

European Union Agency for Asylum »



EUAA Pact Programme

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What is our goal?

The key goal of the EUAA is the **harmonisation of asylum practices across all countries of the European Union.**

We envision a Europe where asylum seekers, regardless of the country where they apply for international protection, will have the same rights, obligations, reception conditions, and decision on their asylum claim

Goals





About us



Staff Members:

650



Total EUAA budget:

€ 248 million



**EUAA
locations**



Operational Support

Delivers operational support, deployments, and technical assistance to Member States under pressure.



Training and Professional Development

Offers harmonized trainings to national authorities, promoting common standards and best practices.



Asylum Knowledge

guidance, tools, and analysis to support asylum and reception practitioners



External Dimension

Third country support and resettlement

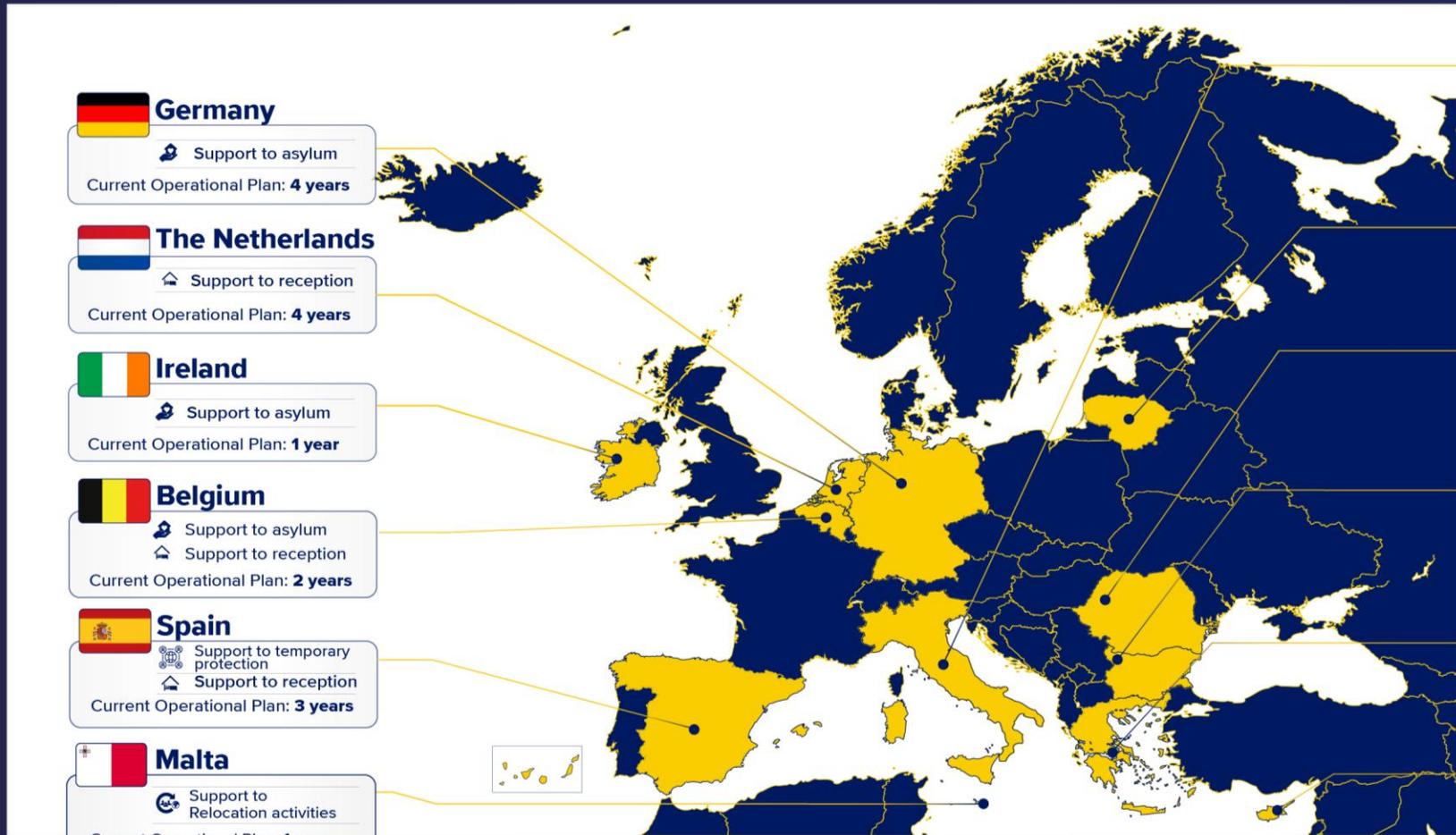


How does the EUAA support the implementation of the Common European Asylum System?



EUAA's Operations

OPERATIONS



Germany
Support to asylum
Current Operational Plan: **4 years**

The Netherlands
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **4 years**

Ireland
Support to asylum
Current Operational Plan: **1 year**

Belgium
Support to asylum
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **2 years**

Spain
Support to temporary protection
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **3 years**

Malta
Support to Relocation activities
Current Operational Plan: **1 year**

Italy
Support to temporary protection and asylum
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **1 year**

Lithuania
Support to asylum
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **1 year**

Romania
Support to temporary protection and asylum
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **2 years**

Bulgaria
Support to reception
Support to asylum
Current Operational Plan: **3.5 years**

Greece
Support to temporary protection and asylum
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **1 year**

Cyprus
Support to temporary protection and asylum
Support to reception
Current Operational Plan: **2 years**





EUAA Operations



140 Locations
Across 12 Member States

Approx.
89 million EUR
Budget 2024

- 2 Operational Projects**
- Resettlement Support Facility Istanbul
 - Voluntary Relocation MED 5

