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Mr. Philipp Stutz
Sent by email to: ask+request-12956-e96f0be4@asktheeu.org

Subject: Your application for access to EUAA documents (No 001722)

Dear Mr. Stutz,

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 8 May 2023 (registered on 16 May 2023) in which you submitted to the EUAA a request for access to documents containing the following information:

- a) *"the raw data for the Push Factor Index."*
- b) *"methodological documentation and all pertaining analyses of the Push Factor Index and documents in which the Push Factor Index was used".*

Moreover, by means of email dated 2 June 2023 the EUAA made you a so-called fair solution proposal in accordance with Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 to narrow down the scope of point a) above to:

- a) *"Any PFI data over the last two years for the top 10 countries of origin of applicants for international protection in the EU+ insofar 2023."*

Accordingly, we would like to thank you for having accepted our fair solution proposal.

Please be informed that your request (No 001722) has been treated as an application for public access to documents falling under the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹, in accordance with the Agency's Management Board Decision No 6 of 20 September 2011².

I. PRELIMINARY REMARKS

As a starting point, the right of access to documents under Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 only concerns existing documents in accordance with well-established Union case law³. As such, the Agency is not required as such to develop any new documents or compile information from several different documents in response to your present application.

Nonetheless, the EUAA is highly committed to the principle of transparency and the rights of individuals to access documents of EU institutions, bodies and agencies as laid down in both Article 15 of the TFEU and Article 42 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU.

¹ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

² Management Board Decision No 6 of 20 September 2011 laying down practical arrangements to the documents of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO).

³ See for instance the judgment of the EU General Court of 2 July 2015 in Case T-214/13, *Typke v Commission*.





Therefore, in response to your application and in accordance with the principle of good administration the EUAA carried out particular administrative efforts to also extract the requested analytical products (data) from the Agency's databases in a manner which is most service-oriented, in line with the specifics of your request where possible.

II. ANALYTICAL PRODUCTS (DATA) & OTHER DOCUMENTS IDENTIFIED

The Agency identified the following six categories of analytical products (data) and other documents contained in the EUAA's databases and archives, falling under the scope of your request:

- 1)** Annual PFI values for top 50 countries of origin by asylum applications in the EU+ in years 2017 to 2022;
- 2)** Weekly PFI values for top 10 countries of origin by asylum applications in the EU+ in years 2022 to 2023;
- 3)** EUAA article on push factors (January – December 2021);
- 4)** EUAA article on push factors (January – December 2022);
- 5)** EUAA article on an innovative framework for analysing asylum-related migration;
- 6)** EUAA article on using big data to estimate migration "push factors" from Africa.

Hereafter collectively referred to as Categories 1) to 6).

III. INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT

Having carefully examined your request and after having consulted the relevant internal entities, the Agency has decided to fully disclose and share with you in the spirit of transparency, Categories 1) to 6). Certain output contained therein is based on the EUAA's Early Warning and Preparedness System Data (EPS), which is a data collection system gathering information under indicators focusing on all key stages of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

As such, I am pleased to inform you that you may find all relevant analytical products (data) and other documents enclosed with this present letter, in a consolidated manner.

IV. CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

The Agency is committed to upholding the principles of transparency and good administration. Please be assured that our services have tried their utmost in terms of accommodating your present application.



As such, I trust the enclosed analytical products (data) and other documents will prove useful and thank you for your interest in the EUAA.

Yours sincerely,



Nina Gregori
Executive Director

Enclosures (5):

- Consolidated EPS analytical products (data) - excel file;
- EUAA article on push factors (January – December 2021);
- EUAA article on push factors (January – December 2022);
- EUAA article on an innovative framework for analysing asylum-related migration;
- EUAA article on using big data to estimate migration “push factors” from Africa.