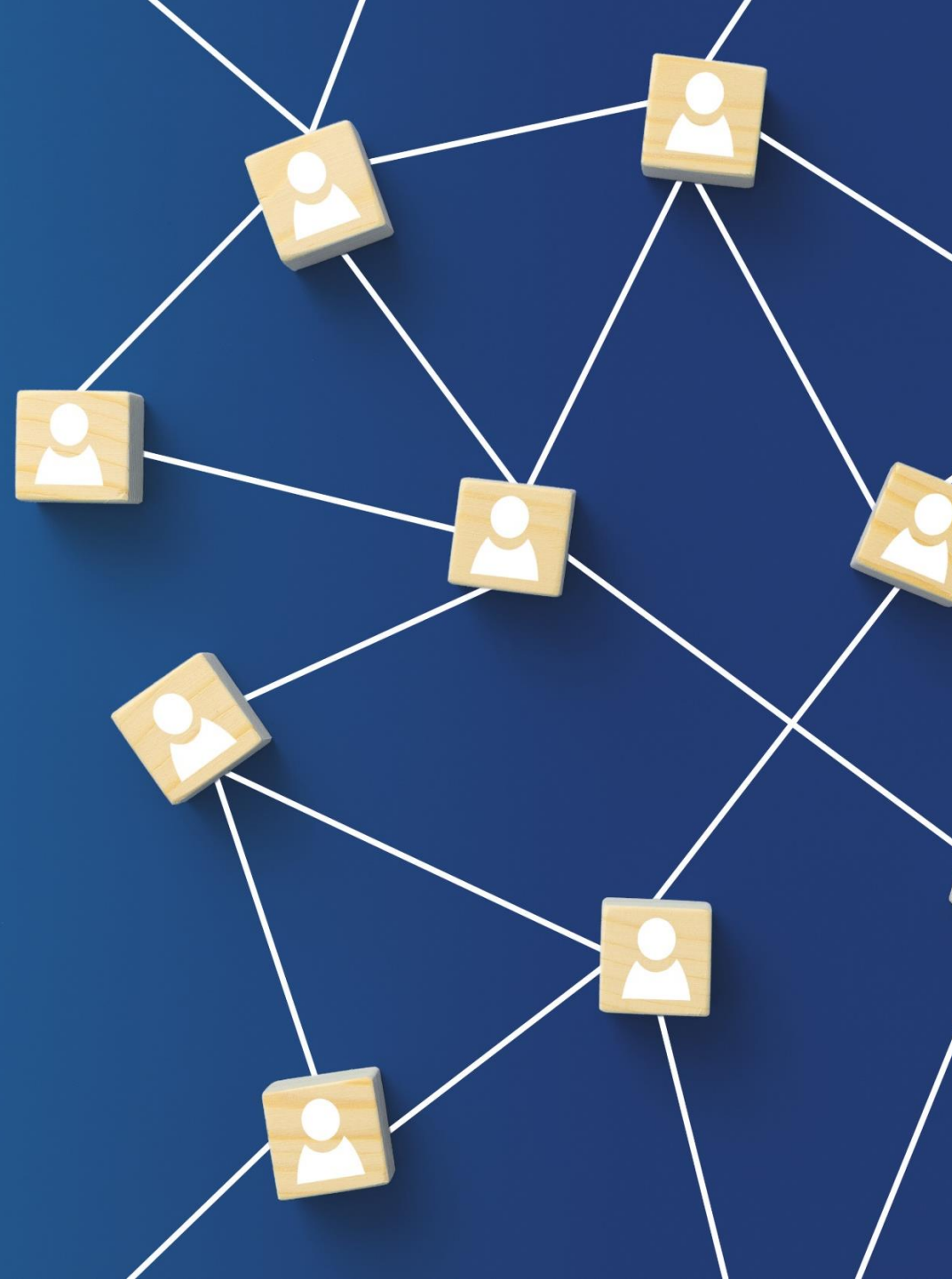


# 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Meeting EUAA Consultative Forum

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Corintha St George's Hotel  
10 November 2022



# Opening speech by **Ms Nina Gregori** EUAA Executive Director

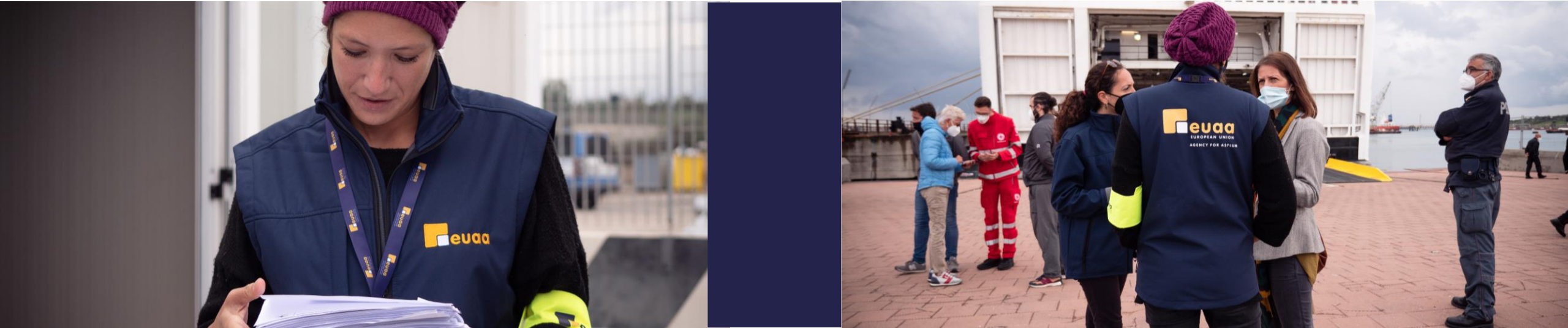


# Update and exchange on the situation of asylum in the EU and the Agency's activities

- Presentations by **Ms Tsvetelina Kumanova**, Head of Operational Programming Sector
- **Ms Rachelle Cortis**, Head of the Training and Professional Development Centre
- **Mr Bernhard Chiari**, Head of Situation Awareness Unit



# EUAA Operational Support Centre



## Operational and Technical Assistance

- Operational support to **Member States**, including through **deployment of asylum support teams** and migration management support teams
- Support for **voluntary relocation** programmes



## Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission

Supporting the implementation of **EU+ countries' resettlement efforts** in the framework of **European resettlement schemes**, in cooperation with the European Commission, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and other relevant actors.

