentation tool in Europe

AT A GLANCE

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What is the Asylum Information Database (AIDA)?

Asylum law in the European Union (EU) has become increasingly complex, highlighting the need for a more effective Common European Asylum System (CEAS). That's where the Asylum Information Database (AIDA) comes in. AIDA holds information on asylum procedures, reception conditions, the detention of asylum seekers and the types of international protection provided to asylum seekers. The information comes from 20 EU Member States and three non-EU countries.

The database provides detailed information on national legal frameworks, and on the way the legislative rules are actually implemented. In a nutshell, AIDA gives an overview of how asylum seekers are processed and treated. This yields valuable guidance on how to improve the policies that are already in place.

What was the goal of the project?

The project's aim is to make the Asylum Information Database an authoritative and sustainable research and documentation tool that can be used throughout Europe. In order to achieve this, the project supports activities such as on-going reviews, quality assurance and the monitoring of policies, as well as comparative research carried out by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles.

This support from the Asylum Information Database project means that the European Council on Refugees and Exiles can continue to build data-collecting capacity. The result: the information provided is accurate, and of the highest quality.

The Asylum Information Database also plays an important role by regularly supporting the work of EU institutions, agencies, Member States, practitioners and courts in a number of different ways.



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Continued success: project progress

AIDA has continued to provide credible, quality information on asylum systems. The information is used to support the work of EU institutions, asylum law practitioners, civil society organisations in Member States, and the European Council on Refugees and Exiles in Brussels.

Aided by the focused and continued efforts of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles and national experts, the AIDA database has delivered a thorough and comparative analysis of European countries' practice on access to asylum procedures, reception conditions and relocation. The database also provides reporting on asylum-related country developments across the continent.

Thanks to AIDA, the processes and policies already in place have continued to develop. This high-quality database benefits all of its users and outcomes for the asylum-seekers themselves. The project will continue to focus on these values into the future.

WHO IS AIDA FOR?

The European Commission, which relies on AIDA country reports in the context of monitoring activities and visits to specific countries;

The European Asylum Support Office, which draws upon AIDA country reports and related information in the context of its Annual Reports;

The European Parliament, which, identifies shortcomings in the CEAS with support from AIDA;

Legal practitioners and courts invoking AIDA outputs as evidence of the conditions in specific countries;

Civil society organisations using AIDA for information, training and evidence-based advocacy.

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