



The Organisation of Reception Facilities for Asylum Seekers in the different Member States

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Context



- ✘ The Reception Conditions Directive (RCD) as a core pillar in the development of the CEAS
- ✘ Stockholm Programme: “individuals regardless of the MS in which their application is made, should be offered an equivalent level of treatment as regards reception conditions”
- ✘ Recast RCD calls for “adequate and comparable conditions throughout the EU”

Background



- ✘ Despite introduction of harmonised reception standards at EU level, MS have difficulties to ensure (similar) reception conditions in practice:
 - ✘ Shortage of available places
 - ✘ Differentiation of reception conditions between MS and at sub-state level
- ✘ External factors (sudden influxes and fluctuation) present internal challenges in terms of capacity, costs, processing time, outflow etc. → which may all impact on the quality of reception facilities
- ✘ Organisation of reception facilities requires **flexibility**, **efficiency** and **quality**

Development of Common Template

- ✘ MS voted the Study topic their nr 1 priority
- ✘ Advisory Group: SE, FR, BE, LV, LU, UK NCPs + 2 external members (EASO and EPRA)
- ✘ Development of Common Template, defining the scope, aims, research questions and content...

The Aim of the Study



Overall aim is to identify good practices and existing mechanisms for efficient, flexible reception facilities whilst maintaining the quality of facilities and controlling costs

Research Question



Overall Research Question: to what extent do structural and procedural parameters (organisation of reception facilities) impact on the flexibility, efficiency and quality of reception facilities.

Structure of the Template

- ✘✘ Section 1: Different types of reception facilities and different actors (organisation)
- ✘✘ Section 2: Take-up of reception facilities (organisation)
- ✘✘ Section 3: National legislation on material reception conditions (Quality)
- ✘✘ Section 4: Flexibility
- ✘✘ Section 5: Efficiency
- ✘✘ Section 6: Conclusions

Content: Section 1 types of facilities and actors (organisation)

- ✖✖ Aim: to analyse similarities and differences in the organisation of reception facilities
- ✖✖ Type of reception facilities
- ✖✖ Type of actors involved in provision of reception;
 - ✖✖ Which authorities carry financial responsibility
 - ✖✖ Which authorities carry executive responsibility
- ✖✖ If more actors are involved, is it centrally coordinated?
How is involvement regulated, e.g. formal coordination mechanisms in place?

Content: Section 2 Take-up of Reception Facilities (organisation)

- ✘✘ Which applicants are entitled to reception facilities? Can any be excluded?
- ✘✘ Which authorities decide on allocation?
- ✘✘ How?
 - ✘✘ Capacity
 - ✘✘ Dispersal mechanism
 - ✘✘ Type of asylum procedure
 - ✘✘ Stage of asylum procedure
 - ✘✘ Profile of the asylum applicant
 - ✘✘ Duration of proceedings
 - ✘✘ Choice for the applicant? Possibility for relocation?
- ✘✘ Are the specific needs of vulnerable persons sufficiently taken into account?

Content: Section 3 (Quality)

Aim: to analyse similarities and differences in material reception conditions as laid down in national legislation

- ✘✘ Overview of national legislation on material reception conditions
- ✘✘ Additional quality criteria;
 - ✘✘ Available surface
 - ✘✘ Supervision rate
 - ✘✘ Possibility of leisure activities
- ✘✘ Existence of guidelines/handbook?
- ✘✘ Control mechanisms?
- ✘✘ Public debate about quality?
- ✘✘ Any primary research on quality of reception facilities in the MS?

Content: Section 4 (Flexibility)

Aim: to identify good practices in handling (disproportionate) pressure on reception systems

- ✦ National statistics on flexibility (capacity/occupancy)
- ✦ Description of pressure experienced
- ✦ Overview of flexibility mechanisms (their use and effectiveness)

Content: Section 5 (Efficiency)

Aim: to Assess the efficiency of reception facilities by providing an overview of in/out-flow of applicants in reception facilities and the costs

National statistics on:

- ✖✖ National budgets allocated to reception
- ✖✖ Costs (direct/indirect – with and without Dublin cases)
- ✖✖ inflow/outflow
- ✖✖ Duration of stay
- ✖✖ share of applicants who have received a final decision
- ✖✖ Tolerance time of those who have received a final decision?

Concluding Remarks



✘ Expected outcomes

✘ Time-frame

✘ For further information, see: <http://www.emn.europa.eu>



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