# Overview of Operational and Technical Assistance in 2022

## 12 operational plans (OP) under implementation

- Five multiannual operational plans: Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Malta and Spain
- Seven new operations initiated in the second half of 2021 and in 2022: Lithuania, Latvia, Belgium, The Netherlands, Romania, Czech Republic and Bulgaria

## 2 ongoing requests

- Slovenia and Austria

## 1 operation in Moldova

- Support to EU Transfer Programme

**Operational budget in 2022**  
**106,000,000 EUR**





# Operational Plans 2022

## ➤ Main areas and examples of operational support

### ASYLUM

- Support in **lodging and registering applications** for International protection, as well as in **information provision**
- Support in conducting **interviews** and drafting opinions
- Support to **Dublin Units**
- Support to the management of **second instance backlog**
- Provision of **interpretation services**
- **Capacity building support**
- Support with development of operational **tools and procedures**

### RECEPTION

- Development and implementation of **reception strategies**, contingency plans, SOPs, guidance and operational tools
- Support in **vulnerability** identification, assessment and referrals
- Provision of **interpretation services**
- **Capacity building support**
- Provision of **material support** to improve reception capacities and conditions
- Support in **site and facilities management**

### TEMPORARY PROTECTION

- Support for **information provision**
- Support for **registrations and assessment of eligibility criteria**, support for **assessment of vulnerabilities**
- Development, adaptation and dissemination of information **tools and guidelines**, including leaflets, posters and digital content
- Provision of **interpretation services**

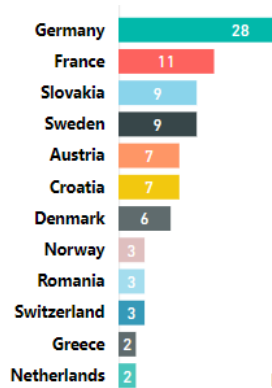
*Provided in the context of seven operational plans*

# Deployments Overview

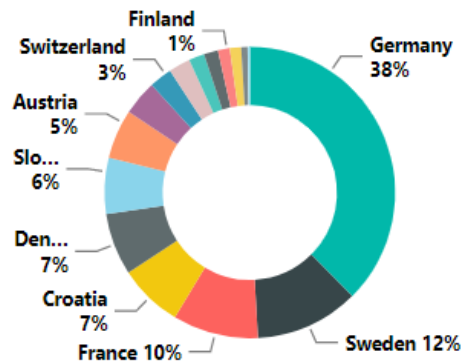
## MEMBER STATE EXPERTS

*(January 1, 2022- October 31, 2022)*

### MS contribution in experts



### Proportion of MS contribution (worked days)



**MS EXPERTS**  
**95**

**MS EXPERTS  
WORKED DAYS**  
**4.838**

## EUAA PERSONNEL

*(October 2022)*

**Statutory  
Staff**



**82**

**External  
Remunerated  
Experts**



**231**

**ALL  
DEPLOYMENTS**  
**1,074**

**Temporary  
Workers**



**729**

**MS  
Experts**



**32**

The EUAA delivered in 2022 **183.225** workdays of operational support until October 31, 2022.

MS experts contributed with **4.838** workdays i.e., **2.64%**

# Asylum Reserve Pool

In accordance with **Article 19(6) of the EUAA Regulation**, an asylum reserve pool of a minimum of 500 experts shall be set up for the purposes of deploying asylum support teams in the framework of requests for assistance under Article 16(1), point (b), of the EUAA Regulation

Experts nominated to the **Asylum Reserve Pool** remain in home institution, but available for deployment (& training) at any time, with 7 days notice if needed

**Asylum Reserve Pool** launched on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

As of 31 October 2022: **242 MS Experts** have been selected for the ARP (contributions from 19 out of 25 MS).

**76 MSE** have been proposed and are under review.



# Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism



New **Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism** based on Solidarity Declaration 22 June 2022:

- **5 Benefiting Member States (BMS):** Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain
- **13 Pledging Member States (PMS):** Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Romania
- **Approximately 8.000 pledges;** number of transferred persons (as of last week of October): 117
- **Possibility for financial contributions** by PMS rather than pledging
- Workflow for the Voluntary Relocation Program agreed by MS and COM
- EUAA support in identification of relocation candidates, info provision and interviews, matching, sharing redistribution lists to pledging MS.
- EUAA Data Sharing Platform and harmonised operational tools and templates shared by EUAA.



# Resettlement Support Facility

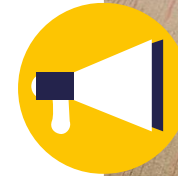
Since 2019, the EUAA established and is operating a **Resettlement Support Facility (RSF)** in Istanbul. Since 2021 EUAA cooperates with the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) Croatia and its partner, the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) for the implementation of the RSF

The RSF is a 'one-stop-shop' aimed at **supporting the resettlement operations of EU+ countries from Türkiye**

The Resettlement operations are remote, face to face and hybrid selection missions / interviews or information provision missions (cultural orientation or pre departure orientation) for refugees residing in Türkiye referred by UNHCR for resettlement to EU+ countries

## RSF Services

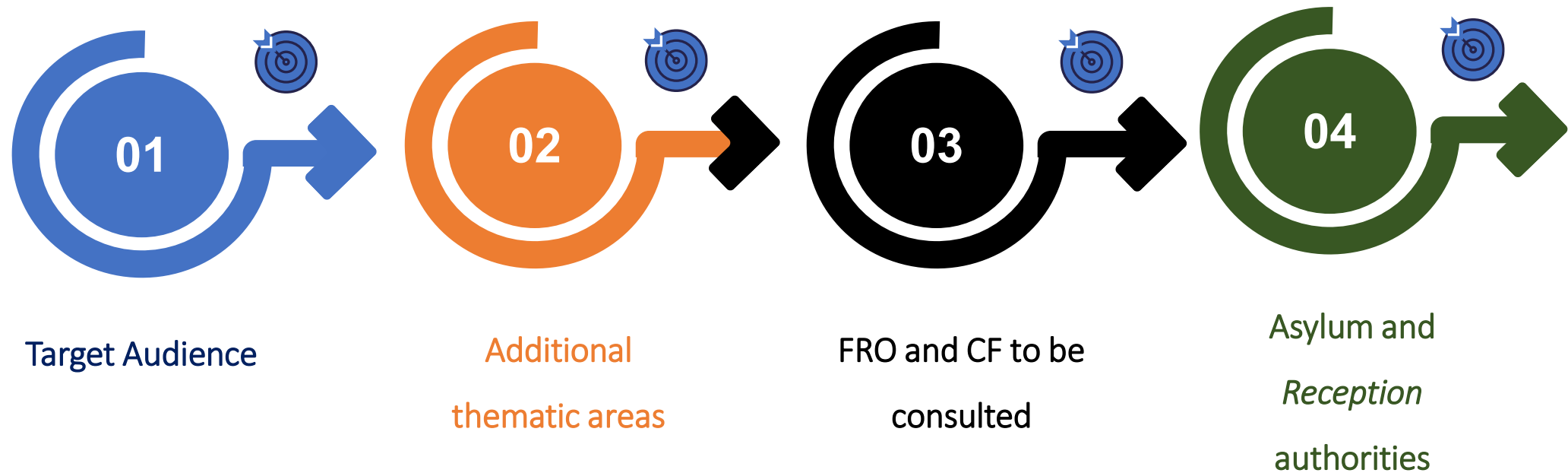
- Interview scheduling
- Interpretation services
- Medical screening assessment
- Childcare
- Administrative, technical and IT support
- Facilitating travel arrangements for refugees
- Communication with refugees
- Provision of accommodation and meals to refugees



