

3. Refugee status

COMMON ANALYSIS

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This chapter provides analysis and guidance on the potential international protection needs of 20 particular profiles of applicants. The profiles are selected based on their relevance in the caseload of EU Member States.

The list of profiles addressed in this chapter is non-exhaustive and the fact that a certain profile is included in it or not is without prejudice to the determination of their protection needs. Furthermore, the order of listed profiles does not reflect any assessment of the potential level of risk of persecution for the respective profile.

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