



Information Provision on Voluntary Relocation

Meaning of having applied for International Protection, also known as asylum

You have applied for International Protection in Italy as you believe that you cannot go back to your country because you are afraid that your life and your security will be at stake and because the authorities of your country will not protect you. So, you believe that, if returned, you would be exposed to persecution or serious harm.

Explanation of the asylum procedure steps

As you applied for International Protection in Italy, the asylum authorities have granted you access to the asylum procedure. This means that:

- ✓ *You have undergone a medical screening.*
- ✓ *Your fingerprints and photograph have been taken and your wish to apply for International Protection has been registered.*
- ✓ *You will now complete the registration of your application (C3).*
- ✓ *Your application may be channelled to the Voluntary Relocation process.*

Key information on voluntary relocation

- *The Voluntary Relocation is an agreement between Italy and other European Countries (Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Romania) which allows persons who have requested asylum like you to be heard in one of these European countries.*
- *When you join the Voluntary Relocation, your application is registered in Italy, while it may be examined in another European country that is part of the agreement.*
- *It is important for you to know that you cannot choose which European country you could be relocated to.*
- *You may have family and/or socio-cultural links with the country that decides to examine your asylum application. The information you share upon registration on the existence of family, linguistic, cultural or social ties is very important as it helps identifying the Member State that will proceed to the examination of your request for international protection.*
- *In order to be relocated to another European country, you must provide your consent in writing.*
- *You may be interviewed by EUAA, Authorities from Italy and other European countries before a country accepts to examine your asylum application.*
- *When a country accepts to examine your asylum application, you will be informed, and you can still decide whether to go or not.*
- *If you consent to be relocated to the country that accepted to examine your application, your transfer expenditures will be covered.*
- *If you do not consent to be relocated to the country that accepted to examine your application, your asylum application will be examined in Italy.*



- *The outcome of the relocation procedure is subject to an acceptance procedure. In case that another European country does not accept to process your application, you retain the rights that accrue to your status in Italy.*
- *In case you abscond and move independently to another EU country you will lose access to the Voluntary Relocation, be in a condition of irregular stay in the other EU country and, if you lodge an application for international protection, you could be sent back to Italy in application of the Dublin III Regulation.*

Rights and Obligations in the asylum procedure

- Waiting for the final decision on your case, you are entitled of the following **rights** in Italy:*
- *You will not be sent back to your home country without your application being examined by either Italy or the relocation country unless you withdraw your asylum application.*
 - *You can be reassured that confidentiality will be maintained throughout the asylum procedure.*
 - *You do not have to pay anything to undergo the asylum procedure as well as any relocation to another European country. They are free of charge processes.*
 - *You can be assisted by an interpreter.*
 - *You can contact UNHCR and/or Organizations providing for legal assistance at any stage of the asylum procedure.*
 - *You can receive accommodation support and material assistance.*
- Waiting for the final decision, you have the following **obligations**:*
- *You have to cooperate with the Authorities in providing all the information and evidence needed to examine your asylum request.*
 - *As your request can be channelled to the voluntary relocation process, you may be requested to provide additional information concerning previous stay in other European Countries, the languages you speak as well as information related to any other cultural link with other European Countries.*
 - *You have to appear in person before the authority when they ask you to come for an interview.*
 - *You have to tell the truth.*
 - *You have to present all relevant ID documents you possess.*
 - *You have to be aware that if you fail to cooperate with the authority, there might be various consequences negatively affecting your asylum application, the accommodation and services provided to you.*
 - *You have to communicate the presence of family members, (i.e., parents, children, siblings) in the host country as well as in another European country.*
 - *If you are in need of special support due to your personal situation or if you have any special requirements, you have to inform authorities to receive assistance. For example: if you are pregnant, have physical or psychological problems, have been victim of physical, psychological or sexual abuse, please approach the authority.*

Applicant's identification code:	Place and date :
Applicant's signature:	
EUAA's Expert signature:	

Form translated to the applicant's language or to another language which the applicant understands

Interpreter's name and surname:
Interpreter's signature: