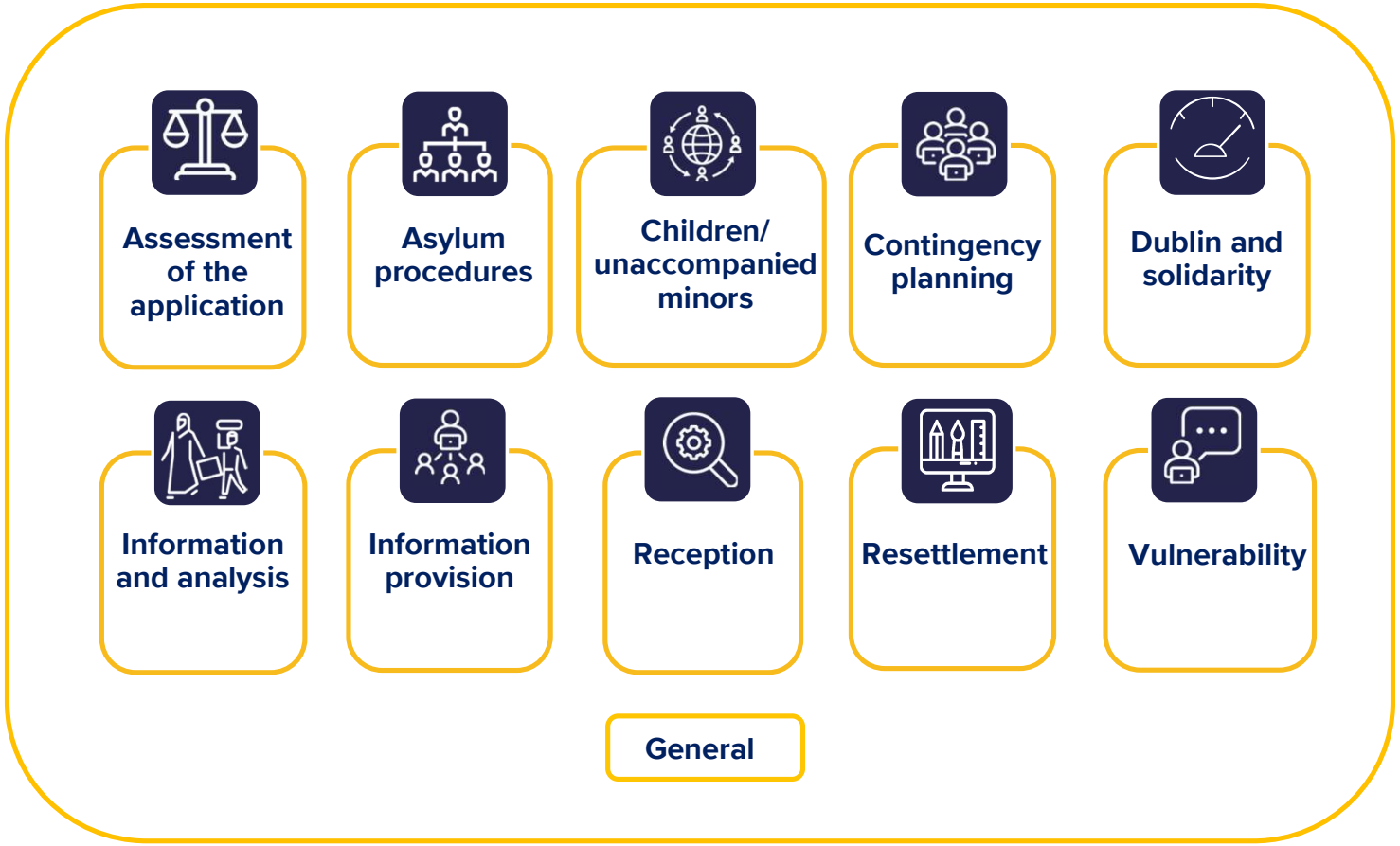


EUAA – Support to PACT implementation

Geert Knockaert, Head of Asylum and Reception Cooperation and Guidance Unit

PACT programme – composed of 10 projects

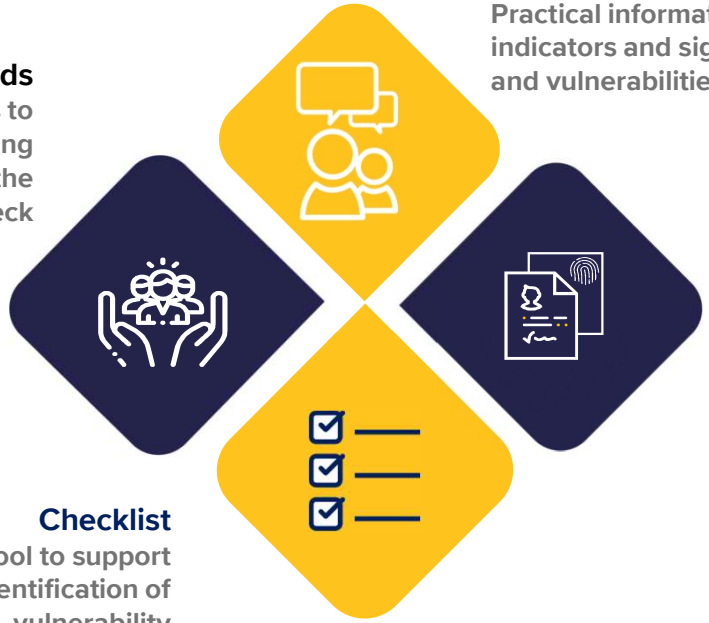


Screening Toolbox

Conducting the preliminary vulnerability check during screening: a practical annex