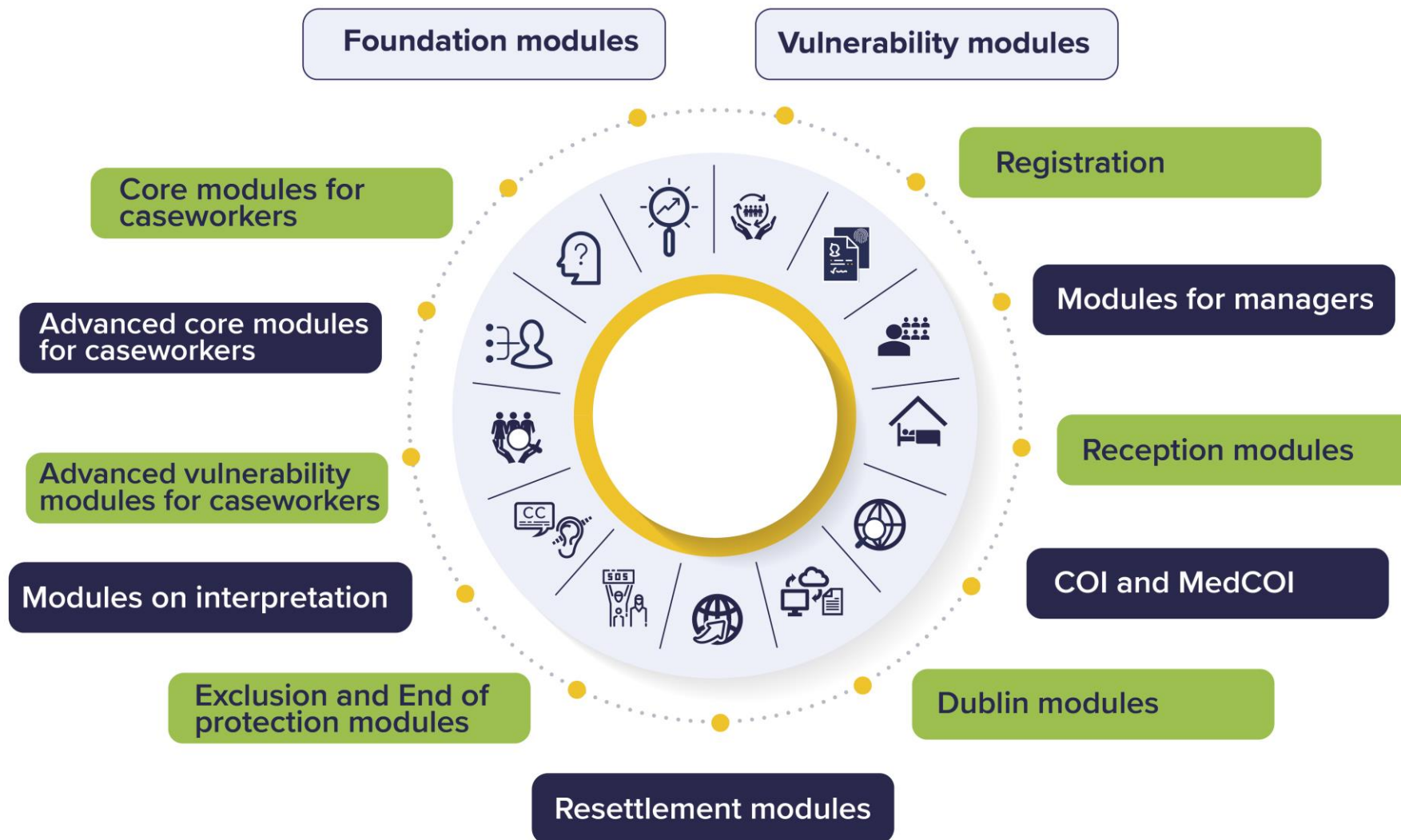
# Training and Professional Development Centre

## EUAA Training Mandate

What is new on Training?



# European asylum curriculum





# European asylum curriculum



## Foundation modules

Introduction to the legal framework on fundamental rights and international protection in the EU

A

Introduction to vulnerability

A

Introduction to ethical and professional standards

A

Introduction to communication for asylum and reception practitioners

A

Professional wellbeing

A



## Modules on interpretation

Working with an interpreter

A

Interpreting in the asylum context

A



## Vulnerability modules

Children in the asylum process

B

Trafficking of Human Beings

B

Gender-based violence

B

Applicants with diverse SOGIESC

B



## Registration modules

Registration: access

A

Registration: lodging

A



## Modules for caseworkers

Core modules for caseworkers

Inclusion

B

Asylum Interview Method

B

Evidence Assessment

B

Advanced core modules for caseworkers

Inclusion advanced

C

Advanced interviewing

C

Interviewing vulnerable persons

C

Advanced vulnerability modules for caseworkers

Managing cases with children

C

Managing THB cases

C

Managing GBV cases

C

Managing cases of applicants with diverse SOGIESC

C



## Exclusion and End of protection modules

Identification of potential exclusion cases

A

Exclusion

B

Managing exclusion cases

C

End of protection

B



## Reception modules

Introduction to reception

A

Health, safety and security in reception

A

Psychosocial support and guidance in reception

A

Reception of Vulnerable Persons A: Identification of vulnerability and provision of initial support

