



# EASO's support to the national Dublin Units

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- **EASO Network of the national Dublin Units:** EASO serves as its facilitator, ensuring its effective operation
- **EASO Operating Plans in Greece and in Italy:** Deployment of EASO Experts in the Greek and Italian Dublin Units, including in the context of relocation
- **EASO Training Curriculum**



# EASO Network of Dublin Units



## EASO Network of Dublin Units

- Launch of an EASO Network of Dublin Units in February 2016
- Aim: **enhance cooperation** and **information sharing** among the national Dublin units in the 32 Member States of the Dublin Regulation. To date 30 Member States are part of the Network



# EASO Network of Dublin Units

- The network approach relies on a two-level structure:
  - First level: **Steering Group**
    - composed of the Heads of the national Dublin Units and other designated representatives authorized to speak on behalf of their administration and to take decisions related to the Network
    - mandated to discuss strategic issues of mutual interest, set priorities for the Network and supervise its activities
  - Second level: **Dublin Expert Network**
    - composed of experts from national Dublin Units
    - operates as a platform for Dublin Units to exchange practical information and create and maintain a pool of relevant resources and expertise on Dublin-related issues



# EASO Network of Dublin Units

- The key objectives of the Network are to:
  - provide a forum for discussion of current needs and priorities within the Dublin context
  - facilitate enhanced communication and coordination between national Dublin Units
  - provide easy access to relevant information to Dublin experts across the Member States
  - pool expertise on Dublin-related issues to enhance practical cooperation



# EASO's main activities as a facilitator of the Network of Dublin Units



# EASO's main activities as a facilitator of the Network

- **Steering Group meetings:**

- First Steering Group meeting organised back to back with the Contact Committee meeting in November 2016 to exchange on best practices in the field of family reunification and determine the work programme for 2017.
- Second Steering Group meeting will take place in March to discuss practical modalities in light of the resumption of the Dublin transfers to Greece.

- **Thematic meetings and Dublin-related practical tools/ guidance:** based on the direction by the Steering Group and operational needs identified by the Network.

- Dublinet workshop
- Practical tool on personal interview/evidence





# EASO's main activities as a facilitator of the Network

- **Dublin Platform:** hosted by EASO and launched in November 2016 to allow members of the Network to directly communicate and share information and expertise
- **Periodic Update: statistical data and qualitative information** received by 30 EU+ countries (EU Member States plus Norway and Switzerland) and the European Commission
- **EASO Dublin Query system:** Specific Dublin-related queries sent to the Network by Member States through the Dublin Platform



# EASO Operating Plans to Greece and Italy

## Support to the Dublin Units



# EASO Special Operating Plan to Greece December 2016

- First plan signed on **30 September 2015** between the Executive Director of EASO and the Alternate Minister of Interior and Administrative Reform of Greece (amended several times)
- Activity: Provide **support with handling outgoing Dublin take charge requests, including relocation cases**
- Objective: Timely identification and timely processing of potential Dublin cases, including in the context of relocation, in which another Member State could be responsible for examining the application for international protection
  - By providing support with Dublin and relocation cases (including by matching the identified applicants and the Member State of relocation to the extent possible), organising and engaging in correspondence between Greece and the receiving Member State and submitting outgoing requests (along with the relevant elements of their individual case files) to a specific receiving Member State
  - By providing information to candidates and participating Member States, including on transfer, as appropriate



# EASO Operating Plan to Greece December 2016

- In 2016, **EASO deployed 11 Dublin Experts**
- Support provided to the **Dublin Unit** of the Greek Asylum Service
- Support provided to the **Escalation Desk** after the pre-registration exercise and the following lodging of relocation applications
  - Experts provide guidance with regards to complicated cases (e.g. relocation vs. Dublin cases)



# EASO Operating Plan to Italy December 2016

- First plan signed in **December 2015** between EASO and the Italian Ministry of Interior
- Provide **support with handling outgoing Dublin take charge requests for relocation cases**
  - By providing support with Dublin and relocation cases (including by matching the identified applicants and the Member State of relocation to the extent possible), organising and engaging in correspondence between Italy and the receiving Member State and submitting outgoing requests (along with the relevant elements of their individual case files) to a specific receiving Member State