Identifying vulnerability
Practical information on how to detect indicators and signs of special needs and vulnerabilities

Safeguards
A list of safeguards to observe when interacting with a person during the check



Referral form
Standardised form to ensure that persons with identified needs are properly referred to tailored support

Checklist
Practical tool to support the early identification of vulnerability



Overview of information provision materials



AMMR & Eurodac
(for adults/general profile)



APR
- For adults/general profile
- Animated slide presentation & print-friendly static version for unaccompanied children



RCD (for adults/general profile and children above 14)



Adapted materials for vulnerable groups and children

Additional supporting tools
- Customisation manual
- Information flowchart
- Manual on the use of info materials

Pact information provision materials on reception

Format: only editable simple slide presentations (PPTs)

	Adults/general profile	***Unaccompanied children above 14***	***Accompanied children above 14***
*At the **making***			
*no later than 3 days from the **making***			
*Latest at **registration***	 		

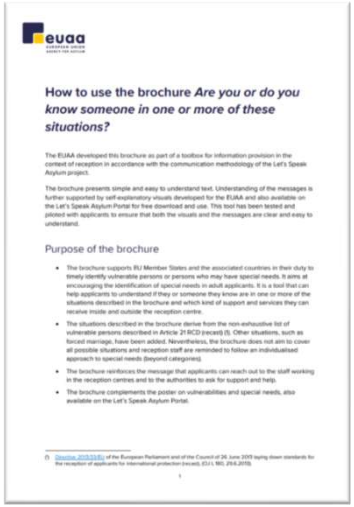
Note: the shorter versions for the stage of making not to be handed out if making and registration takes place within 2-3 days apart

Let's Speak Asylum (LSA) portal – other EUAA information materials

Specific materials for applicants with special needs







Animations for children





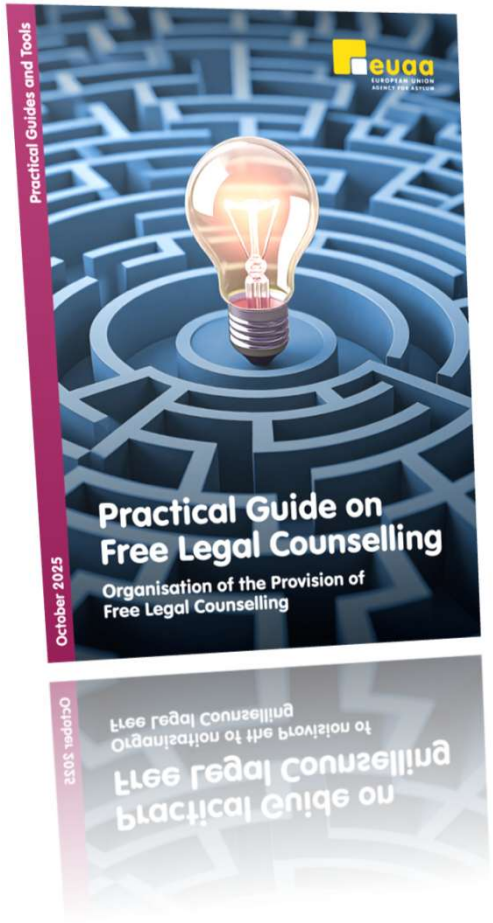




In the process of being amended

Practical Guide on Free Legal Counselling

Legal basis



Asylum Procedure Regulation (APR) and Regulation on Asylum and Migration Management (AMMR)

- **Article 16(1) APR**
- 'Member States shall, at the request of the applicant, provide free legal counselling in the administrative procedure …'

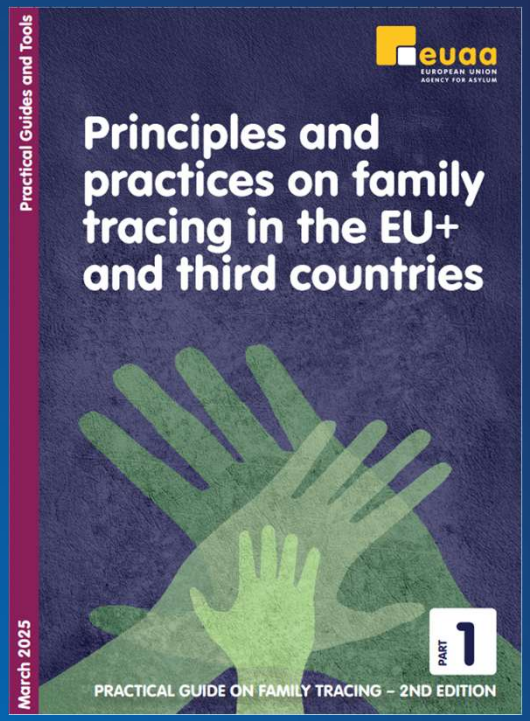
- **Article 21(2) AMMR**
- '… an applicant may request free legal counselling in the procedure for determining the Member State responsible.'