A

Conflict management and mediation in reception

A

Technical reception standards

B

Conflict management and mediation in reception

B

Reception of Vulnerable Persons B: needs assessment and design of interventions

B



## Dublin modules

Identification of potential Dublin cases

A

Dublin procedure

B

Dublin assessment

B

Managing Dublin cases

C



## COI and MedCOI



## Resettlement modules



## Modules for managers

Management in the reception context

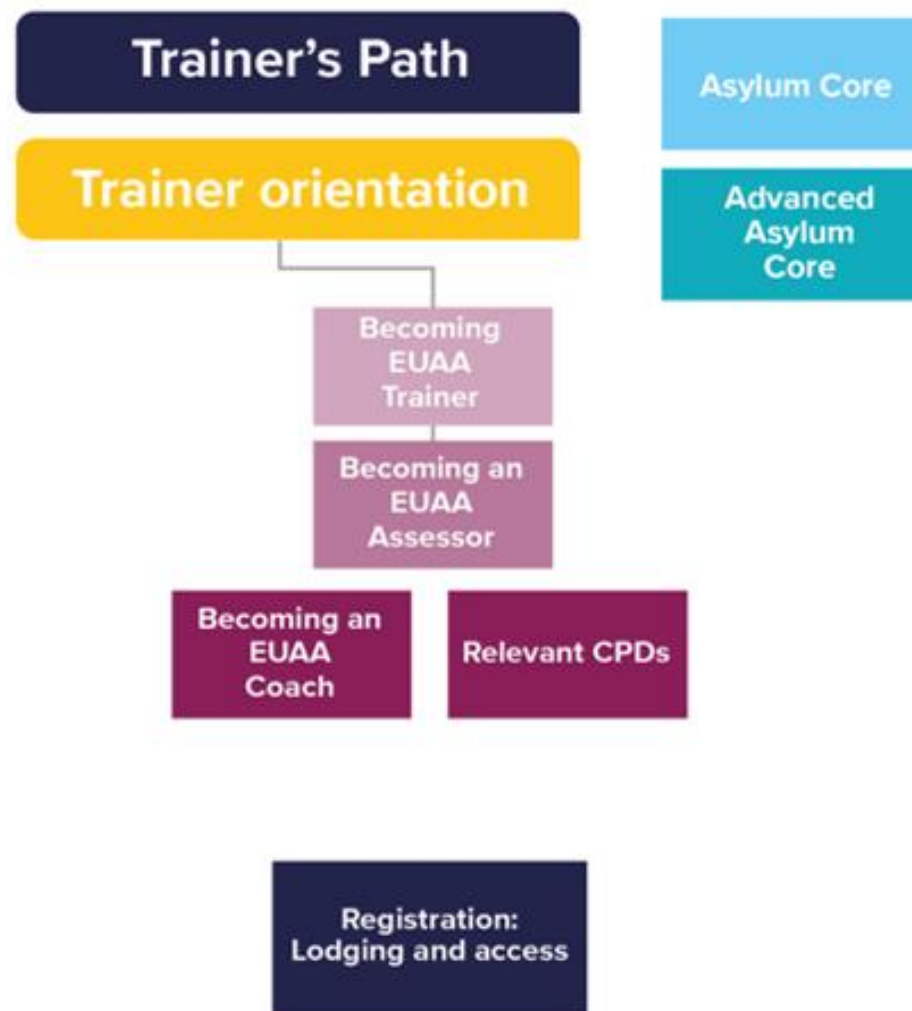
A

Management in the asylum context

A

- A Introductory
- B Intermediate
- C Advanced

# European Asylum Curriculum for trainers





# Training under the EUAA Operations



12 Operational Plans in place



Support in the areas of  
asylum, reception and  
temporary protection



Training plans per OP,  
targeting the needs of  
national officials and EUAA  
Asylum Support Teams



# Training support in the context of the war in Ukraine

Special planner and brochure



Delivered under the frameworks of:

- Permanent Support and
- Operational support

## Training support in the context of the war in Ukraine

As part of the EUAA's efforts to help Member States cope with the sudden influx, the EUAA is offering training modules



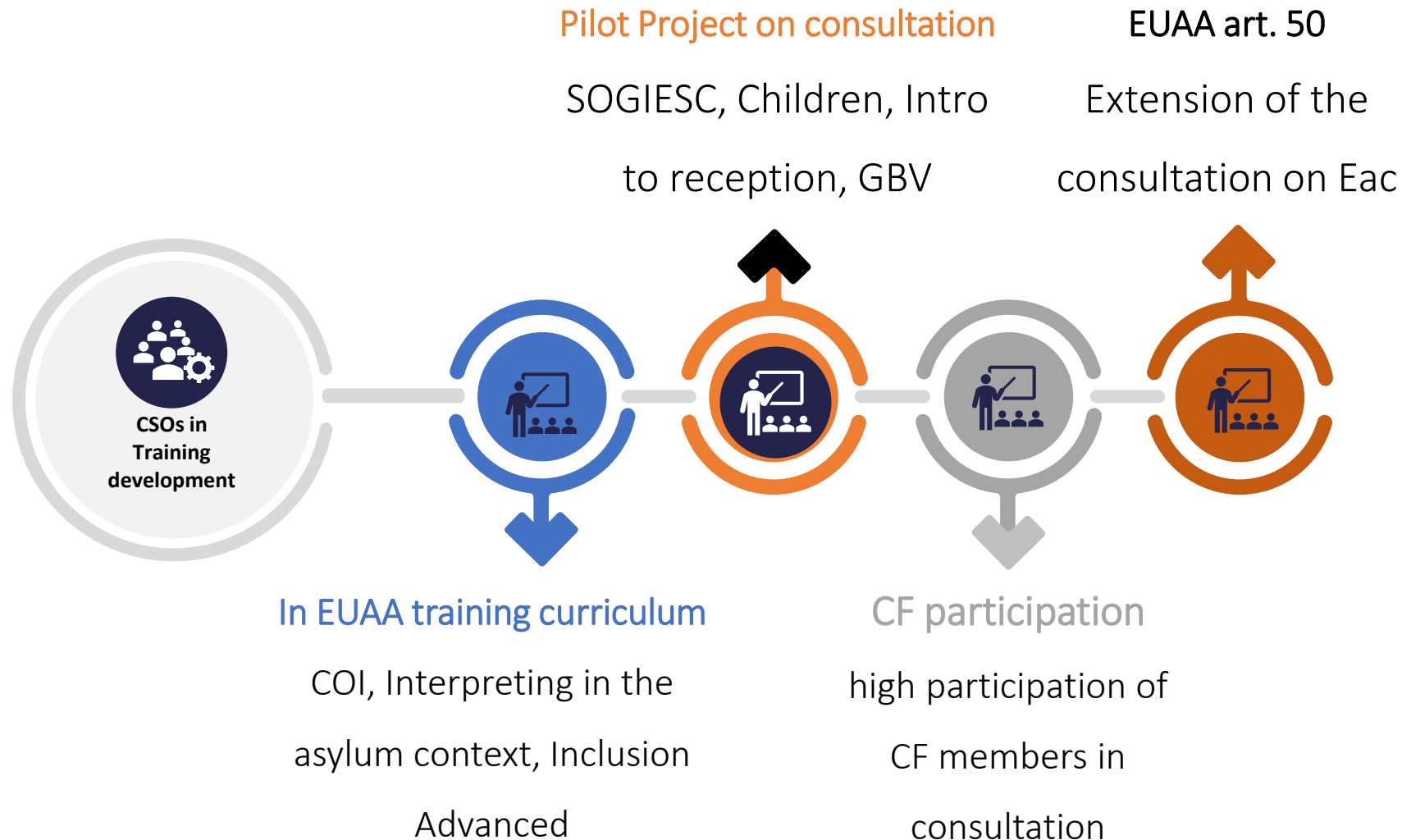
## Training activities:

- Tailor made  
(TP legal and policy framework, communication and info provision, including to specific groups)
- Modules



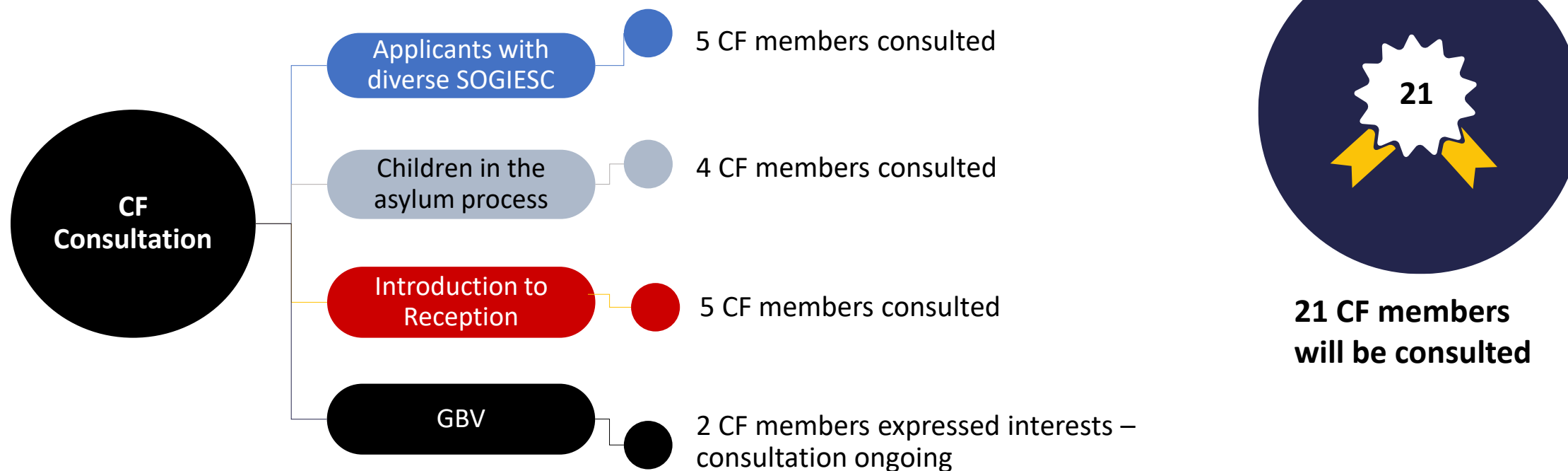
# Involvement of Civil Society in training development

