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Asylum in Belgium

Federal Agency for the reception of asylum seekers
Organisation of asylum & migration in Belgium

Political organisation: 1 state secretary
- asylum, reception, forced and voluntary return

4 Administrative organisations:
- Aliens Office
  - Visas / access to the territory
  - Registration / Dublin
  - Detention / Forced removals
- Office of the Commissioner General for Refugees and Stateless Persons
- Aliens Litigation Council
  - Asylum and subsidiary protection (grant / appeal)
- Fedasil (Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers)
  - Reception of asylum seekers
  - Voluntary return / refugees resettlement
Organisation in terms of competences: Belgium is a federal state:

- **Federal competence:**
  - Reception and asylum legislation
  - Organisation and financing of reception
  - Organisation of voluntary and forced return

- **Regional competence:**
  - Integration
  - Education
  - Housing
  - Reception of specific target groups (psychological, medical, minors), whether financed by the federal state or not
Key figures

- Number of asylum applications 2012: 21,463
- Number of asylum seekers (Jan – Oct ’13): 13,671
- Reception places (7 Nov ’13): 21,492
- Recognition of refugee status (’13): 16,4%
- Subsidiary Protection (‘13): 11,4%
- Budget Fedasil 2012: €381.6 mio
- Number of staff: 1100
Reception in Belgium

Each operator’s contribution to the total reception capacity
Reception in Belgium

Reception centres: a mixed population

* Citizens of Russia, Turkey and countries of Caucasus are included in 'Europe'
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Fedasil: core business

- Reception of asylum seekers
- Reception policy
- Unaccompanied minors
- Integration of the centres in their neighborhood
- Resettlement
- Voluntary return
- Fedasil International
- European Refugee Fund

European Refugee Fund
2. Reception in Belgium

Reception in three steps

- First step: stay in collective reception center (during 4 months)
- Second step: stay in individual reception facilities
- New third step: stay in a reception center for voluntary return (during 30 days)
Reception chain

Day 1

Dispatching

4 months

Reception centre

> 4 months

Individual housing

2 months

Settlement

30 days

Open Return place

1 step

2 step

3 step
Reception in Belgium

1st step: Collective reception centers
Reception in Belgium

48 reception centers: localisation in Belgium
Reception in Belgium

Reception centres

- material help: basic needs (food and shelter)
- providing assistance
- daily occupation / school
Reception in Belgium

Reception centres: providing assistance

- Medical assistance
- Psychological assistance
- Legal assistance
- Social assistance
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2nd step: Individual reception facilities

Initiatives of Public Social Welfare services
Reception in Belgium

- individual housing

- Furnished private lodging
- Material help
- Providing assistance
Reception in Belgium

3th step: Open Return Places - Voluntary return

- **What?**
  - material support
  - reintegration programme: assistance in the country of origin

- **Who?**
  - Asylum seekers
  - Asylum seekers who have been turned down
  - Illegal immigrants who have never applied for asylum
Reception in Belgium

- 3th step: Or settlement in municipality
  - Transition period 60 days
  - Financial support social welfare
  - Individual housing → responsibility of refugee
  - Integration program
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Minors: a three-step reception

1. Observation and orientation centre (OOC)

2. Asylum seeker: collective structure (Fedasil)

   No asylum seeker: fitted reception (reception structure for minors, foster home, etc.)

3. Individual housing