



Valletta Harbour, 8 January 2018
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Mr. John Campbell

Sent by email only: John Campbell <ask+request-4868-52745df0@asktheeu.org>

Subject: Access to documents request - Unaccompanied asylum seeking children in the EU – Ref. No. 8098

Dear Mr. Campbell,

Reference is made to your e-mail dated 14 December 2017, in which you made a request for obtaining information concerning the fate of the UASC / children following the closure of the Calais refugee camp. Your request has been registered under number 8098.

Your application has been treated as a request falling under the provisions of Regulation No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents, which also applies for EASO documents, and in accordance with Decision No 6 laying down practical arrangements regarding public access to the documents of EASO, as adopted by its Management Board on 20 September 2011.

In a preliminary note, I wish to reiterate EASO's mandate, which primarily lies with asylum seekers only, i.e. those persons who, regardless on how they have travelled to the EU (either regularly or irregularly), have made a formal application for international protection with the responsible first-instance asylum authority. However, the target group of your question may not necessarily fulfil these conditions.

Although EASO receives information on claimed UAM applications lodged in the EU28, plus Norway and Switzerland (referred to as the EU+), this information is only disaggregated by reporting country. The figures exchanged with EASO in the context of the Early Warning and Preparedness System (EPS) are provided voluntarily and considered provisional. EASO cannot release this information at the level of individual countries as these numbers have not been officially validated given the very short time limits under which it is exchanged with EASO.

You may nevertheless be interested to know that under the European Council Regulation (EC) No 862/2007, Eurostat collects and disseminates publicly on its website statistics on international protection (<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/asylum-and-managed-migration/data/database>).

In particular, a dataset on *Asylum applicants considered to be unaccompanied minors* including official statistics for all EU28 States as well as Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein and Iceland broken down by age, gender and citizenship of the applicant is published annually since 2008.

The following tailored extraction will lead you to a table indicating the number of *asylum applicants considered to be unaccompanied minors reported by France broken down by citizenship applicants between 2008 and 2016*.



In addition, please note that the topic of unaccompanied minors is also developed to some extent in [EASO Annual report 2016](#) (section 4.1.1. Vulnerable applicants).

If you want this position to be reviewed you should write to EASO at the address below, confirming your initial request. Your confirmatory request should be sent within 15 working days from receipt of this letter. I will inform you of the result of this review within 15 working days from the registration of your request, either granting you access to the document or confirming the refusal. In the latter case, you will be informed of how you can take further action. All correspondence should be sent by one of the following methods:

By post:

The Executive Director
European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
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Yours sincerely,

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