Quality Assurance
in reception and
asylum focus
on vulnerability

**Approx.
1,000**
Personnel deployed
(plus +/- 600
interpreters)



Training and Professional Development

Online & face-to-face



Our Purpose: Ensure that asylum and reception officials throughout Europe have the skills needed to ensure fast and fair procedures in line with EU standards



Our Strategy: upholding the highest standards of quality, efficiency and transparency following the EUAA's Training Quality Assurance Framework



Our Curriculum: modules covering the entire area of international protection



Our Partners: asylum and reception authorities of Member States whose experts participate in the development and delivery of our training



Our Learners: asylum and reception officials



EUAA Academy

The first accredited training academy providing specialised training in the fields of asylum and reception at an EU level



Case Officers

apply EU asylum rules consistently, using international law, personal interviews, and knowledge of countries of origin to assess claims fairly.



Reception Experts

quickly identify vulnerable individuals, ensuring EU-standard conditions and culturally sensitive support.



Member States

benefit long-term by investing in staff training—reducing turnover and promoting consistent decisions across the EU.





Asylum Knowledge

EUAA collects, analyses and disseminates information among key stakeholders to better understand the situation of asylum in the EU.



Asylum Report



Information and Analysis on Developments in Asylum



Data Analysis and Research



**Country of Origin Icon
Country of Origin Information**



MedCOI (Medical Country of Origin Information)



Country Guidance



Asylum Processes



Dublin Procedure



Courts and Tribunals



Reception



Vulnerability



Monitoring of the CEAS



The EUAA Monitoring mechanism

A new task foreseen under the EUAA regulation for the operational and technical application of the CEAS

The EUAA monitoring mechanism aims to:



prevent or identify possible shortcomings in the asylum and reception systems of the EU Member States



assess their capacity and preparedness to manage situations of disproportionate pressure,

with the ultimate goal of enhancing the efficiency of the asylum and reception systems in the EU.

Monitoring team of experts

composed of experts from the Agency's own staff, the Commission and, where necessary, the Member States and, as observers, the UNHCR.



