

David Costello

Member of European Asylum Support Office Management Board (Ireland)

Curriculum Vitae

David Costello is the Chief International Protection Officer and Head of the International Protection Office (IPO) which is a statutory independent function under the International Protection Act, 2015. The IPO has responsibility for investigating applications for international protection and permission to remain cases as part of a single procedure.

David Costello, who is also Deputy Chairperson of the Management Board of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO), was formerly Refugee Applications Commissioner.

Prior to taking up the positions of Refugee Applications Commissioner and Chief International Protection Officer, Mr Costello was Director of Asylum Policy in the Department of Justice and Equality. Among his responsibilities were the development of domestic and EU/international asylum policy including legislative aspects.

He has also worked in the Departments of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister), Equality and Law Reform and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners.

Mr Costello was educated at Trinity College, University of Dublin, the National University of Ireland (Cork) and the Dublin Institute of Technology from which he holds graduate and post graduate qualifications in public administration.