Practical Guide on the Asylum and Border Procedure

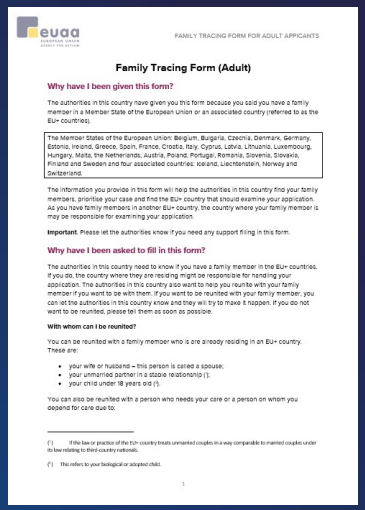
purpose and scope

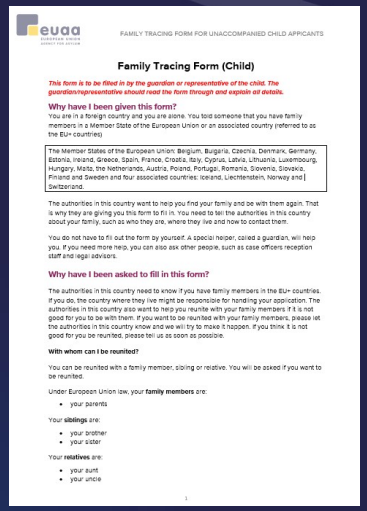
- Central piece of the workflow from screening to return border procedure
- Supports process managers responsible for setting up the asylum border procedure
- Covers steps taken within the asylum border procedure and makes recommendations on their implementation
- Taking into account Commission's draft guidance on the asylum and return border procedures

Practical guide on family tracing



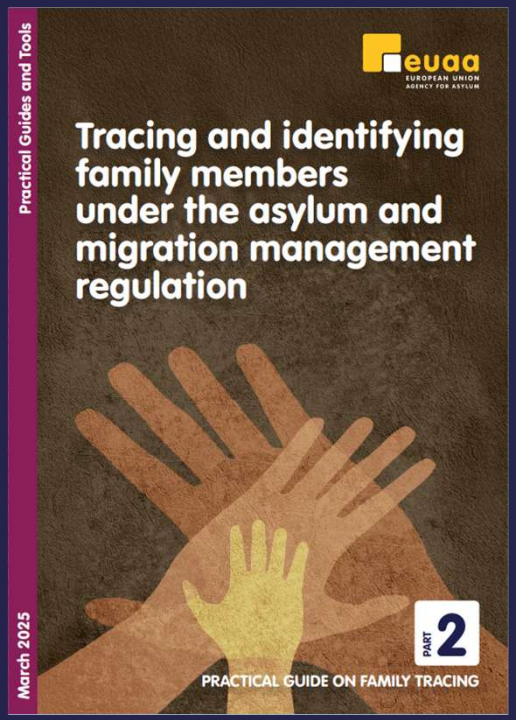
- **Family tracing in the EU+ and outside**
- **Revision of existing guidance (from 2014**





Family tracing forms

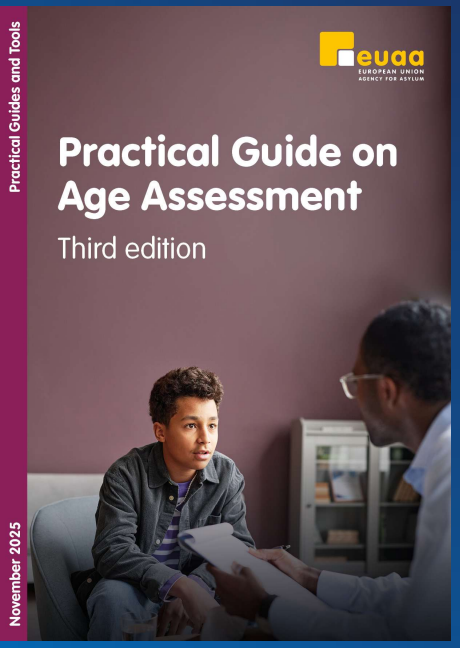
- <u>As per Article 22 AMMR</u>
- **New** development



Part II

- Tracing and identification as per AMMR
- **New** development

Age assessment resources



To support Member States in the age assessment procedure



Supporting Implementation in Practice



Snapshot of current practices

Practical guide on the Best Interests of the Child in the Framework of International Protection

