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Round Table 2

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Eritrean applicants for international protection in EU+

Annual trend and share since 2008

EU+ applicants – main citizenships, Jan-Oct 2014

512,388 Applicants
Eritrean applicants for international protection in EU+
Jan 2013 – October 2014: Monthly trend and main profile characteristics

- Asylum applicants
- Share of repeated applicants
- Share of unaccompanied minors

*Graphs showing trends and statistics.*
Main Receiving Countries of Eritrean Applicants for International Protection

January 2013 – October 2014: Ranking and Monthly Trend

Sweden: 25%
Germany: 23%
Switzerland: 14%
Norway: 10%
Netherlands: 8%
United Kingdom: 7%
Italy: 4%
Denmark: 4%
France: 2%
Belgium: 1%
Others: 2%

XX% - share of EU total for Jan 2013-Oct 2014
Main Receiving Countries of Eritrean Applicants for International Protection

January 2013 – August 2014: Monthly trend and main profile characteristics

- Sweden
- Germany
- Switzerland

Share of repeated Applicants

Men | Women

0-13 | 14-17 | 18-34 | 35-64 | 65+

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First instance decisions and type of decisions issued in the EU+
January 2013 – September 2014

Total decisions

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Type of protection granted

- **Refugee Status**
- **Subsidiary Protection**
- **Humanitarian Protection**
Type of decisions issued in the EU+
Q1 2013 – Q3 2014, evolution in EU+ and 5 Countries

- Rejected
- Humanitarian protection
- Subsidiary protection
- Refugee status

Graphs showing the evolution of decisions in EU+ and 5 countries from Q1 2013 to Q3 2014.
Main Profiles of Eritrean Applicants

- Majority single young men
- 18-34 years old
- Mostly Christian (some Muslims)
- Majority Tigrinya ethnic group (but also Tigre)
- There is a considerable number of Eritrean UAMs.
Recurrent Grounds

- Open-ended Eritrean National Service (deserters, draft evaders, family members of...)
- Illegal exit
- Religious persecution (Jehovah’s witnesses, pentecostals, etc.)
- Eritreans born in Ethiopia or Sudan and never lived in Eritrea
Diverging Decision Practices

- **Refugee Status**
- **National Service**
- **Illegal exit**
- **Subsidiary protection**
- **Unaccompanied minors**
- **Humanitarian status**
- **Born abroad Never lived in Eritrea**
- **Rejection**

**Refugee Status**

- Under certain conditions:
  - Born abroad Never lived in Eritrea

- Never lived in Eritrea

**Humanitarian status**

**Rejection**
Challenges

- Role of facilitators, resulting in sudden shifts in destination countries
- Reception capacity
- Lack of interpreters
- International Protection Determination: Credibility issues related to origin (nationality fraud) and illegal exit
- Unaccompanied minors
- COI
EASO activities relating to Eritrea

• Practical Cooperation Workshop 15-16 October 2014
• COI Specialist Network on Eritrea: kick-off January 2015
• EASO COI factsheet on Eritrea: early 2015 (TBC)
Thank you