## Involvement in the past and step forward



# Pilot Project – Consultation on selected training modules

High participation of CF members



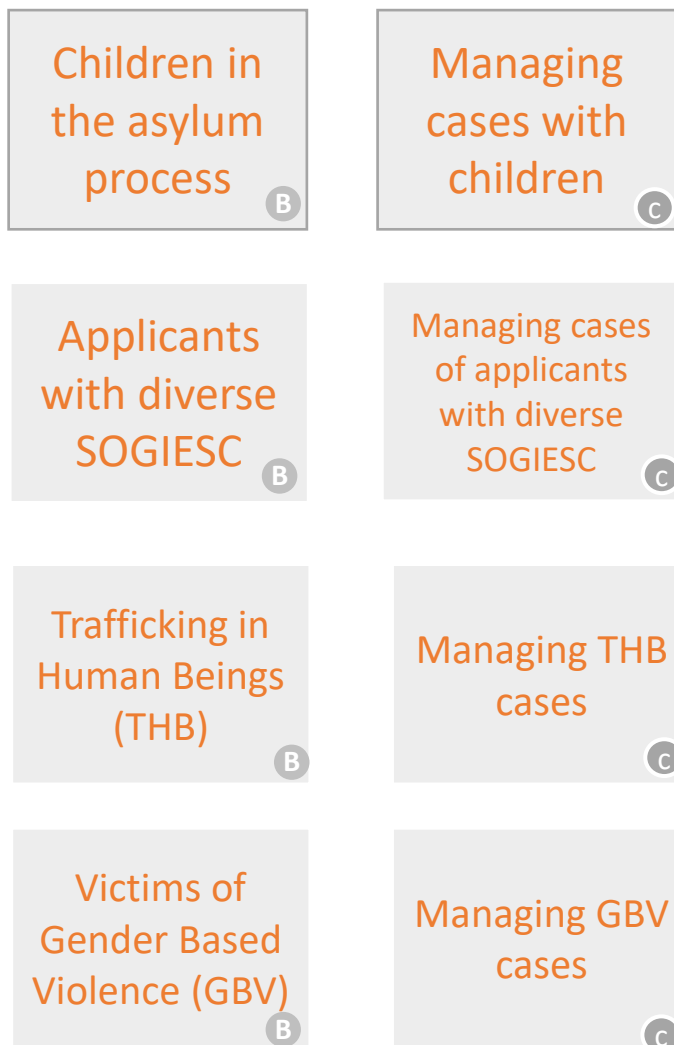
# Consultation on selected training modules

Next steps in consultation of civil society



# 2022-2023 Developments and priorities (provisional)

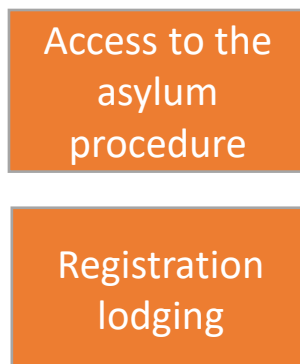
## VULNERABILITY PATH



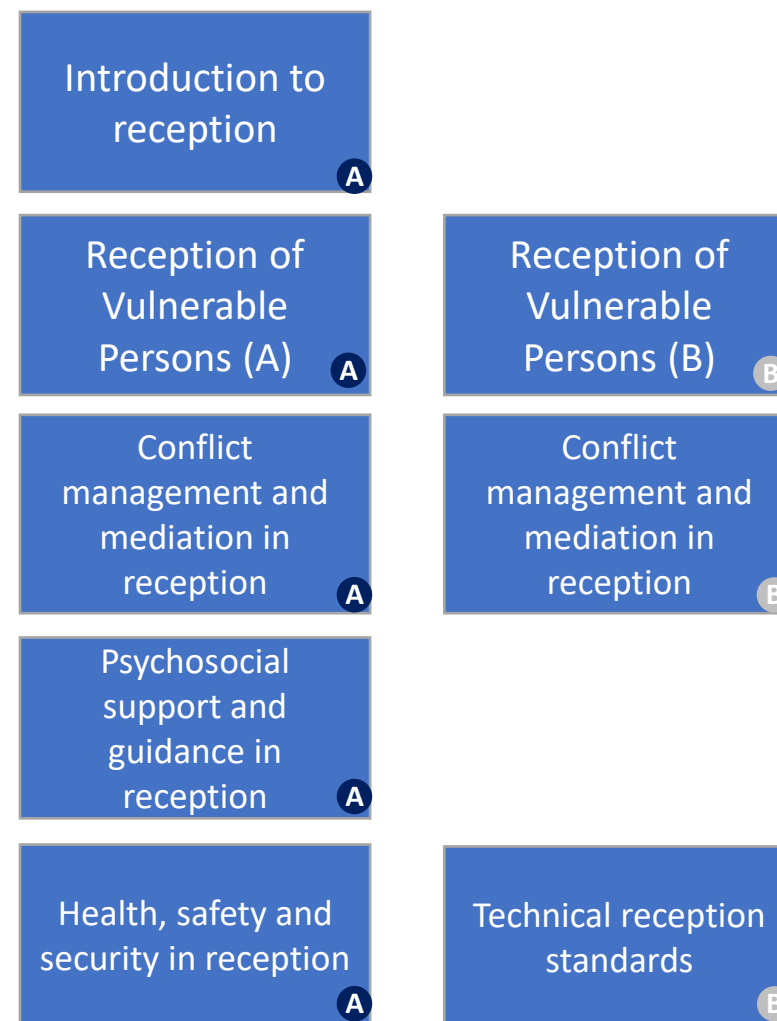
## ADVANCED FOR CASEWORKERS



## REGISTRATION



## RECEPTION PATH





# Situational Awareness Unit: Information and Analysis



## Annual report on the situation of asylum in the EU

presenting developments in asylum trends and policies, sharing best practices and summarising challenges



## Information and Analysis on Developments in Asylum

collecting information and producing analysis of developments in legislation, policies, practices and jurisprudence related to asylum, databases