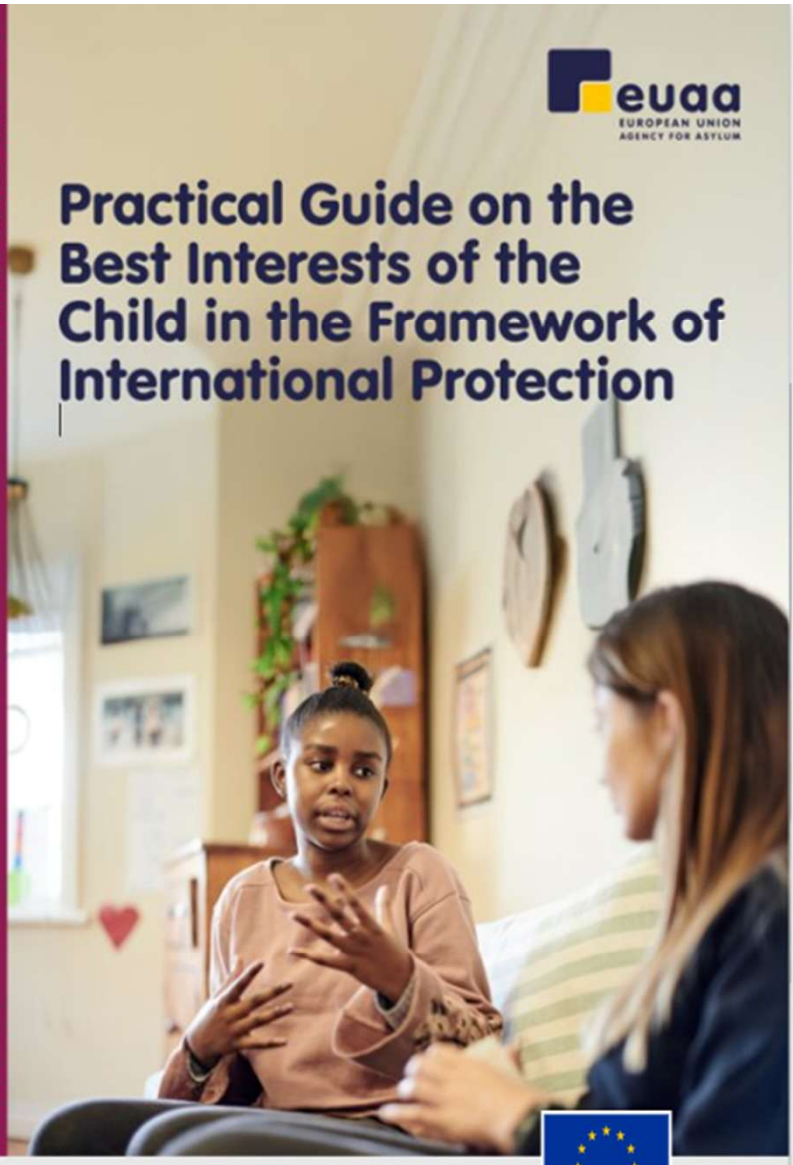
The Guidance Updates and replaces the 2019 EUAA BIC guidance aligning operational practice with the new Pact

Two complementary objectives:

1. Clarify the Best Interests of the Child (BIC)Provide authorities and practitioners with a clear overview of the BIC principle in the international protection context, and practical guidance on how to integrate it into daily work, in line with the Pact on Migration and Asylum.
2. Support first-line professionals involved in conducting Best Interests Assessments through a dedicated practical tool — the BIA Form (Annex V) — developed as an interactive PDF.

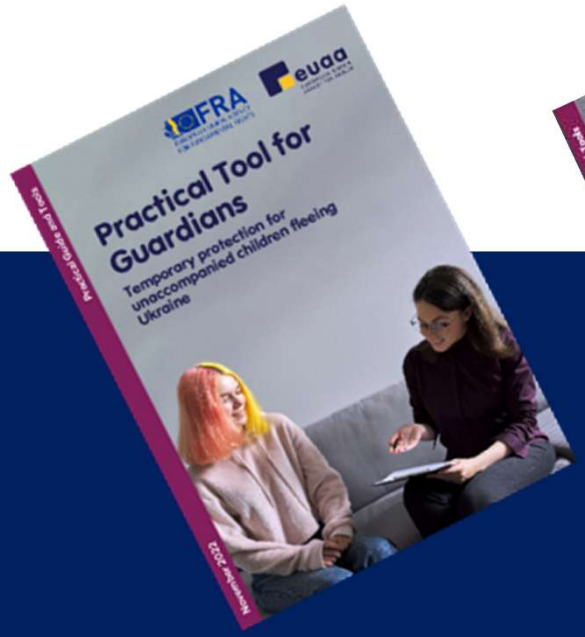
Practical Guides and Tools

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EUAA work in support of Guardians

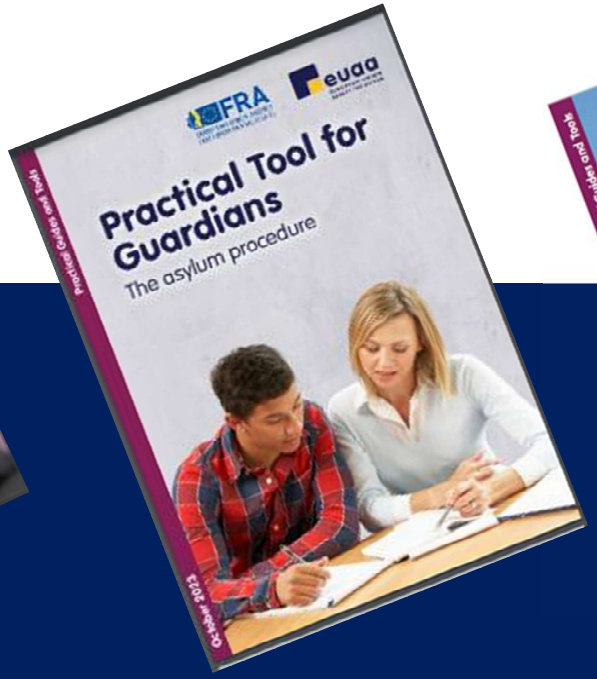
The European Union Agency for Asylum and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights have joined forces in the development of a series of practical tools for guardians of unaccompanied children with international protection needs.