The EUAA's Cooperation with non-EU countries

External Cooperation Strategy

2 Pillars

Capacity Building Support for partner countries



Resettlement

- Relationship-centered approach
- Catalogue of Services
- Relations with stakeholders
- Projects Database (PDB)



The EUAA Pact Programme

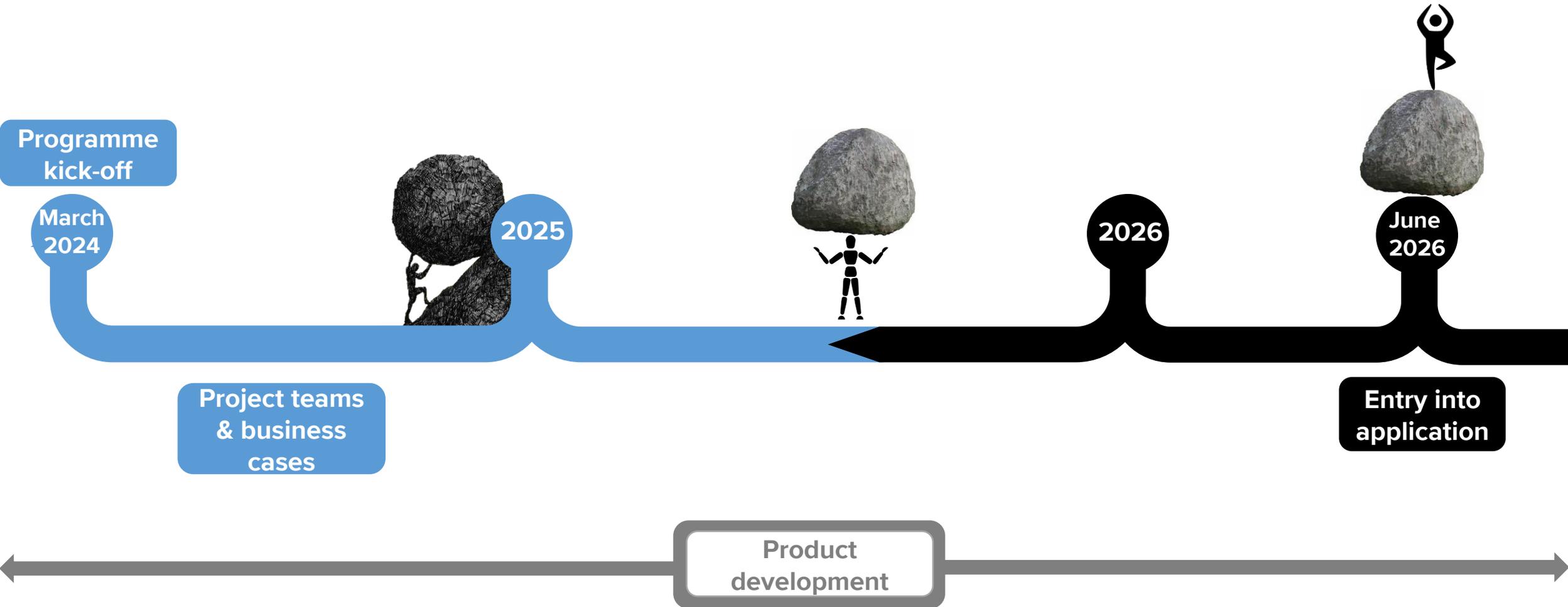


Four areas of work = four pillars of support

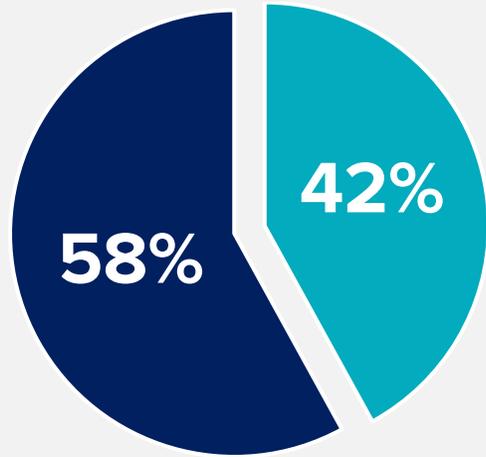




EUAA Pact Programme timeline



Programme status update: Pillar I



50
completed
products



69
remaining
products

- Guides & tools
- Training modules
- Information material
- Data products
- Judicial publications