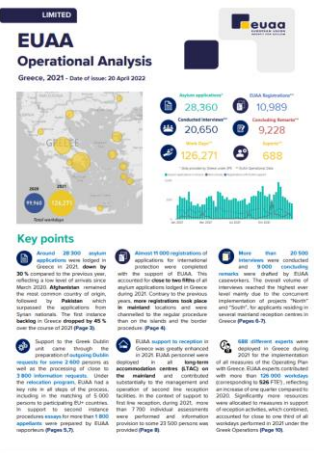
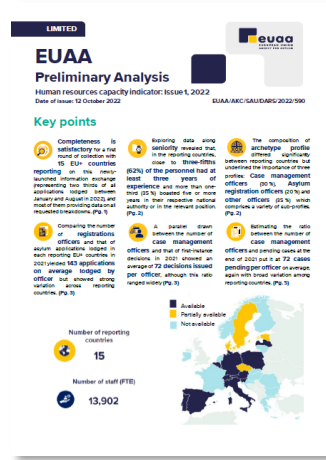
## Data analysis and research

research on the root causes of asylum-related migration as well as analysis on asylum trends, support to EUAA Operations

PUBLIC

# Regular portfolio

## Thematic



## Support to COM/Blueprint network

- Ukraine situation (weekly)
- Afghanistan situation
- Western Balkan VTC (bi-weekly)
- Belarus-Lithuania border (weekly)
- Contribution to ISAA report (ad hoc)

## Ad hoc

- Flexible according to needs and requests
- E.g. Asylum Trends and COVID-19 (2020)



# Situational Awareness Unit: Way ahead

## Products & Services

- Reports and fact sheets (public)
- EPS dissemination
- IDS, Case Law Database

## Data collection

- Own sensors embedded (SAM-UKR)
- Dissemination on the ground, in social media, and via NCP/NGOs
- Joint analyses (recent examples: IOM, OECD, Frontex)



# Country of Origin Information (COI)

## COI production and methodology

EU+ common methodology  
Reports, queries, factsheets  
COI for country guidance  
COI for safe countries concepts

## COI support to operations

COI support and capacity building for EU+ and third countries.



## COI Networks

Networks of COI country specialists from EU+ countries  
Strategic Network + 12 country specific networks

## COI Portal

Common portal for EUAA and EU+ COI products

<https://coi.euaa.europa.eu>

# Country Guidance



Joint analysis and common guidance: qualification for international protection.



**\*New obligation** for Member States to take the guidance notes and common analysis into account (Article 11 EUAA Regulation).



**\*New feedback** surveys to collect your input and provide insight into the use and impact of the different country guidance documents.

**Share your feedback!**

**Afghanistan: Apr '22**

Next update: '23

**Iraq: Jun '22**

Next update: tbc

**Nigeria: Oct '21**

Next update: tbc

**Somalia: Jun '22**

Next update: '23

**Syria: Nov '21**

Next update: '23

# Asylum and Reception Cooperation and Guidance Networks



## Network Meetings

- Ukraine: Processing applications; Exclusion; private housing
- Political Opinion
- The use of open-source intelligence
- Family reunification
- Dublin transfers

## Exchange programs

- Interpretation in the asylum procedure
- Mental health in the reception context

## Practical tools and guides

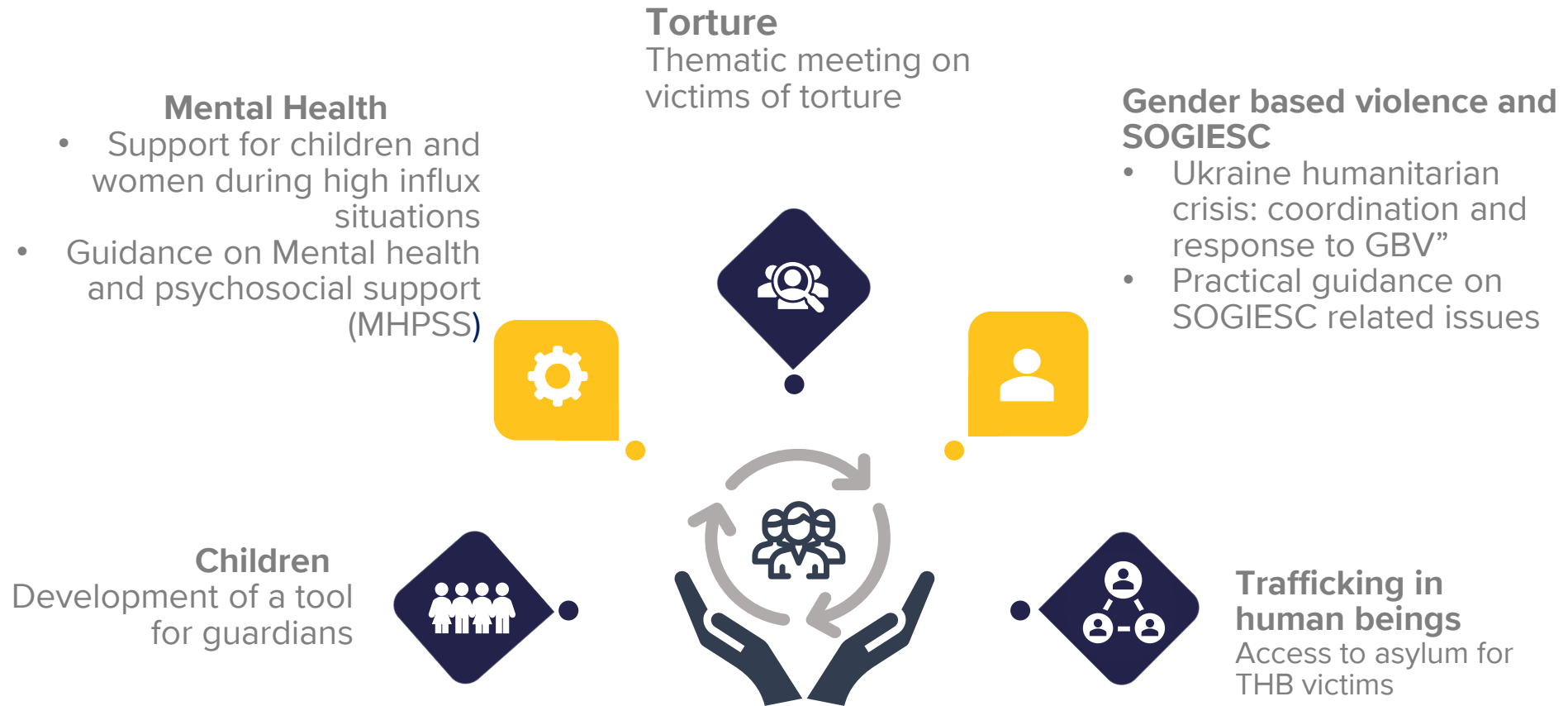
- Interviewing applicants with religion- based claims
- Evidence assessment
- Political opinion
- Military service in asylum applications
- Recommendation on: family reunification; Dublin transfers
- Modular Reception Capacity Toolkit
- Information provision: access to procedure; temporary protection; self-identification of vulnerabilities and special needs

## Operational support

Provide technical support on asylum procedure and reception to EUAA operations on an ongoing basis.



