

# Introduction to country of origin information

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Key information

New version, incorporating the provisions of the New Pact on migration and asylum, is available for translation



Target group

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Asylum officers, in particular case officers & COI researchers



EQF/MQF level

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Level 5



Version

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Version 1 (2025)



## Entry requirements

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**Full qualification at EQF Level 4 or equivalent, proficiency in English AND basic digital competences necessary to use the EUAA IT system supporting learning and training activities**



## Prerequisites

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n/a



## Assessment

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**Multiple-choice questions, case scenario and a source validity assessment.**

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Learning outcomes & description

## DESCRIPTION

**The aim of this module is to provide learners with basic knowledge on Country of Origin Information (COI), its relevance and limitations in the context of international protection, including focusing on quality standards applied in the COI research cycle.**

**This module focuses on the categories and formulation of appropriate COI questions, as well as, on the examination of the most frequently used COI Sources and source assessment.**

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

**At the end of this module, the learner will be able to:**

## **Knowledge**

1. Identify the role of COI and its quality standards in the context of international protection
2. Identify the legal concepts for which COI research should be conducted, when dealing with an international protection claim

## **Skill**

3. Apply the relevant quality standards when dealing with Country of Origin Information Questions

## **Competence**

4. Assess the validity of COI sources in the context of international protection

## **DELIVERY METHOD**

The module uses a blended learning approach. It features interactive elements such as animations, voiceovers, and scenarios to engage learners in COI research and source assessment.

## **ASSESSMENT STRATEGY**

The assessment includes multiple-choice questions, a case scenario on legal concepts and COI questions, and a source validity assessment.

Accredited module details

### ***Accredited module***

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| <b>Duration</b> | 18 hours online learning |
|                 | 1.5 days face to face    |

**Number of ECTS 2**

*Accredited module*

Language            English

Assessment            3 hours

Training plan 2026

| Training plan                    | Target group | Loc.  | Est. time for online studies | Reg. deadline | Online           | Webinar / Face to face | Assessment |
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| Learners curriculum (Accredited) | Asylum staff | Malta | 18 hours                     | 20/4/2026     | 2/6 to 26/6/2026 | 30/6 - 1/7/2026        | 16/7/2026  |
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