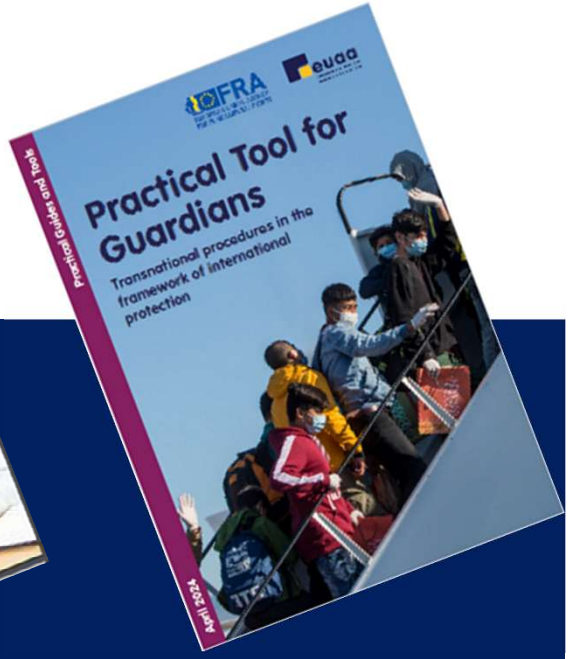
TEMPORARY PROTECTION



INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION (updated)

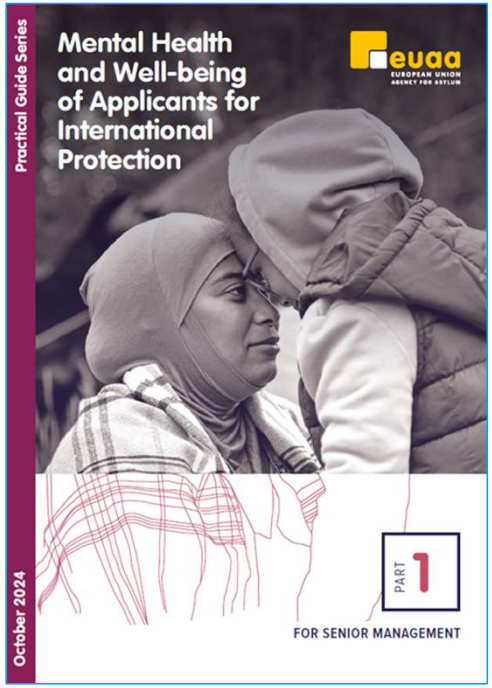


ASYLUM PROCEDURE
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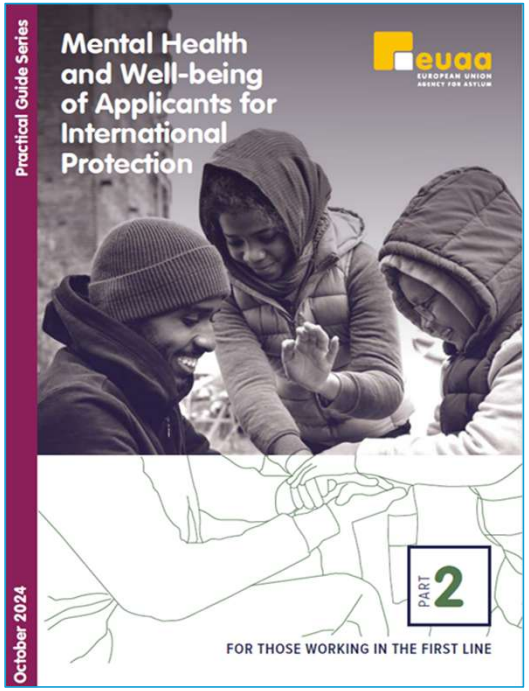


TRANSNATIONAL PROCEDURES IN IP (upcoming)

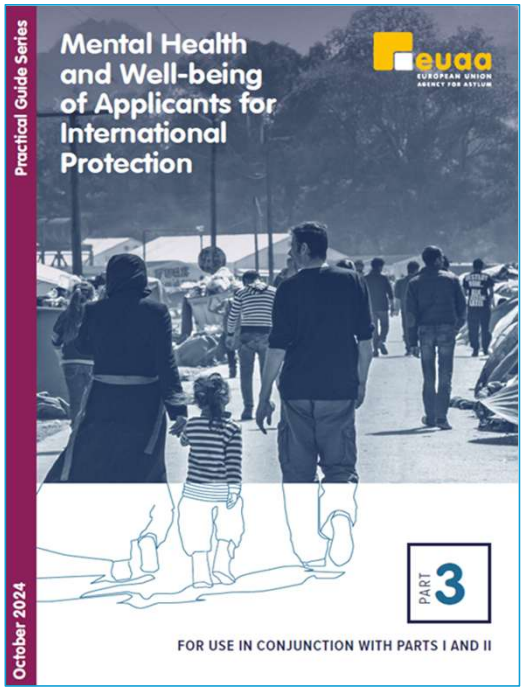
The 3-fold EUAA Guidance on the Mental Health and Well-being of Applicants for IP



... **sets the framework** to shape an asylum system informed by MHW considerations.