- Practical Guide on Free Legal Counselling
- Practical Guide on Registration and Lodging of Applications for International Protection
- Standards and Indicators on the Asylum Procedure
- Practical guide on age assessment - 3rd edition
- Toolkit for first-contact officials "Access to the Asylum Procedure"
- Practical Guide on Management of a Reception Centre: Focus on the arrival phase
- Screening toolbox/Vulnerability check tool
- Standard information template(s) relating to reception conditions
- Information materials on AMMR and Eurodac
- Leaflets on information provision at registration phase
- Training modules (24)
- Etc.

Delivery of upcoming products (Q1 2026)



Guides:

- Standards and indicators on the AMMR procedure
- Standards and indicators on reception
- Practical guide on asylum border procedure
- Practical guide on the best interest of the child in the framework of international protection
- Practical Guide on the Solidarity Mechanism – Part I Operational implementation of relocation
- Practical Guide on Subsequent Applications

Training modules:

- Access to the asylum procedure: Making an application for international protection
- Applicants with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC)
- Registration: Lodging an application for international protection
- Introduction to vulnerability
- Pre-departure phase in the context of resettlement and humanitarian admission (PPCRHA) training module

Guidelines on alternatives to detention





Return Border Procedure Regulation

Detention: Article 5(5)

‘By 12 December 2024, the European Union Agency for Asylum [...] shall [...] develop guidelines on various practices alternative to detention, that could be used in the context of a border procedure’.

Guidelines on Alternatives to Detention (AtD)

Sections

1. DEFINING

GUIDELINE 1

AtDs must be applied only if a legitimate ground for detention exists

GUIDELINE 2

AtDs must not amount to deprivation of liberty

2. ESTABLISHING

GUIDELINE 3

AtDs must be established by laws that specify criteria for application, available options and responsible authority

GUIDELINE 4

AtDs must uphold fundamental rights standards and principles

3. DECIDING

GUIDELINE 5

AtDs must be duly ruled out before resorting to detention

GUIDELINE 6

AtDs must be based on an assessment of individual circumstances and specific needs

GUIDELINE 7

AtDs must be applied as a rule for children, in line with the principle of best interests of child

4. IMPLEMENTING

GUIDELINE 8

AtDs must be effectively implemented, with safeguards and processes to increase rate of compliance.

5. REVIEWING

GUIDELINE 9

AtDs must be subject to a judicial review that considers changes in the individual circumstances.

