



# European Migration Network

## Ad-Hoc Query on data collection asylum applications

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Responses from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Sweden (19 in Total)

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### 1. Background Information

In light of the recent sudden increase of asylum applications from FYROM (former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Serbia in Belgium (due to the lifting of the visa obligation) and out of a more general interest, our Minister considers it important to assess, as early as possible, the situation in other Member States. When dealing with a sudden influx from certain countries, it would be interesting to know as quickly as possible (e.g. data from the previous month) whether other MS also experienced a similar evolution. Therefore we have a request about the availability of data in the Member States.

We are aware that Member States communicate these data to different agencies/organisations (Eurostat, IGC, UNHCR,...), but they are not immediately available via these channels. We are also aware that some countries publish these data in the beginning of each month on their national website (Germany, Austria, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Belgium).





We would like to know the following from other MS: 1) when are the numbers of asylum applications/(negative and positive) decisions (Refugee status/Subsidiary Protection or other forms of protection) from the previous month internally available? 2) Who (as concretely as possible, provide contact details if possible) is responsible for the collection/internal publication of these data? 3) Are these data made available to the public? If yes, when and how?

### 2. Responses<sup>1</sup>

		<b>Wider Dissemination?</b> 2	1) when are the numbers of asylum applications/(negative and positive) decisions (Refugee status/Subsidiary Protection or other forms of protection) from the previous month internally available? 2) Who (as concretely as possible, provide contact details if possible) is responsible for the collection/internal publication of these data?
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<sup>1</sup> If possible at time of making the request, the Requesting EMN NCP should add their response(s) to the query. Otherwise, this should be done at the time of making the compilation.

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			3) Are these data made available to the public? If yes, when and how?
	<b>Austria</b>	<b>NO</b>	The NCP answered but requested no further dissemination beyond EMN and COM.
	<b>Belgium</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) - Data on numbers of applications. The immigration office collects these data on a very regular basis and these data are communicated to the Commissariat-general for Refugees and Stateless Persons (CGRS) the second or third day of the month. - Data on (positive and negative) decisions: The Immigration Office takes the final decision with regard to Dublin cases and refusals to take an asylum application into consideration (e.g. multiple asylum applications without new elements and withdrawal decisions). Henceforth, the immigration office calculates the numbers of these decisions at the very beginning of each month and communicates these numbers to the CGRS during the first week of each month. The CGRS collects these data and calculates the numbers of their own decisions at the very beginning of each month (decision granting refugee status, decision granting subsidiary protection status, refusal refugee status/ subsidiary protection status, refugee status/subsidiary protection status revoked/cancelled)</p> <p>2+3) the CGRS publishes the data on the number of applications/decisions taken by the Immigration Office and the CGRS on their website generally the second or third working day of the month (in any case during the first week): <a href="http://www.cgvs.be/fr/Chiffres/">http://www.cgvs.be/fr/Chiffres/</a></p>
	<b>Czech Republic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Data for internal purposes can be extracted any time needed. Data for monthly statistics report on international protection (applications and decisions) are usually extracted from the database on 6th day following reference period. Afterwards they are processed and validity of data is checked by different units. Usually reports are made public on 15th day of the month.</li> <li>2. Department for Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior is responsible for the database with data on international protection. Contact point for the statistics: Mr. Radim Křištof kristof@mvcz.cz, +420 974 832 473</li> <li>3. Monthly statistical reports on international protection are available to public (in CS and EN version) through the website of the Ministry of the Interior. <a href="http://www.mvcz.cz/mvcren/article/statistical-reports-on-international-protection-seekers-and-refugees.aspx">http://www.mvcz.cz/mvcren/article/statistical-reports-on-international-protection-seekers-and-refugees.aspx</a></li> </ol>
	<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In case of Estonia the statistical information of asylum seekers/applications are updated quarterly.</li> <li>2) The data is collected and made publicly available by Estonian Police and Border Guard Board.</li> </ol>

<sup>2</sup> A default "Yes" is given for your response to be circulated further (e.g. to other EMN NCPs and their national network members). A "No" should be added here if you do not wish your response to be disseminated beyond other EMN NCPs. In case of "No" and wider dissemination beyond other EMN NCPs, then for the Compilation for Wider Dissemination the response should be removed and the following statement should be added in the relevant response box: "This EMN NCP has provided a response to the requesting EMN NCP. However, they have requested that it is not disseminated further."