# 2022 Topics and activities on vulnerability



**Ongoing/planned projects**

- **Vulnerability toolkit**
- **Vulnerability Strategy**
- **Standards and indicators on vulnerability**

# EUAA Support to Courts and Tribunals



## EUAA COURTS AND TRIBUNALS NETWORK

NCPs from the 27 MS (+ NO & CH), CJEU and ECtHR, FRA, UNHCR, ERA, EJTN, IARMJ and AEAJ

## EUAA POOL OF JUDICIAL EXPERTS

## EUAA JUDICIAL PUBLICATIONS

consulted with the Consultative Forum cover most of CEAS in 14 languages available to download on EUAA website hard copies upon request to [judicialsupport@euaa.europa.eu](mailto:judicialsupport@euaa.europa.eu)

## EUAA JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES:

- Workshops in MT and EU
- Judicial Regional Activities
- Expert Panels
- High Level Conference with CJEU and ECtHR

## **EUAA Monitoring Project** **Milestones**



- ✓ Project kick-off : internal organisation
- Consultations with key stakeholders
- Development of Methodology and Programme
- Adoption by the EUAA Management Board
- First pilot monitoring exercise - lessons learned
- Project closure



Full scale implementation of first phase of the monitoring

# Consultative Forum under the EUAA

Presentation by **Ms Sheila**

➤ **Maas, CF Secretariat, EU**  
Affairs Sector





# EUAA Consultative Forum Meeting

## Transitioning from CF EASO to CF EUAA

-  ➤ Looking back on CF EASO
-  ➤ EUAA Regulation and changes to the CF
-  ➤ Transition CF EASO to CF EUAA
-  ➤ Next steps

# Background/context to the (EASO) Consultative Forum

## What is the Consultative Forum?

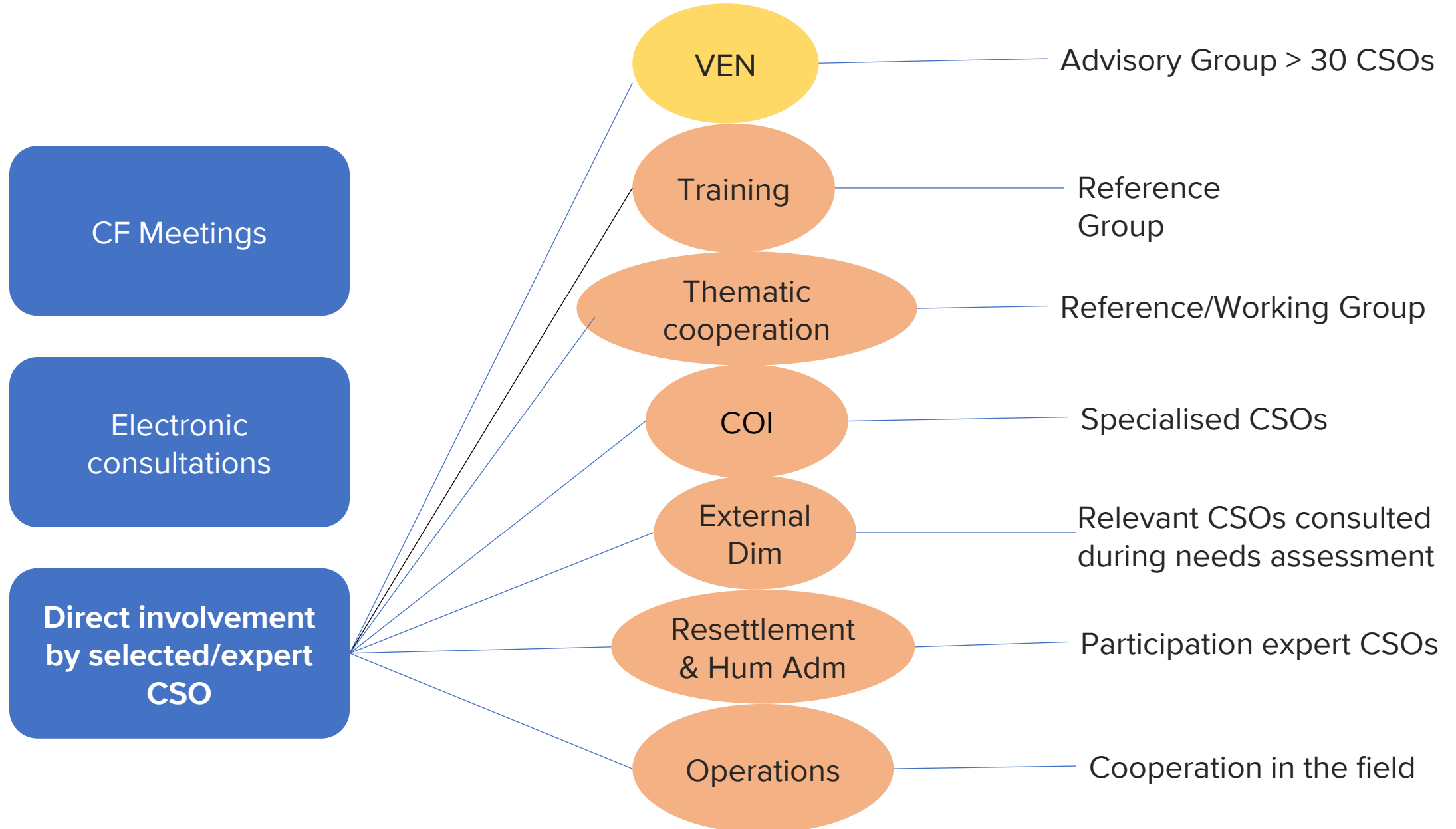
- Civil Society Platform
- Defined in Founding Regulation
- Objective = close dialogue
- CF as mechanism for exchange of information and pooling of knowledge

## CF activities & cooperation with civil society



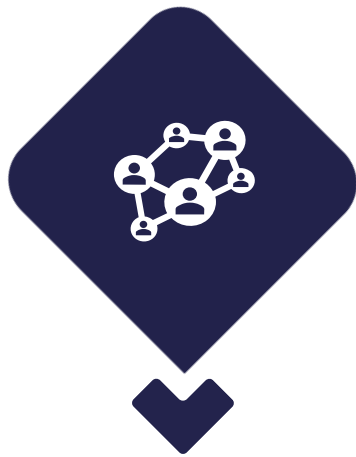


# Participation of selected CSOs across Agency activities



# Main changes of the CF EUAA

The EUAA Regulation reinforces the CF's role and foresees changes to its composition, activities and areas of consultation



**Part of Agency's  
structure**



**Exercises tasks  
independently**



**Advise MB and  
ED on asylum-  
related matters**



**Revised  
composition,  
activities, areas of  
consultation**



# MB Decision on the Consultative Forum

What does it include?

