

# Vulnerability modules

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**Vulnerability modules focus on the knowledge and skills required to identify, assess, and respond to the special needs of applicants for international protection. They support professionals in applying a rights-based and individualised approach when working with vulnerable persons.**

**These modules address a wide range of vulnerability situations and contribute to ensuring that asylum and reception procedures are conducted in a fair, sensitive, and appropriate manner, in line with EU and international standards.**

## Who this training is for

**These modules are intended for:**

- **asylum officers, including case workers and decision-makers**
- **first contact officials, reception officers and support staff**
- **professionals working with applicants with specific needs and vulnerabilities**

## What these modules cover

**Through vulnerability modules, participants develop knowledge and skills related to:**

- **identifying and assessing different types of vulnerability**
- **applying appropriate procedural and reception safeguards**

- **adapting communication and interviewing techniques**
- **understanding the specific needs of different groups of applicants**
- **ensuring a consistent and individualised approach to case handling**

**These competencies are essential to ensure that applicants with special procedural and reception needs receive appropriate support throughout the asylum procedure.**

## **Available modules**

**The following accredited modules are included in this category:**

- **Applicants with diverse SOGIESC (AD-SOGIESC)**
- **Victims of gender based violence (VGBV)**
- **Age assessment (AA)**
- **Best interest of the child (BIC)**
- **Children in the asylum process (CAP)**
- **Trafficking in human beings (THB)**

**The following non-accredited module is included in this category:**

- **Gender, gender identity and sexual orientation (SOGI)**

## **Module availability**

**Most modules in this category are available for training and translation.**

**The modules Age assessment (AA) and Best interest of the child (BIC) are currently not available for translation.**

**The module Gender, gender identity and sexual orientation (SOGI) was developed under the previous framework and is not Pact-aligned. It remains available for training purposes but is no longer updated or translated.**

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