# EASO Operating Plan to Italy December 2016

- In 2016, **34 Dublin Experts were deployed** in the Italian Dublin Unit in Rome within the framework of the Operating plan
- In 2017, **16 experts** were deployed **as of the end of February**



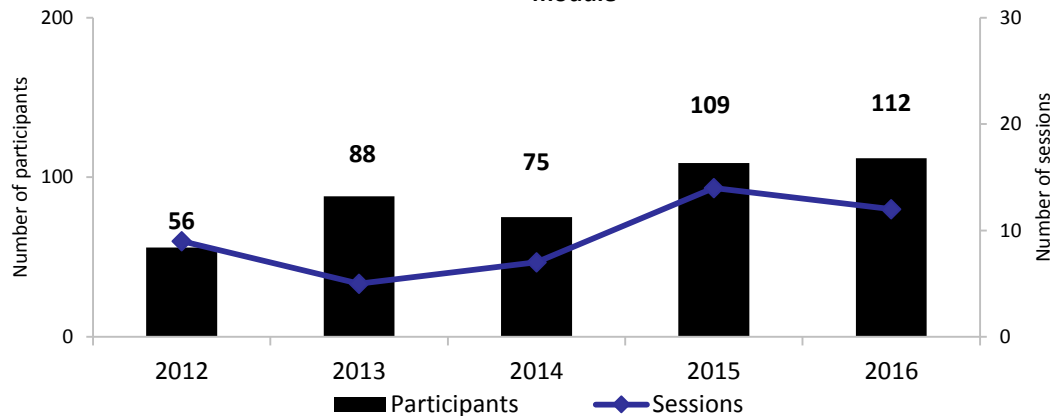
# EASO Training Curriculum

## EASO Training Module Dublin Regulation

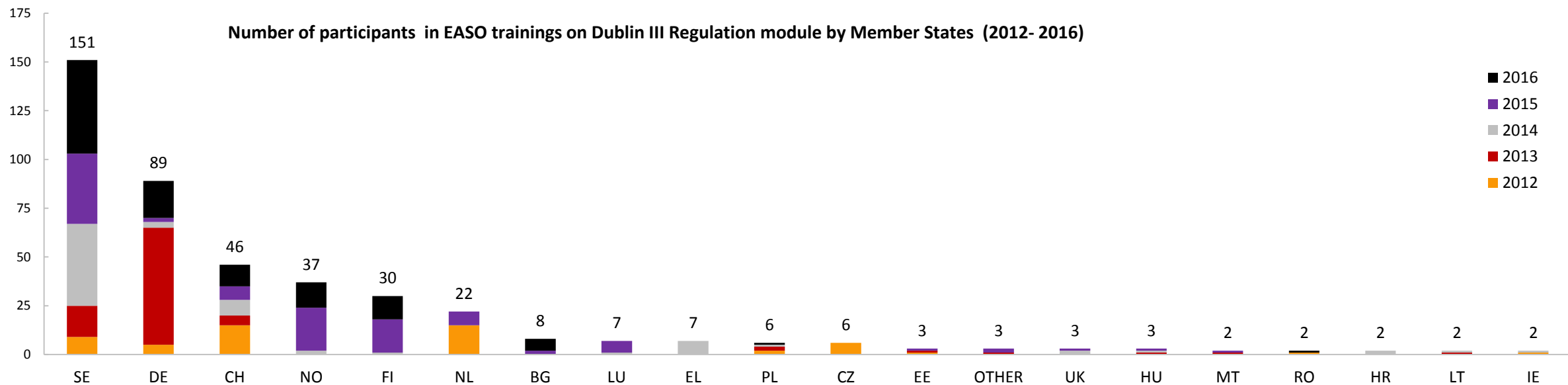


# Progress in the implementation of the EASO Dublin III Regulation module (2012-2016)

Number of sessions and participants in EASO trainings on Dublin III Regulation module



Number of participants in EASO trainings on Dublin III Regulation module by Member States (2012-2016)





Thank you !