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			The information is available on Police and Border Guard Board homepage <a href="http://www.politsei.ee/dotAsset/55983.pdf">http://www.politsei.ee/dotAsset/55983.pdf</a> (at the moment only in Estonian language).
	<b>Finland</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) Data on asylum applications and decision: Finnish Immigration Service collects these data on regular basis. Up-to-date data is available online from the Register of Aliens (internally). The data is updated for the statistical tools on 12<sup>th</sup> day of each month.</p> <p>2) The Finnish Immigration Service.</p> <p>3) The Finnish Immigration Service publishes standard statistics on its website: <a href="http://www.migri.fi/netcomm/content.asp?path=8,2754,2762&amp;language=EN">http://www.migri.fi/netcomm/content.asp?path=8,2754,2762&amp;language=EN</a></p> <p>Previous year's fixed data is available after February 12<sup>th</sup> each year. The statistical data added to the website during the year is always tentative unless otherwise stated. The Finnish Immigration Service supplies on request other statistics than standard statistics published on the website if it is possible to get the information from the Register of Aliens. A fee is charged for the processing of such requests (Ministry of the Interior decree on fees charged by the Finnish Immigration Service).</p>
	<b>France</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>The OFPRA (French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless People) communicates its monthly statistics in the month N+1 to the Department of Statistics, Studies and Documentation (DSED) of the Ministry of Immigration</p> <p>2-It is the OFPRA which holds the database, exclusively manages it and is the only responsible entity for it. The OFPRA communicates to the DSED the monthly, quarterly and annual data on asylum applications and attributions of the status of refugee or subsidiary protection. It is the DSED which is officially in charge of producing the statistics on asylum and of communicating them to EUROSTAT (it is according to these figures that are attributed in particular subsidies within the framework of the European Refugee Fund).</p> <p>3 - These data are not fully or immediately accessible to the public. The OFPRA publishes its data in its annual report, which is available on the Internet. The DSED disseminates the monthly statistics (raw and updated over time) in the dashboard intended for the Minister and for internal and limited use.</p>
	<b>Germany</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) Monthly data are normally available in the mid of the following month after the Federal Ministry of Interior has give the permission to distribute the statistics (press release by the Ministry)</p> <p>2) Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, 90343 Nuremberg, Dr. Harald Lederer, Head of Section "Statistics, Improvement of the Findings Situation in the Migration Sector", E-Mail: Harald.Lederer@bamf.bund.de</p> <p>3) via <a href="http://www.bmi.bund.de">www.bmi.bund.de</a> , <a href="http://www.bamf.de">www.bamf.de</a> &amp; press release by the Federal Ministry of Interior</p>
	<b>Hungary</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1. Data on the numbers of asylum applications and decisions from the previous month is usually available on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the next month.</p> <p>2. The Office of Immigration and Nationality is responsible for collecting data on the basis of the Act LXXX of 2007 on Asylum.</p> <p>3. Paragraph 87. § of the Act on Asylum prescribes the following rules: (1) For the purpose of fulfilling their responsibilities determined by law, the following agencies may request data specified by law from</p>







