



AD-HOC QUERY ON Migration and Asylum Structure

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Responses from, [FI](#), [PL](#) (2 in Total)

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1. Background Information

Due to the planned evaluation of the state's institutions functions Ministry of Interior is interested in the following questions:

- 1. 1. Asylum field, which institution is responsible about this function (taking the decision, paying refugee allowances, reception of refugees) – the number of personnel working in the field. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;**
- 1.2. Migration field, which institution is responsible in realizing migration policy and issuing residence permits – the number of personnel working in this field. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;**
- 1.3. Population Register – which institution is responsible for registering the population (maintenance and provision of information system, the control and determination of person's legal status)– the number of personnel. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;**
- 1.4. Person's identity documents (identity and travel documents) – which institution is issuing the documents – the number of personnel. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;**
- 1.5. Acquisition of citizenship – which institution is responsible for the naturalization – the number of personnel. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function ;**
- 1.6. the Repatriation of persons of ethnic origin – which institution is responsible for the function (granting repatriate status, paying allowances). If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function.**

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2. Responses

		Wider Dissemination?	
+	Finland	Yes	<p>1. 1. Asylum field, which institution is responsible about this function (taking the decision, paying refugee allowances, reception of refugees) – the number of personnel working in the field. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;</p> <p>Asylum field, decision making: the Finnish Immigration Service. Reception of Refugees: The Ministry of the Interior is responsible for the policy concerning the reception of asylum seekers, the provision of general guidelines, and the legislative processes involved. The Ministry of the Interior also makes the decisions concerning the establishment and closure of reception centres. The Finnish Immigration Service is responsible for the management, planning and monitoring of the operation of the reception centres; the management of the detention centre; and the supervision of the implementation of the system for helping victims of human trafficking. The state-run reception centres are under direct performance guidance. The centres run by municipalities and various organisations are supervised on the basis of agreements concluded between the maintaining organisations and the Finnish Immigration Service. The regional Centres for Business and Industry, Transport and the Environment (ELY), seven of which include an immigration unit, are responsible for the reception of the asylum seekers who have got residence permit and resettling quota refugees into municipalities. Budget means</p> <p>1.2. Migration field, which institution is responsible in realizing migration policy and issuing residence permits – the number of personnel working in this field. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;</p> <p>The Finnish Immigration Service, Border Guard and the national police.</p> <p>1.3. Population Register – which institution is responsible for registering the population (maintenance and provision of information system, the control and determination of person's legal status)– the number of personnel. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function; The institution holding the population register is Population Register Centre: http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi/vrk/home.nsf/www/populationinformationsystem</p> <p>1.4. Person's identity documents (identity and travel documents) – which institution is issuing the documents – the number of personnel. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function; The responsible institution for issuing identity documents is police: http://www.poliisi.fi/poliisi/home.nsf/pages/F082D8AB29097DB5C2256C29002BA66C?opendocument</p>

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1.5. Acquisition of citizenship – which institution is responsible for the naturalization – the number of personnel. If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function;

The Finnish Immigration Service. Number of personnel processing applications for naturalization is around 30.

1.6. The Repatriation of persons of ethnic origin – which institution is responsible for the function (granting repatriate status, paying allowances). If possible, please indicate the budget means necessary for realizing this function.

In Finland, the Ministry of the Interior is responsible for drafting legislation in the field of return (both voluntary and forced return).

The Finnish Immigration Service, Reception Unit, is responsible for, inter alia, the coordination of voluntary return occurring through the reception centres.

The reception centres are responsible for, inter alia, the counselling of rejected asylum seekers (persons who have received a negative decision on their application for international protection and a decision on removal from the country, hereinafter referred to as “rejected asylum seekers”) and asylum seekers who have withdrawn their asylum application and who have received a decision on cancellation of the application and a decision on expelling from the country (hereinafter referred to as „asylum seekers who have withdrawn their application for international protection”) who are interested in voluntary return. If applicable, the reception centres refer the rejected asylum seekers and persons who have withdrawn their asylum application further to the IOM.



The local police is responsible for, inter alia, counselling of rejected asylum seekers and asylum seekers who have withdrawn their asylum application who are interested in voluntary return. If applicable, the local police refers the rejected asylum seekers and asylum seekers who have withdrawn their asylum application further to the IOM.

