

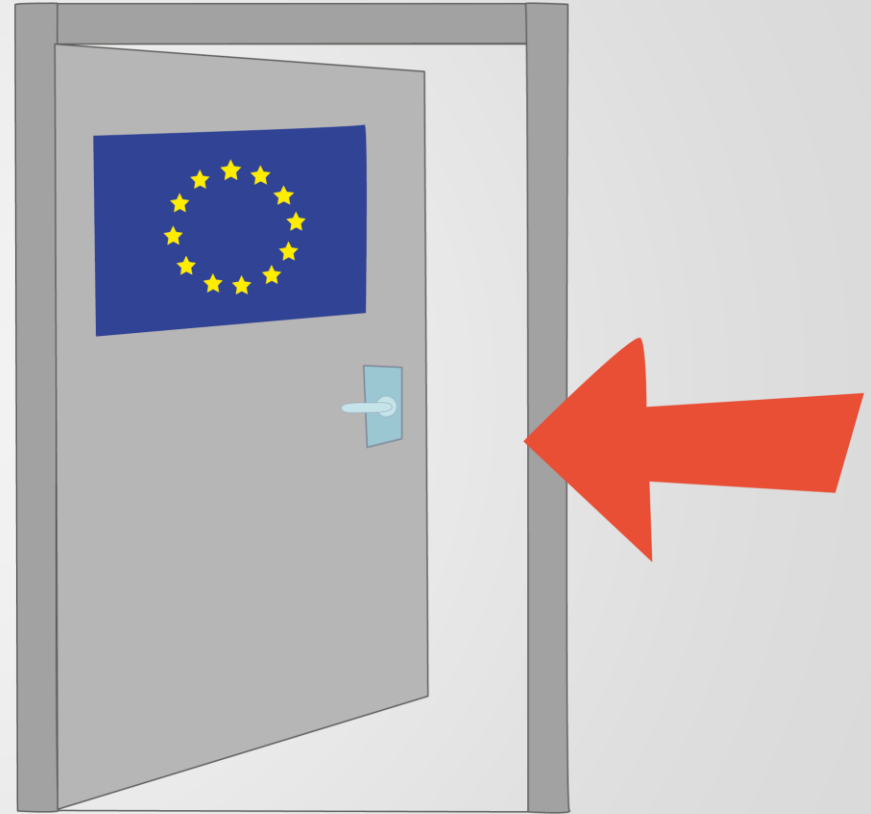
# INFORMATION ON VOLUNTARY RELOCATION PROCEDURE