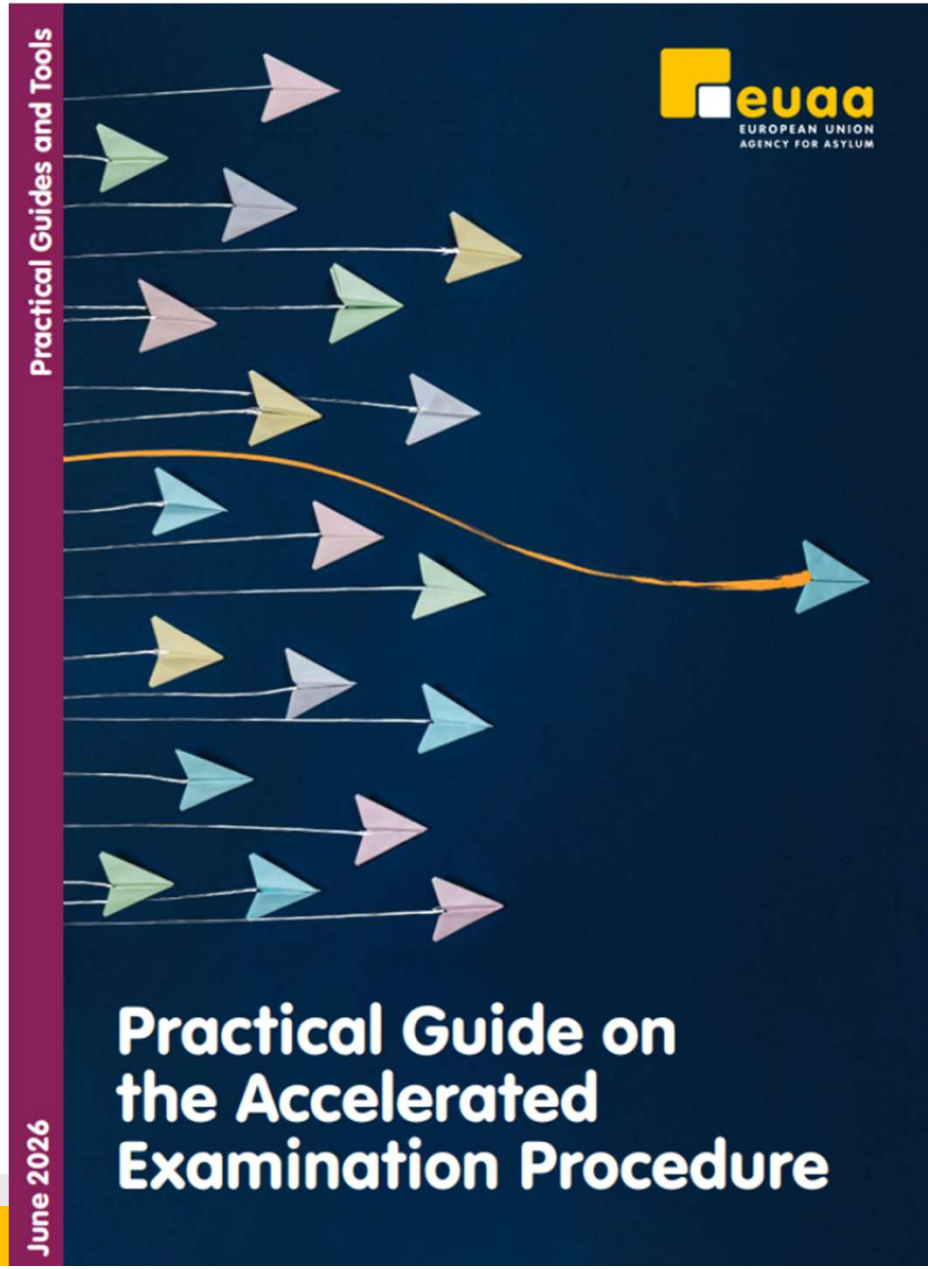
... **focuses on the interventions** that are crucial to maintaining the MHW of applicants for international protection.



... is a **toolbox** containing practical tools (e.g. checklists) and additional information.

Background

- Defines when the accelerated examination procedure is **mandatory**
- Mandatory (new) grounds and broader scope will **increase number** of applicants channelled into the accelerated procedure
- **Tighter deadlines:** Determining authorities to conclude accelerated examinations within three months from lodging
- Draws on the **expertise** of EU+ national experts, complemented by COM, UNHCR, and ECRE contributions

