OUR MISSION

As an important actor of European Solidarity, EASO plays a key role in the implementation of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), fostering greater cooperation with and between Member States and providing the necessary support in order to translate into practice the core values of the CEAS: equity and fairness, and to ensure that individual asylum cases are dealt with in a coherent way by all Member States.
EASO IN FIGURES

- **BUDGET 2017**: 69 mil EUR
- **STAFF**: 150
- **TRAINING**: Over 16,250 participants
- **COIs**: Over 9,000
- **Deployed experts**: Over 1,000
- **Meetings**: Over 600
EASO’S FOCUS POINTS

- **Permanent Support**: common training, common asylum training material, common quality and common Country of Origin Information (COI);

- **Special and Emergency Support**: assistance to repair or rebuild asylum and reception systems;

- **Support to the Hotspots**: coordinating all activities under the EASO "Hotspot” Operating Plan;

- **Information and Analysis Support**: sharing and merging information & data;

- **Third-Country Support**: supporting the external dimension of the Common European Asylum System;
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN INFORMATION

Refers to information on countries from which asylum seekers originate, relevant for the decision-makers in the field of asylum.

COI can play a determining role in achieving the aim of the CEAS: similar cases should receive similar outcomes across the EU.
EASO TRAINING MODULES

- Inclusion
- Interview Techniques
- Evidence Assessment
- Interviewing Vulnerable Persons
- Interviewing Children
- Gender, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
- Trafficking of Human Beings
- Inclusion advanced
- Asylum Procedures Directive
- Exclusion
- Country of Origin Information
- End of Protection
- Reception
- Dublin III Regulation
- Fundamental Rights and International Protection in the EU
- Resettlement
- Interpreters
- Module for Managers
- CEAS
- Introduction to International Protection
- Didactic Module
EASO SUPPORT IN THE HOTSPOTS: HOW DOES IT WORK?

EASO concludes **HOTSPOT OPERATING PLANS** with the host MS.

The operating plans describe the objectives and conditions of the deployment of EASO Asylum Support Teams (AST) to the Host MS (Italy or Greece). EASO ASTs support the Host MS with the registration and further processing of applications for international protection.

The Host MS Authorities have the end-responsibility for all activities in the defined operational areas and the decisions in individual applications for international protection.

EASO coordinates the deployment of the Asylum Support Teams and technical means deployed by the Agency in the framework of EASO “Hotspot” Operating Plan.
EASO SUPPORT IN THE HOTSPOTS: WHAT EASO DOES?

EASO staff and EASO deployed experts:

- Provide information at the disembarkation points
- Check for document fraud
- Registration of the applications for international protection
- In Greece - Conduct eligibility and admissibility procedure
- Explain the Relocation programme
- Support unaccompanied minors
- Support Hotlines
What else is EASO doing?

- Further enhance cooperation with main stakeholders;
- Provide effective communication tools for the hotspots;
- Inform relevant stakeholders, the press and the general public about relocation;
- Demonstrate total flexibility in our approach toward this process.
THE EU RELOCATION PROGRAMME

SOME FACTS

IMPLEMENTATION OVER 2 YEARS

Beneficiaries need to apply for asylum and be fingerprinted

NO RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE MS OF RELOCATION

The following are taken into consideration when matching profiles:

1. Vulnerability;
2. Existence of relatives;
3. Language skills.

34,953
To be relocated from Italy

63,302
To be relocated from EL

54,000
Initially placed in pool - COM now proposed that these should be allocated for resettlement of Syrians from Turkey
ELIGIBLE NATIONALITIES

Recognition rate for key nationalities for relocation equal to or over 75%:

- Antigua
- Barbuda
- Bahrain
- British overseas countries & territories
- Eritrea
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Syria
- Yemen
18,492 applicants relocated as of 15 May 2017

**Italy** – 5,758
Mainly from Syria and Eritrea

**Greece** – 12,734
Mainly from Syria, Yemen, Iraq and Eritrea
# RELOCATION (state of play as of 15 May 2017)

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Since 2015, EASO provides support to Greece, in the context of Hotspot approach and relocation, by performing a number of tasks:

- Identification of potential applicants for international protection and active information provision about the international protection system in Greece and the relocation procedure in general;
- In addition, advice on nationality assessment and possible exclusion issues to caseworkers registering relocation candidates;
- Processing outgoing Dublin take charge requests, including relocation cases;
- Detection of possible document fraud.

**EASO and the EU-TR Statement**

- Besides, EASO’ work on relocation, EASO teams in the hotspots work on the operational implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement;
- Since March 2016, EASO has been supporting the Greek Asylum Service with regard to the Greek eligibility and admissibility procedures;
- To this end, EASO has deployed experts who conduct interviews to ensure systematic individual assessment of the admissibility of each application for international protection in Greece.
EASO supports Italy with the provision of technical and operational assistance since 2013.

Operational support to Italy in the context of hotspots and relocation was launched since mid-September 2015

EASO experts in Italy provide operational support in the following main areas:

• Provision of relevant information to potential applicants for relocation of eligible nationalities. Those activities are conducted in all operational hotspots in Italy;
• Moreover, EASO Mobile teams for information provision are deployed in Rome and in Catania to swiftly cover relevant locations and points of disembarkation;
• Handling registrations of applicants for international protection, in view of the relocation procedure, in a number of regional hubs and by a roving team;
• Handling outgoing Dublin take charge requests for relocation cases. Those activities are conducted in the Dublin Unit in Rome.

THE FUTURE OF EASO

The European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA)

- Strengthening the mandate of the European Asylum Support Office
- Building upon the existing mandate of EASO while transforming it into a fully-fledged Agency
- Considerably expanding the tasks to address any structural weaknesses in the application of the EU's asylum system
- Providing the Agency with its own resources and the means to become a centre of expertise in the field of asylum
THANK YOU!