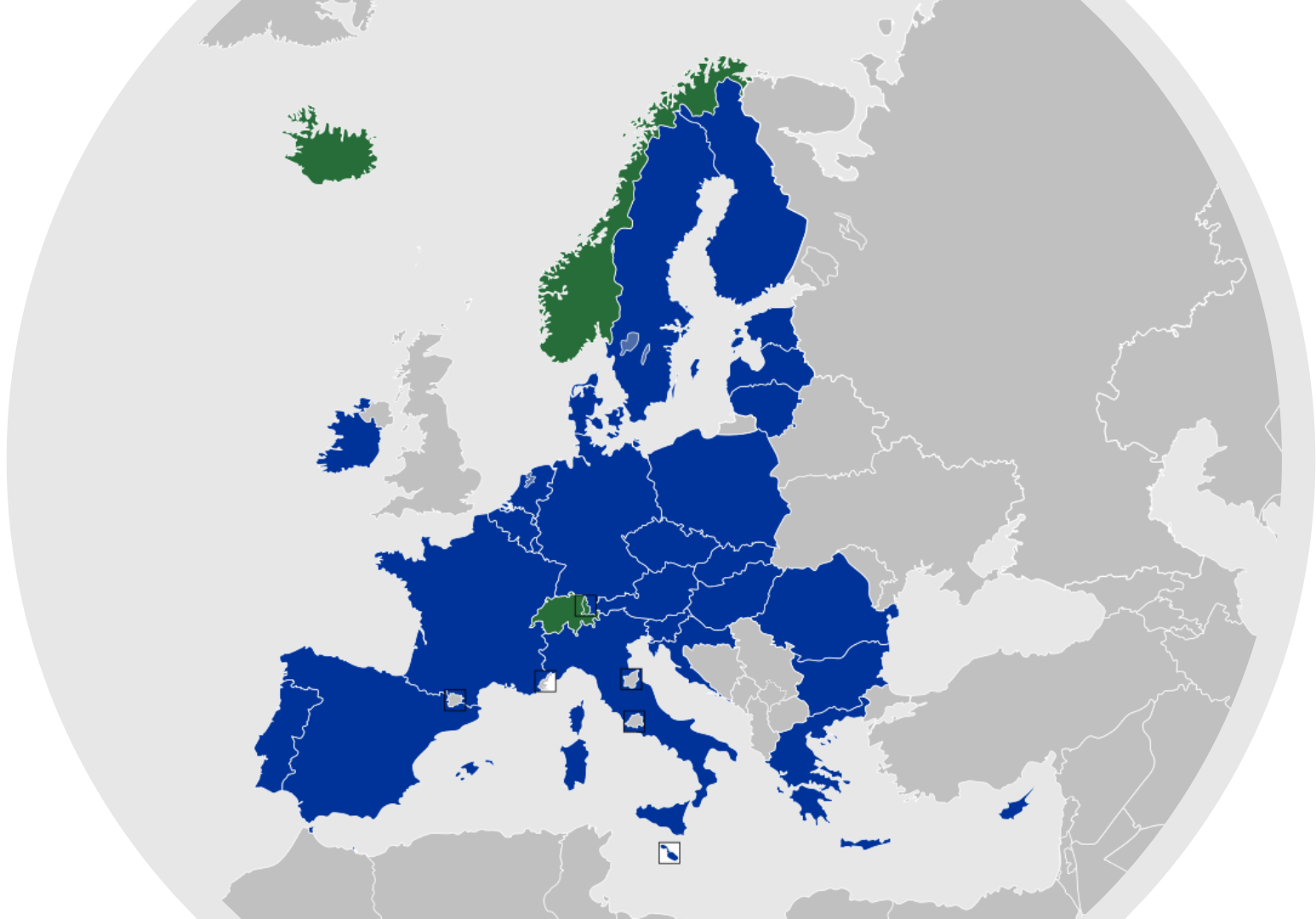


# VOLUNTARY RELOCATION

is a procedure that allows the **voluntary transfer** of applicants for international protection rescued at sea from one Member State (in your case, Italy) to other Member States.

The transfer does **not** mean you will automatically be granted international protection – the identified Member State will **evaluate your application and decide whether to grant you protection or not.**





DURING

# REGISTRATION

OF YOUR REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION



The registration officer will ask some additional questions to find out if you have any family members in the European Union or have linguistic, cultural or social ties with one of the Member States.



## You will not be able to choose the Member State of relocation.

The information you share during registration about any **family members** living in European Union or any **linguistic, cultural or social ties** is very important as it can help with identifying the Member State that would proceed with the examination of your request for international protection.

Based on the information you provide during registration and the availability of Member States, you **might be included in a list of applicants proposed to a Member State.**

Once the proposed list has been accepted, representatives of the Member State can organise **additional interviews** with you in order to better evaluate the possibility of proceeding with your transfer for the examination of your application for international protection.





Following the additional interviews with a Member State (if applicable), if they confirm the possibility for you to be relocated, the authorities will ask for **your final consent to be transferred** to the identified Member State.

If you consent, you will be transferred to identified Member State, **with the support of IOM free of charge.**

Upon arrival to the identified Member State, the determining authority of that country will **evaluate your application for international protection to decide whether to grant you protection or not.**



**In case you are not included amongst those to be transferred or do not accept to be transferred**, your request for international protection will be examined in **Italy** by the competent determining authority (the local Territorial Commission), which will decide whether to grant you protection or not.





