



EMN Ad-Hoc Query on 2018.1351 Ad-Hoc Query on the location of the work of Government officials working on the procedure of the approval of international protection

Requested by Adolfo SOMMARRIBAS on 18 December 2018

Protection

Responses from EMN NCP Lithuania, EMN NCP Norway, EMN NCP Bulgaria (3 in total)

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Background information:

The Unit for Asylum working on the procedure of the approval of international protection is established under the Foreigners and Asylum Service of the Ministry of the Interior (MoI) of the Republic of Croatia. The MoI's staff working in the Unit for Asylum are primarily providing a decision by approving or rejecting an international protection application. The offices of staff working in the Unit for Asylum (for about 30 employees) are in the Reception Centre for Applicants for International Protection where accommodation capacities for up to 600 international protection seekers are located. The Republic of Croatia is interested in, whether the officials of other MS working in the same field (decision makers on approving or rejecting international protection) are placed in the same facilities where international protection seekers reside, or those staff have a work office in the building of the relevant Government body as other Government officials.

Questions

1. Do officials working on the international protection procedure in your country work in the same premises where international protection seekers are located or they are located in another facility as well as other officials of the relevant state body who are not dealing with international protection issues?

Available choices:

Yes, No

2. If the answer is yes, have you been confronted with security risks, stress or health related issues for the officers being deployed in these facilities?

Responses

EMN NCP Lithuania

Wider Dissemination: Yes

Vytautas EÅ½ERSKIS, EMN NCP Lithuania

1. No

2. N/A

EMN NCP Norway

Wider Dissemination: Yes

Kathleen CHAPMAN, EU Member State Officials

1. No

2. There can be exceptions to this rule for emergency situations and /or for some interviewing purposes, but generally, the government employees work in government offices nowhere near where the reception centers are located. Normally, the asylum seekers are transported to the government offices where we have facilities for interviews.

EMN NCP Bulgaria

Wider Dissemination: Yes

Georgi SHARLANDZHIEV, EMN Officials

1. Yes

2. To prevent security risks 24/7 security service is provided in the Registration and Reception Centres of the State Agency for Refugees. Moreover, both the officials working on the international protection procedure and the security personnel receive specific training.