How the asylum procedure works in the EU

The Common European Asylum System (CEAS) sets common minimum standards across the EU, while Member States are responsible for implementing asylum legislation and examining individual asylum applications.

The graphic gives an overview of the main steps in the current asylum procedure, after the Member State responsible has been determined on the basis of the criteria laid out in the Dublin Regulation. The other key acts which make up the CEAS regulate different stages of the procedure.

The system is currently under review and the European Commission has proposed to recast all five main instruments.

EPRS has published ‘EU Legislation in progress’ briefings on these proposals:

> Reform of the Dublin system
> Common procedure for asylum
> Reception of asylum-seekers
> Recast Eurodac Regulation

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