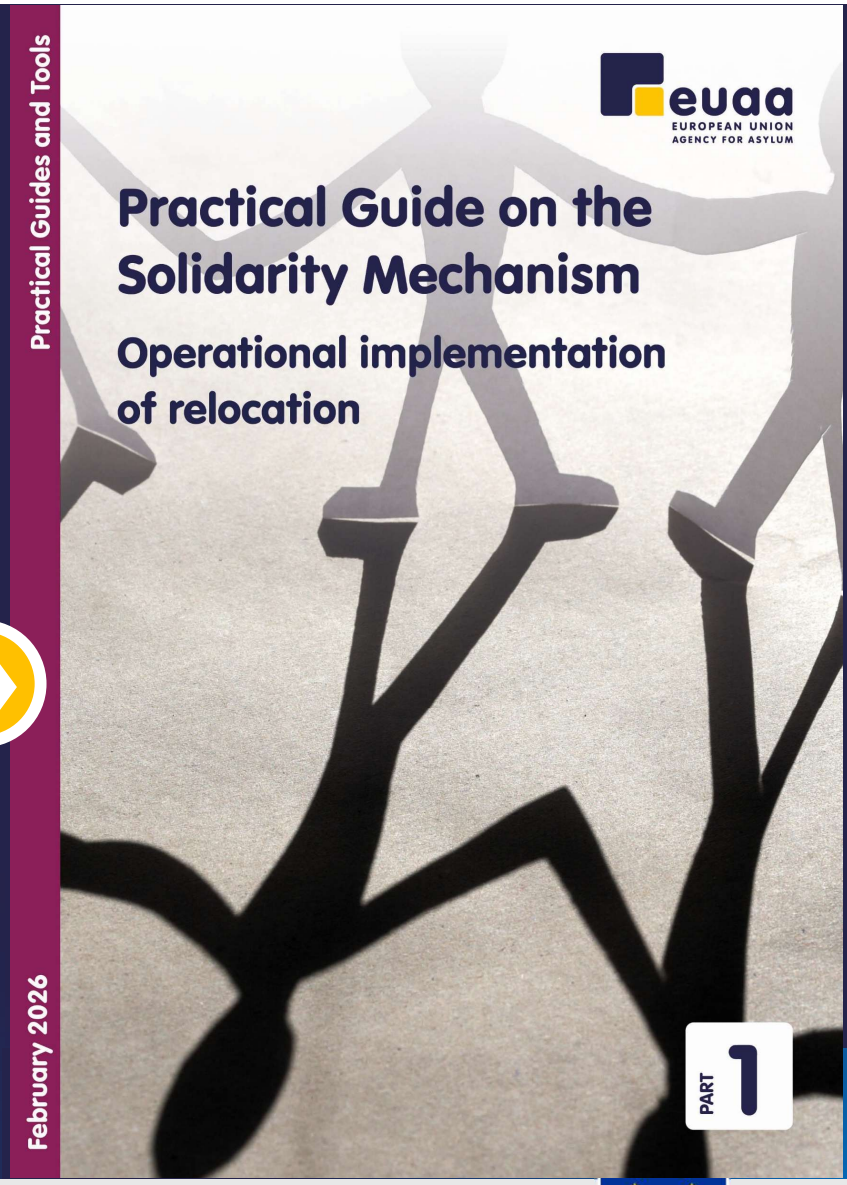


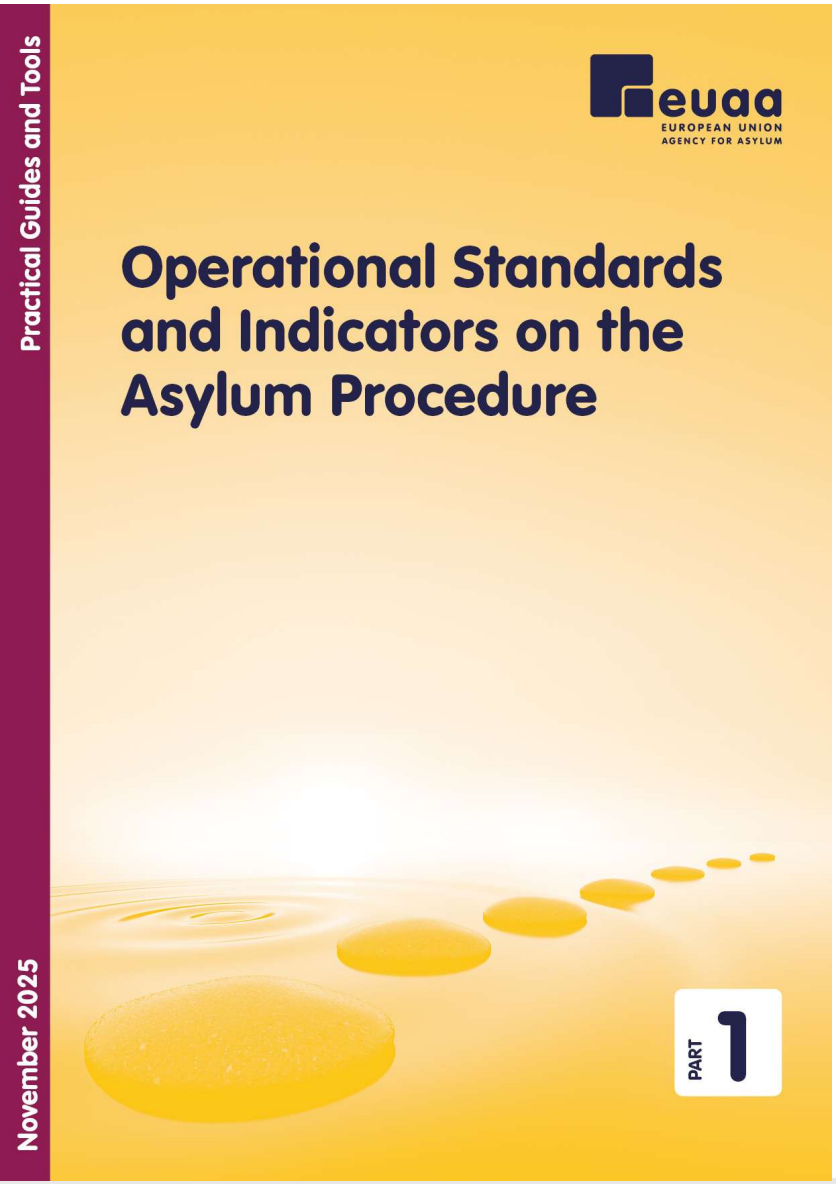
Purpose and context

- Part IV of the Asylum & Migration Management Regulation (AMMR) → concept of solidarity in the framework of the Pact.
- The guide developed in cooperation with stakeholders and EU+ countries.