The IOM is responsible for counselling, organising the voluntary return and, if needed, assisting in the voluntary return of rejected asylum seekers, asylum seekers who have withdrawn their asylum application and persons who are holding a residence permit in Finland. For more information on IOM’s services in the field of voluntary return please see: <http://iom.fi/content/view/108/118/> (in English)

Voluntary return allowances granted 2002-2009 (NB! In total, not per person) (NB! Year 2009 was extremely exceptional)

2002	2,018 €
2003	16,477 €
2004	8,351 €

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	Latvia	Yes	<p>Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs of Latvia is responsible for all the named functions.</p> <p>2.1. Asylum field, Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, State Border Guard. In OCMA 20 persons are employed in realizing the function in OCMA. 2010. Budget 232 615 LVL</p> <p>2.2. Migration field – 102 persons are employed in this field. Budget – 872 940;</p> <p>2.3. Population Register – the number of personnel - 151/23; budget for 2010 – 1 431 779 LVL</p> <p>2.4. Person's identity documents (issuance of identity and travel documents)– personnel – 262, budget – 4114 670 LVL ;</p> <p>2.5. Acquisition of citizenship – personnel employed 24, budget – 445 002 LVL;</p> <p>2.6. the Repatriation of persons of ethnic origin – 9 persons employed, budget – 163 330 LVL.</p>										
	Poland	Yes	<p>Asylum field – Head of the Office for Foreigners is an authority responsible for making decision on granting refugee status/ international (subsidiary) protection and for providing support for refugees (paying refugee allowances, running reception centres, maintaining IT systems/registers of foreigners and control and determination of foreigner's legal status). Number of personnel employed in the Office for Foreigners is 282 persons, including also employees dealing with other than asylum matters. Budget 2010 for salaries, investments, maintenance of IT systems and other administrative costs amounts 24.247. 000 PLN (c.a. 6.061.750 EUR) Funds for refugees (social care, allowances, running reception centres) amount 57.339.000 PLN (14.334.750 EUR).</p> <p>Decisions on granting/refusal refugee status (or subsidiary protection) made by the Head of the Office for Foreigners can be appealed to the Refugee Board functioning as the second instance authority in the refugee proceedings. 13 people are employed at the Board. Budget for 2010 (devoted for remunerations, translations, expertises and analysis, business trips) is c.a. 540.000 PLN (135.000 EUR).</p> <p>Electronic Population Register (called in Polish “PESEL”) – containing data of all people residing at the territory of Poland for the period above 3 months (registered by municipality authority), data of people who have submitted application for issuance of a identity card or passport and data of people who are obliged to possess their personal identification numbers for other purposes stipulated in various legal acts, is maintained by the Ministry of Interior and Administration. The National Registers and Teleinformatics Department of the MIA employs 10 – 20 people, depending on the current needs. Budget for 2010 amounts 9.200.00 PLN (c.a. 2.300.000 EUR).</p> <p>Identity cards, passports, permits entitled to crossing the border in a frame of local border traffic scheme and documents for foreigners (residence cards, Polish travel documents for foreigners, documents stipulated in the Geneva Convention 1951), are produced by one of the division (with 45 people employed) of the MIA's Centre for Document Personalisation. Budget of the Centre for 2010 amounts c.a. 866 860 EUR.</p>										

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			<p>Issuance of travel documents for foreigners - 8 people employed by the Border Guard (information concerning the budget is not available).</p> <p>Acquisition of citizenship: Chancellery of the President – 7 people are responsible for this issue, budget – information not available, Department of Citizenship and Repatriation at the Ministry of Interior and Administration – personnel in the Citizenship Division: 13 people.</p> <p>There are 16 voivods in Poland (appointed by the Prime Minister and being the regional representative of the central government), the first instance authority in the administrative proceedings related to foreigners as far as legalisation of their stay and work permits are concerned. Additionally, the voivods carry out the tasks related to the Polish citizenship, if they are not reserved for other organs mentioned above.</p> <p>In 2008 the number of personnel employed in all voivodeship's offices in Poland and dealing with matters concerning foreigners and citizenship was c.a.314 people.</p>
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