## Chapter 1: General Provisions

- ❖ **Composition**
- ❖ **Process to become member to CF**
- ❖ **Withdrawal or revocation of membership**
- ❖ **Thematic consultation groups**
- ❖ **Working methods**
- ❖ **Declaration of interests**

## Chapter 2: Conditions for transmitting information

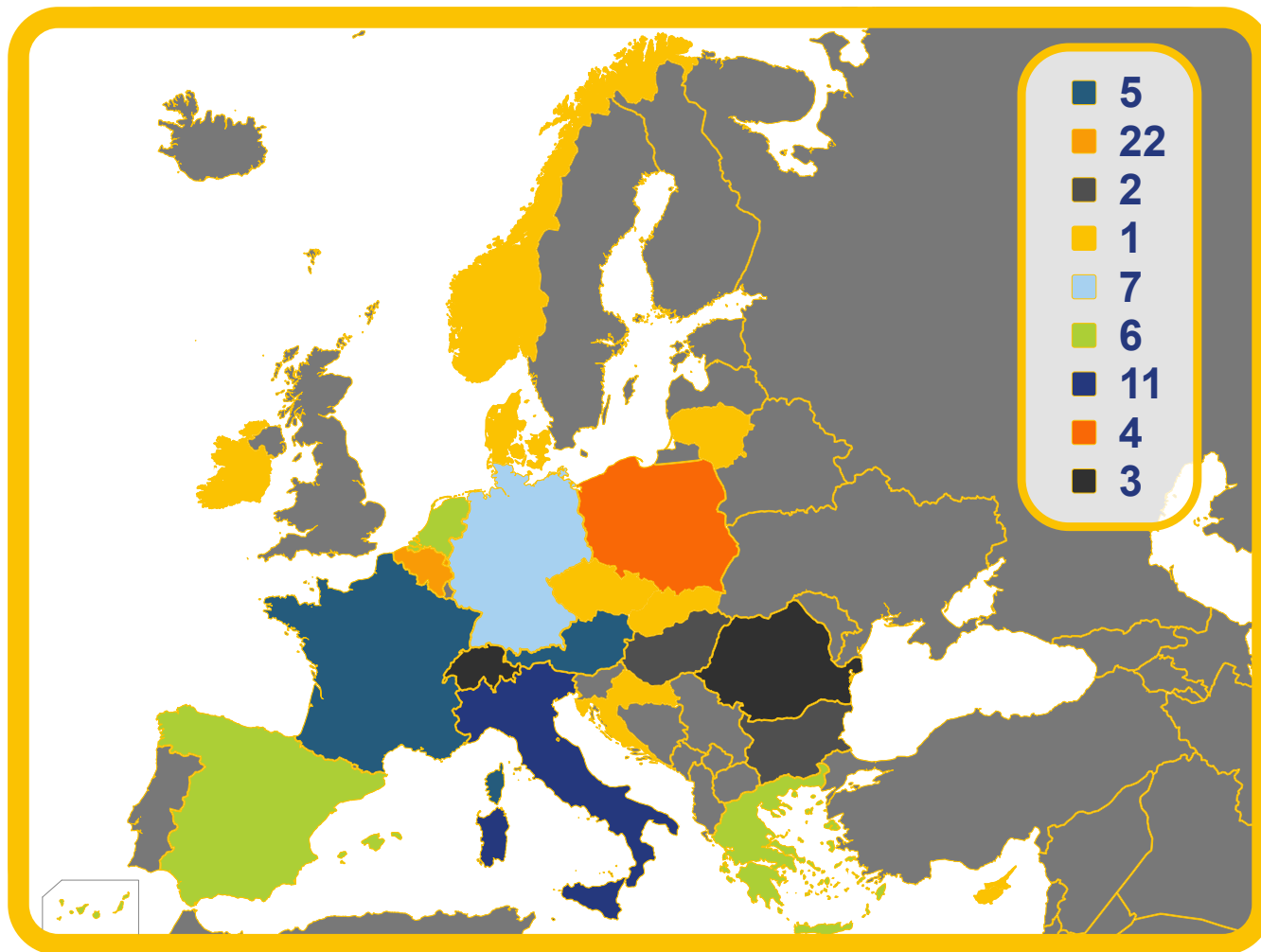
- ❖ **CF meetings**
- ❖ **Consultations and inform about ongoing work**
- ❖ **CF to communicate relevant conclusions, findings of its work**
- ❖ **Rules on sharing sensitive non-classified information**

## EUAA Consultative Forum composition (type of organisations)



**Total number of  
CF Members:  
101**

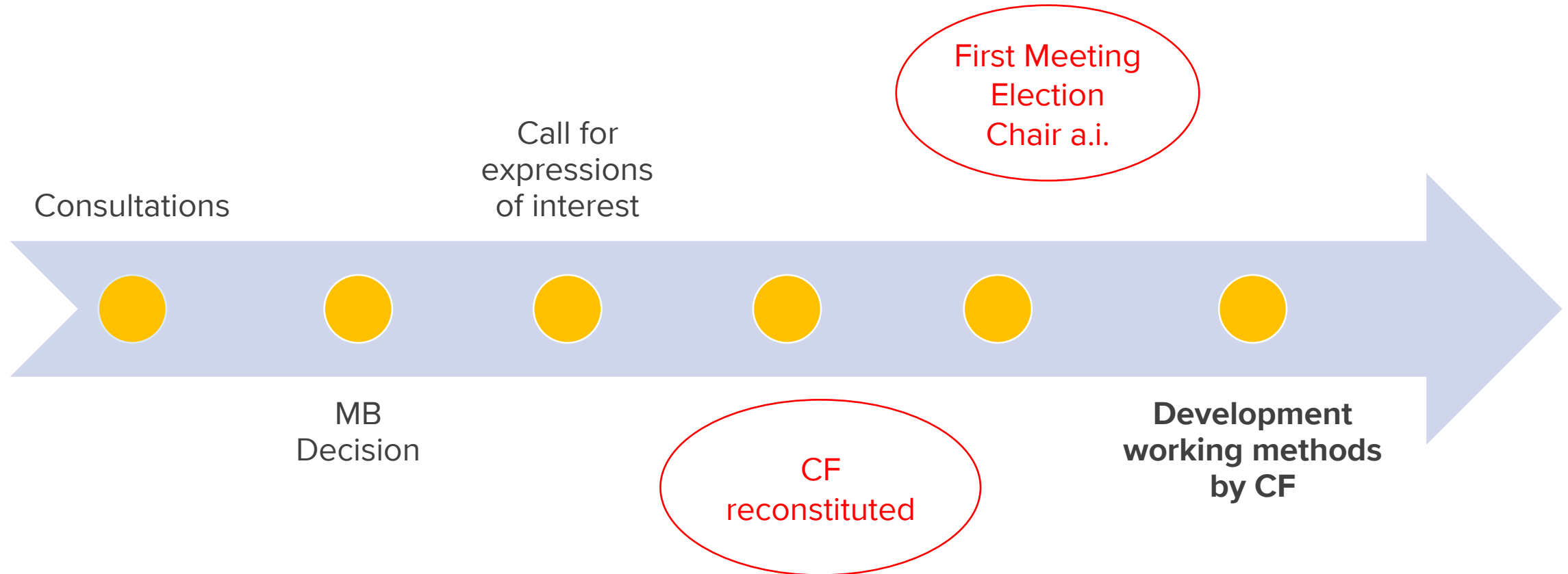
# EUAA Consultative Forum composition (geographic distribution)



5	Austria
22	Belgium
2	Bulgaria
1	Croatia
1	Cyprus
1	Czech Republic
1	Denmark
5	France
7	Germany
6	Greece
2	Hungary
1	Ireland
11	Italy
1	Lithuania
1	Malta
1	Norway
4	Poland
2	Portugal
3	Romania
1	Slovakia
6	Spain
2	Sweden
3	Switzerland
6	The Netherlands



# State of play in the transition of CF EASO to CF EUAA





# The CF Working Methods

Examples of elements that it can include – to be discussed by CF members

- Objectives for the Consultative Forum
- General principles of working
- Governance structure
- Decision-making
- Planning of CF work and implementation of activities
- Communication channels and tools
- Cooperation with the Fundamental Rights Officer
- Specific working methods for the thematic consultation groups on COI and VG