

Webinar: 'Who is who' in international protection Civil Society Concept Note

Background information

The EUAA Information and Analysis Sector (IAS) initiated in October 2021 a mapping project of the different stakeholders and their role in asylum and reception at European, national and local levels. The mapping exercise will feed into publicly available overviews with two main categories of outputs:

- One time publication of stakeholders grouped per thematic activity (indicatively asylum, reception, policy making authorities, civil society organisations, legal assistance, information provision etc.).
- Online publicly available database/hub accessible via EUAA website regularly updated to reflect changes and new developments.

The project aims to present in a factual and descriptive way the stakeholders and their role as outlined in the national policy and legal framework and implemented in practice.

Information is collected through a variety of means, including desk research, whereupon relevant stakeholders are consulted for validation of the information collected, and surveys. The first block of the mapping project, focusing on first instance asylum authorities, has been completed and <u>a report is publicly available</u>.

Regarding civil society, the intention is to 'map' organisations with direct involvement in delivering services in international protection procedures (reception and asylum). Information collection and validation regarding the civil society dimension of this mapping project is coordinated and implemented in cooperation with the Consultative Forum. To facilitate information collection from civil society a questionnaire has been created, based on specifications commonly agreed upon by IAS and the Consultative Forum Secretariat.

In this context, the Webinar will bring together civil society organisations to present this mapping project and have a reflective discussion with them on the way ahead.

Objective

The Webinar aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Introduce the 'Who is who' project, and especially its civil society component, to civil society organisations and explain its added value
- Present the draft survey to participating civil society organisations and elicit their feedback
- Present the next steps and have a reflective discussion with participants on the way ahead
- Elicit participants' assistance in extending outreach and collect information from as many organisations as possible.



Target audience

This Webinar will involve key civil society organisations participating in the Consultative Forum.

Envisaged topics

- Presentation of the overall 'Who is who' project. What it is; added value; methodology; outputs;
- Presentation of the civil society component of the 'Who is who' project. Who will be involved; methodology; outputs; tentative timeline;
- Reflective discussion on the draft questionnaire, which will be used to collect information;
- Reflective discussion on the way ahead and ways to extend outreach to as many civil society organisations as possible;

Practical Information

Date: Wednesday, 25 May 2022, at 10:00am

Duration: 1h 30'

Environment: Webex