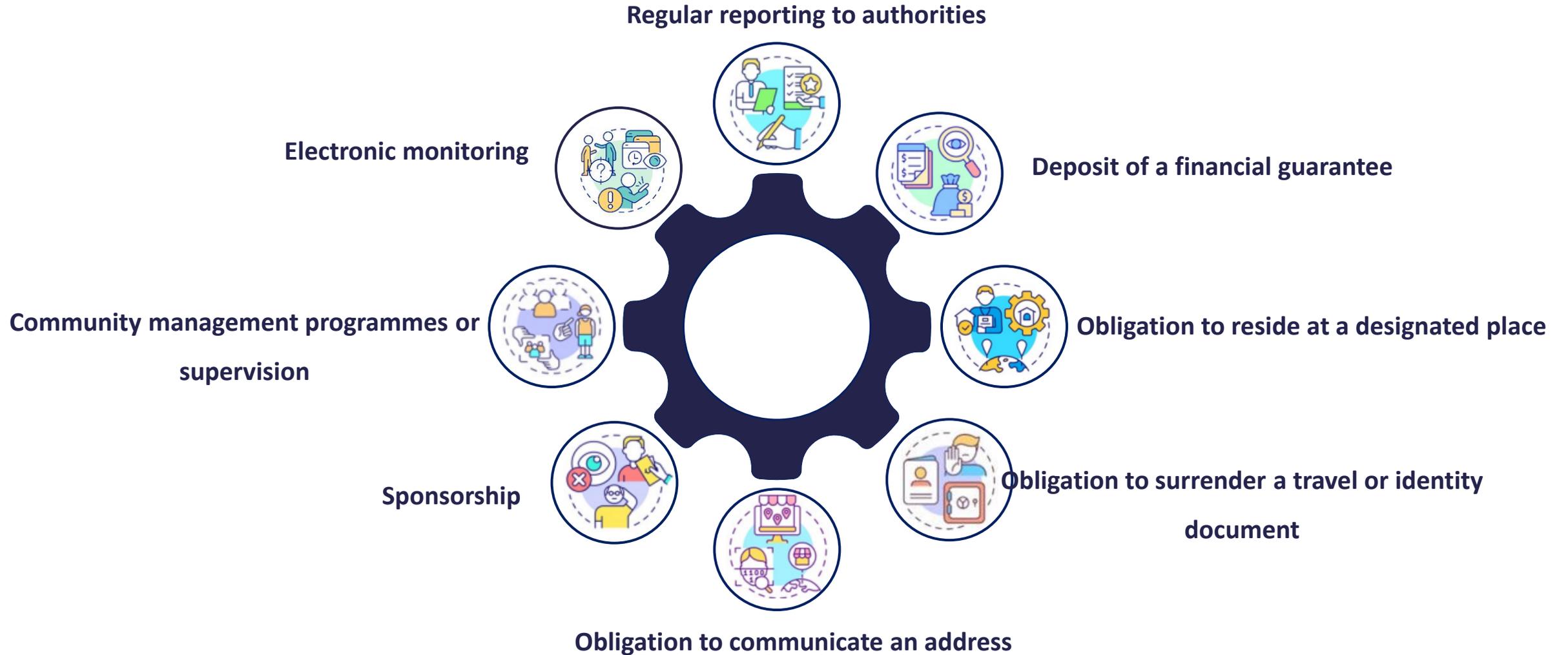
6. ENDING

GUIDELINE 10

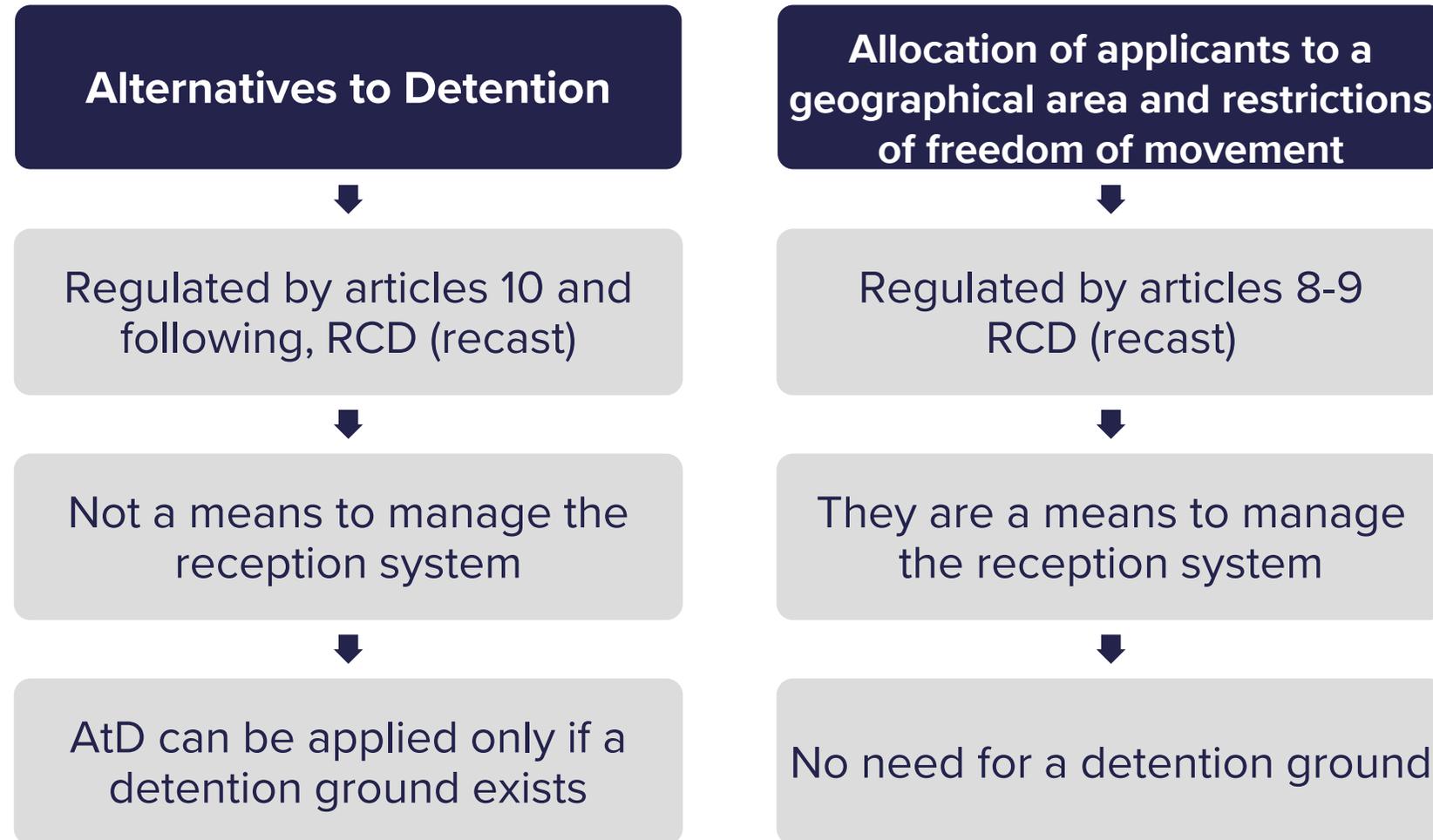
AtDs must be temporary in nature

**10 guidelines
applicable in all
procedures**

Types of Alternatives to Detention



Alternatives to detention (AtD) and restrictions of freedom of movement



Information provision materials



Information provision – Pact instruments



- Information shall be provided based on **information materials to be drawn up by the EUAA** in close cooperation with the Commission and the Member States, in such a way as Member States to complete with Member State-specific information -> ‘shall’ clause for both the EUAA and Member States



- **Reduced timing:** from “as soon as possible” (and ‘no later than three days from the making’ – RCD) to “at the latest at registration” (AMMR, APR, RCD) – [rights, obligations, consequences]



- **Expand on format:**
 - in writing in a concise, transparent, intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language
 - physically or electronically, but accessible; info is made accessible.
 - orally or visual form (such as videos or pictograms)
 - adapted to applicant’s needs, such as children and disabled persons

EUAA was tasked to develop information provision materials addressed to general applicants, as well as adapted to applicants with special reception and procedural needs

Overview of information provision materials



AMMR & Eurodac
(for adults/general profile)



APR

- For adults/general profile
- Animated slide presentation & print-friendly static version for unaccompanied children



RCD (for adults/general profile and children above 14)



Adapted materials for vulnerable groups and children



Additional supporting tools

- Customisation manual
- Information flowchart
- Manual on the use of info materials



Thank You