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		<p>the records referred to in the present Chapter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) court,</li> <li>b) public prosecutor's office,</li> <li>c) investigating authority,</li> <li>d) national security service,</li> <li>e) alien police authority,</li> <li>f) tax and customs authorities,</li> <li>g) expert authority involved in asylum procedure;</li> <li>h) authority proceeding in nationality cases,</li> <li>i) authority proceeding in cases related to the records of personal and residence data,</li> <li>j) labour authority,</li> <li>k) labour safety authority,</li> <li>l) state administration agency responsible for health care,</li> <li>m) registrar authority,</li> <li>n) guardianship authority and</li> <li>o) agencies disbursing benefits on the basis of a legal rule or contract.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The refugee authority shall notify the central agency managing the records of personal and residence data of the recognition of a person as a refugee or as a beneficiary of subsidiary protection by communicating the natural identification data of the person concerned for the purpose of enabling the said agency to enter the person in the records and to furnish him/her with an identity card and an official card verifying his/her personal identifier and address.</p> <p>(3) The data managed on the basis of the present Act may be used for statistical purposes and data may be supplied from the records containing such data for statistical purposes in a way which does not permit the identification of individuals.</p> <p>Certain exactly determined data may be delivered to the Central Statistical Office in the interest of data management for statistical purposes also in a way which allows for the identification of individuals. From among data relating to racial or ethnic affiliation, membership of particular social group, religion or political convictions, those which the person referred to in the reasoning part of his/her application may only be delivered to the investigating authority and the public prosecutor's office and, as determined by law, to the court and the national security services.</p> <p>Paragraph 88. § of the Act on Asylum prescribes the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The refugee authority shall supply data to foreign states and international organisations with respect to             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the legal rules and practice applicable in the field of refugee affairs;</li> <li>b) the monthly figures concerning the arrival of persons coming under the effect of the present Act and their breakdown by nationality;</li> <li>c) the general trends of applications for recognition.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) The agency responsible for supplying country information under the supervision of the Minister shall supply data to foreign states and international organisations with respect to the situation in the countries of origin or the countries of previous residence of the persons coming under the effect of the present Act.</li> <li>(3) The refugee authority shall also disclose the data under subsection (1), paragraph b) to the agency designated by the Commission of the European Union and to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.</li> </ul> <p>Paragraph 89. § of the Act on Asylum prescribes the following rules:</p>
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			<p>(1) Based on international treaty or reciprocity, the refugee authority shall supply all information, on request, to the agencies of foreign states, not including the countries of origin of the persons coming under the effect of the present Act, and to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and further as part of the delivery of an asylum procedure, which is necessary for the assessment of the application for recognition, provided that the protection of personal data is ensured by the party requesting such data.</p> <p>(2) The information referred to in subsection (1) may contain</p> <p>a) the natural identification data of a person coming under the effect of the present Act;</p> <p>b) the data of his/her identity and travel documents (identification mark and number of document, term of validity, date of issuance, name of issuing authority, place of issuance);</p> <p>c) other data necessary for the establishment of the identity of the person seeking recognition;</p> <p>d) data relating to residence permit or visa;</p> <p>e) place and date of submission of application for recognition or any previous application for recognition, status of procedure and contents of decision made on the application;</p> <p>f) data generated by the criminal law procedure.</p> <p>(3) The grounds which were stated by the person coming under the effect of the present Act to substantiate his/her application may only be disclosed as part of the data disclosure under subsection (1) with the written consent of the person concerned.</p> <p>(4) With the exception of the agencies authorised in subsection (1), personal data may only be disclosed to a foreign agency or person on the basis of the written consent of the person concerned. The person concerned shall be informed of the purpose of utilisation beforehand.</p>
	<b>Ireland</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>When are the numbers of asylum applications/(negative and positive) decisions (Refugee status/Subsidiary Protection or other forms of protection) from the previous month internally available?</p> <p>Provisional asylum figures are generally available within 1 week of month-end.</p> <p>2) Who (as concretely as possible, provide contact details if possible) is responsible for the collection/internal publication of these data?</p> <p>Reporting and Analysis Unit in INIS - ttwalsh@justice.ie</p> <p>3) Are these data made available to the public? If yes, when and how?</p> <p>No - but asylum applications are sent to Eurostat. If a special request is made we could provide certain figures for internal/specific use.</p>
	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) Data are internally available in any moment</p> <p>2) The authority responsible for collection / internal publication is the National Commission on Asylum Rights  <a href="http://www.interno.it/mininterno/export/sites/default/it/temi/asilo/sottotema0021/">http://www.interno.it/mininterno/export/sites/default/it/temi/asilo/sottotema0021/</a></p> <p>3) Data are regularly published on Ministry of Interior/Dept. Civil Liberties and Immigration (after Eurostat provision of course) at  <a href="http://www.libertacivilimmigrazione.interno.it/dipim/site/it/index.html">http://www.libertacivilimmigrazione.interno.it/dipim/site/it/index.html</a></p>

