

For the AIDA Country Report: Hungary – Update on the year 2024, responses were received from the following authorities:

1. [Department of Citizenship and Civil Registration](#)
2. [Department for European Home Affairs Cooperation, Ministry of Interior](#)



Brussels, 11 June 2024

To whom it might concern,

I am writing you on behalf of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE), an alliance of 122 organisations across 40 European countries, which works on displacement in Europe and in Europe's external policies.

Among other activities, ECRE carries out research and training on EU asylum law, including management of the Asylum Information Database (AIDA), which contains information on asylum procedures, reception conditions, detention and the content of international protection in 23 European countries. The AIDA database is used by EU policy-makers, courts, researcher, practitioners and the media across Europe. It is partially funded by the EU under the Asylum Integration and Migration Fund (AMIF).

ECRE is currently updating the country reports in the AIDA database to include factual information for the year 2023.

In this context, we would like to offer you the right of reply on the material in the reports for the AIDA project concerning Hungary before its publication.

If you have any comments on the facts and/or legislative information presented in the report please feel free to contact ECRE within the next two weeks, after which ECRE will proceed with the publication of the report.

Any comments will be treated in confidence, and only shared with the authors of the reports (unless you indicate otherwise, see below). We have provided the attached template to structure your comments in case that is useful; you may also provide comments in any other format. However, comments should be provided in English. Any comments you may have will be duly taken into account.

Should it be of interest to you, we would be pleased to publish comments in a separate Annex to the country report on the AIDA website. Please inform us if you are interested in taking up this option.

We kindly request that you submit your comments within two weeks from the date of this letter. Please note that ECRE will only be able to consider comments provided within this deadline, to avoid delays in publication.

You will find the AIDA Project Right of Reply Template below, and the draft country report on Hungary attached to this letter.

We look forward to your reply and remain at your disposal should you have any questions or need further information.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine Woollard
Director, ECRE

Member State comments to the 2024 AIDA country report on Hungary – Department of Citizenship and Civil Registration

The Asylum Information Database (AIDA) is managed by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE). It aims to provide up-to date information which is accessible to researchers, advocates, legal practitioners and the general public through the dedicated website www.asylumineurope.org.

AIDA covers 24 countries, including 19 EU Member States (AT, BE, BG, CY, DE, ES, FR, GR, HR, HU, IE, IT, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, SE, and SI) and 5 non-EU countries (Serbia, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine and the United Kingdom). Each report documents asylum procedures, reception conditions, detention and the content of international protection in the country concerned.

Based on the final draft for the AIDA country report on Hungary, we would like to offer you the opportunity of a right of reply concerning the facts and legislative information presented in the report. ECRE will only be able to consider comments that are provided in the template below within two weeks from the date of receipt, to avoid delays in publication.

Upon the request of the Member State, the comments will be published in a separate annex to the country report on the AIDA website. Otherwise, they will be treated as confidential. The template reflects the chapters of the report.

Please ensure that responses remain within the scope of each section. Where possible, information provided should be sourced.

Reply

1. Statistics

Reference to statistics extracted from the country report	Page and section	Comments, corrections, or additional statistical information and updates
<i>Add lines as required</i>		

Any additional remarks on the section on statistics:

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2. Asylum Procedure

Please comment using *either* the following structure *or* the table below.

Section, page number in the report

Text in the report (extract)

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Any additional remarks on the section on the asylum procedure:

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3. Reception Conditions

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Section, page number in the report

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Any additional remarks on the section on reception conditions:

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3. Detention of Asylum Seekers

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Section, page number in the report

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Any additional remarks on the section on detention of asylum seekers:

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4. Content of International Protection

Extract from the country report	Page and section	Comments
Association, in practice after 3 years with an established domicile refugees cannot be granted citizenship because they usually have difficulties fulfilling the other criteria due to the lack of proper integration support, including in 2024.	p.120 4..	This number is actually 0 in 2024. In 2024, 1 recognized stateless person submitted an application for naturalization, and 0 of this 1 application were rejected.
There is no procedural deadline set out in the law concerning the maximum deadline for issuing a decision, although the Government Office of Budapest shall forward the applications for naturalisation to the Minister of Interior within three months. In practice, the general procedural time takes at least 1 month to 1,5 years.	p. 122. 4.	Pursuant to Section 17(2) of Act LV of 1993 on Hungarian Citizenship, the processing time is 3 months, which may be extended by three months in justified cases. The following deadlines are not included in these deadlines: a) the time from the request to remedy the deficiency until its completion; b) the duration of the suspension of the procedure; c) the duration of the required opinion; d) the time from the request to another authority or state body to obtain data or documents concerning citizenship until the receipt of the response. According to the current regulations, the decision proposal regarding the naturalization application is not sent to the Minister of the Interior, but to the Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, as the

		minister responsible for citizenship matters.
In 2024, 79 beneficiaries of international protection applied for Hungarian citizenship (50 refugees and 29 beneficiaries of subsidiary protection). In the same year, 8 refugees (2 Nigerian and 2 stateless/Palestine, 1 Libyan, 1 Cameroonian, 1 Ethiopian, 1 Afghan) and 8 beneficiaries of subsidiary protection (2 Afghan, 2 Cuban, 1 Ethiopian, 1 Syrian, 1 Pakistani, 1 Libyan) obtained citizenship. Out of the 16 people, 2 former refugees (2 Nigerian nationals) were minors. The applications of beneficiaries of international protection were rejected in 42 cases: the applications of 21 refugees (breakdown by the three main nationalities: 6 Afghans, 3 Iranians, 2-2-2 Armenian, Iraqi and Turkish) and 8 beneficiaries of subsidiary protection (breakdown by the nationalities: 2 Afghans, 2 Cubans, 1-1-1-1 Pakistani, Syrian, Libyan, Egyptian). The number of applicants is approximately the same as it was in 2023 (80).	p. 123. 4.	The figures in the highlighted sentence do not add up to the 42 main rejected application.
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Any additional remarks on the section on the content of international protection:

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5. Additional remarks

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We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Reply

General remark

The Ministry of the Interior of Hungary wishes to reject in its entirety the draft country report on Hungary prepared by the European Council on Refugees and Exiles. The report remains highly subjective, biased and permeated by a malicious attitude towards the Hungarian law enforcement authorities. Although last year Hungary provided several amendments to correct factual errors in the text of the Report, they were not taken into account.