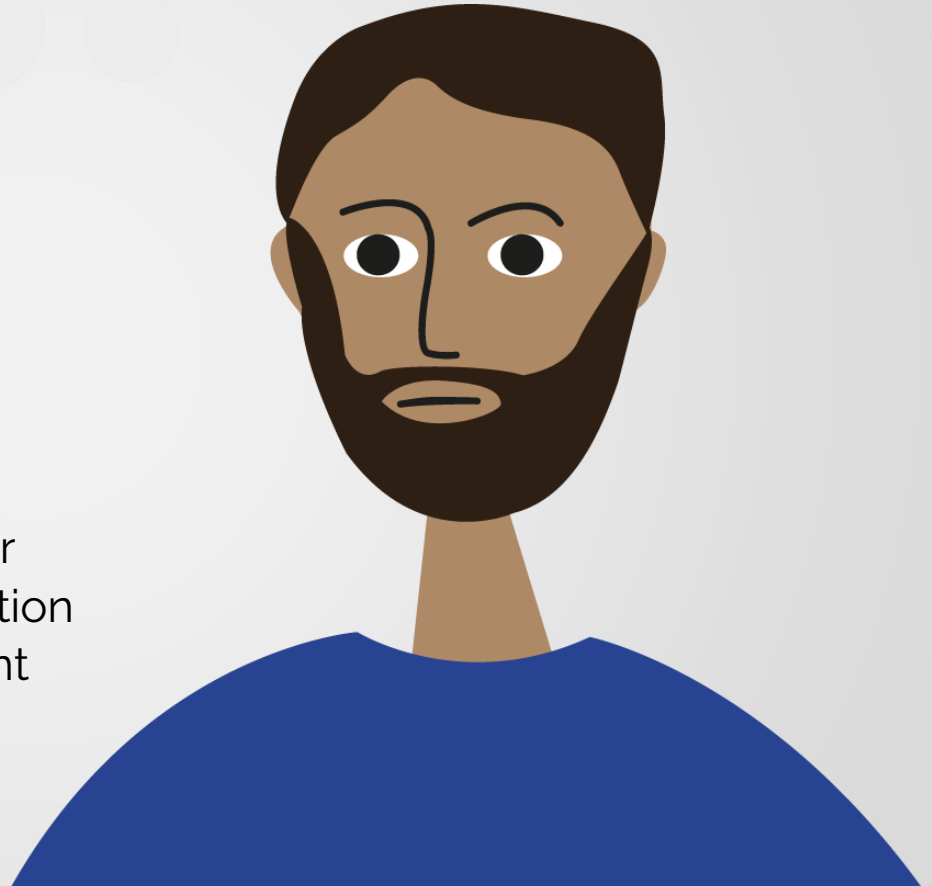


If you **leave the reception centre without justification**, you might lose the opportunity to participate in the voluntary relocation procedure and the examination of your application for international protection might be suspended.



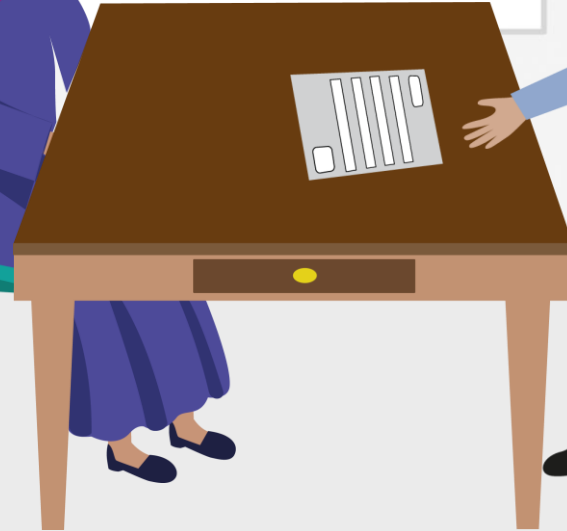
If you **travel independently to another Member State**, you are at risk of irregular stay. If you apply for international protection in another Member State, you can be sent back to Italy.

This is known as the **'Dublin procedure'**.



**YOUR  
RIGHTS  
AND DUTIES  
DURING THE PROCEDURE**





It is your duty and in your best interest to **cooperate** with the authorities, telling the truth and sharing all the relevant documents and information.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICIALS KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY  
**VULNERABILITY AND SPECIFIC NEEDS**

SUCH AS:



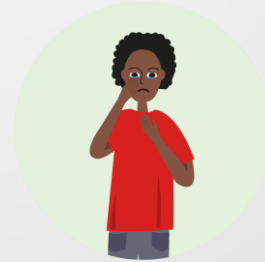
You **don't feel well**,  
you are **injured** or  
need urgent medical  
assistance



You have any  
**disability** or other  
**health issue**



You are **pregnant**



You **don't**  
**currently feel safe**



An **interpreter** will be available, if necessary.  
Tell the authorities if you do not understand the official or the interpreter.



You have the right to **be informed**. The officer who will register your application will inform you about your rights and duties and about each step of the procedure.



Everything you declare within the procedure is protected by the **principle of confidentiality**: the information shared cannot be disclosed or transmitted to the authorities of your country of origin.