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	<b>Latvia</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) Data from the previous months generally is available at 10<sup>th</sup> day of the current month (number of applications, first instance decisions, final decisions)</p> <p>2) The Asylum Affairs Division of The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (Ministry of Interior), e-mail: <a href="mailto:beglis@pmlp.gov.lv">beglis@pmlp.gov.lv</a>.</p> <p>3) Available for public is data on number of applications submitted and number of persons granted protection status. Such data is issued twice per year (by the end of July and by the end of January) in home page of The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (<a href="http://www.pmlp.gov.lv">www.pmlp.gov.lv</a>)</p> <p>4) Data which is not available for public is: 1) in how many cases negative decisions were taken; 2) how many persons revoked his/ her asylum application.</p>
	<b>Lithuania</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) Data of the previous month on the asylum applications and positive/negative decisions on the refugee or subsidiary protection status are provided before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month.</p> <p>2) The Information Centre of the Asylum Affairs Division of the Migration Department under the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania is responsible for collecting the data.</p> <p>3) The data are available to the public at the address <a href="http://www.migracija.lt">www.migracija.lt</a> (more specifically, at <a href="http://www.migracija.lt/index.php?-1461116375">http://www.migracija.lt/index.php?-1461116375</a>)</p>
	<b>Malta</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) When are the numbers of asylum applications/(negative and positive) decisions (Refugee status/Subsidiary Protection or other forms of protection) from the previous month internally available? <b>The statistics are collected by the head of administration at the Office of the Refugee Commissioner made available internally every month and have to be communicated to the Refugee Commissioner by the forth of the month.</b></p> <p>2) Who (as concretely as possible, provide contact details if possible) is responsible for the collection/internal publication of these data? <b>The head of administration is obliged to send the statistics to the National Statistics Office and to the UNHCR office.</b></p> <p>3) Are these data made available to the public? If yes, when and how? <b>The data is available on the Eurostat website, UNHCR publications and on the website of the Office of the Refugee Commissioner. The statistics are also issued in a yearly report issued by the office of the Refugee Commissioner</b></p>
	<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1 - The numbers are available on the first day of every month.</p> <p>2 - The Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service.</p> <p>3 - Yes, the numbers are published in Eurostat and monthly in the national report 'Asylum trends'.</p>
	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>Data on the number of asylum applications and decisions are published on the website of the Office for Foreigners – every week and every month (<a href="http://www.udsc.gov.pl">www.udsc.gov.pl</a>).</p> <p>The IT Department (Office for Foreigners) also put there obligatory statistics prepared for EUROSTAT – during the first week of the next month.</p> <p>Special statistical needs are mostly sent by e-mail (<a href="mailto:statystyki@uric.gov.pl">statystyki@uric.gov.pl</a>).</p>
	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<p>1) Data on asylum applications/decisions from a given month is internally available in the first 10 ten days of the following month</p>

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			<p>(There's no internal publication of such data).</p> <p>2) Borders and Aliens Service is the national entity responsible for collecting those data. SEF's Planning Department is directly responsible for this task - <a href="mailto:dpf@sef.pt">dpf@sef.pt</a> - .</p> <p>3) Data on asylum is publicized at national level on an annual basis.</p>
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<p>1) <b>Statistical data and Dublin cases are internally available after 10 days from the end of the previous month. The data are collected by the Migration Office (MO) of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic and they include numbers of: asylum applications, rejected applications, decisions on granting or denying refugee status, decisions on granting or denying subsidiary protection status, on terminated procedure, on pending cases in the first and second instance and data on unaccompanied minors). Data on denied refuges status and rejected applications are included in the heading "Denied refuges status" at the stage of appeal at the regional courts and Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic, i.e. processed further in the appeal procedure.</b></p> <p><b>The total annual statistical data on the application of the Dublin Regulation (outgoing request (accepted, refused, transferred) and incoming requests (accepted, refused, transferred) are yearly available on Eurostat website. The data are collected by the Dublin Unit of MO and internally are available after 2 months of the end of the relevant month.</b></p> <p><b>2+3) MO collects and publishes the total monthly statistical data on their website generally one month after the end of the previous month: <a href="http://www.minv.sk/?statistiky-20">http://www.minv.sk/?statistiky-20</a>, but only in Slovak version sofar.</b></p>
	Slovenia	Yes	<p>International protection statistics is gathered in Section for international protection (responsible for refugee status determination and for accomodation of asylum seekers). Statistic data are provided in the begining of every month for previous month. Most of it is publicly accessible. Kontakt: <a href="mailto:dmi.mnz@gov.si">dmi.mnz@gov.si</a>, <a href="mailto:smz.mnz@gov.si">smz.mnz@gov.si</a>.</p>
	Sweden	Yes	<p>1) Data from the previous month are internally available within one week. 2) Statistics Division at the Swedish Migration Board is responsible for the collection/internal publication of these data. 3) These data are made available to the public within one week from the previous month, at the website <a href="http://www.migrationsverket.se/info/790.html">http://www.migrationsverket.se/info/790.html</a> . Data at the website are written in Swedish but will in a short time be translated to English as well.</p>

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