Aim

- Provide guidance on the practical implementation of the concrete operationalisation of the solidarity mechanism, notably in relation to relocation.
- Foster harmonised practices across the Member States.





Standards & Indicators on Asylum Procedure
Main outline and structure

I Access to the procedure

- Making, registration and lodging of the application

II Guarantees for the applicant

- Provision of information and counselling
- Right to legal assistance and representation
- Training and support

III Examination of the application

- Personal Interview
- Case file management system
- Country of Origin Information
- Translation of relevant documents
- Implicit withdrawal of an application
- Concluding the examination as soon as possible
- Decision
- Information on the delay of the decision and the reasons
- Special procedures
- Withdrawal of international protection

Standards and Indicators on AMMR: Key features

Soft convergence tool

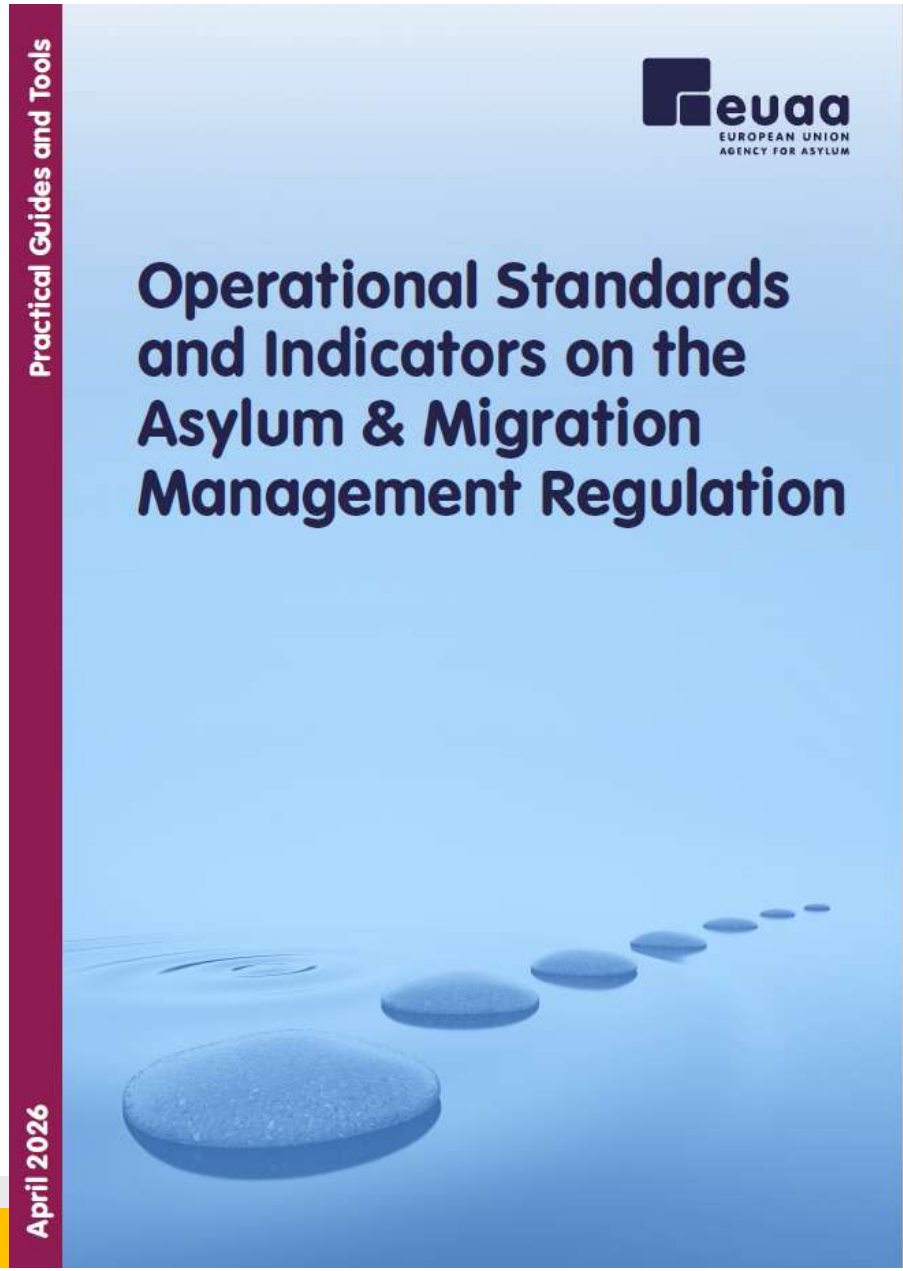
Non-binding practical tool reflecting commonly agreed standards

Created by experts from across the EU

Drafted by EUAA in close co-operation with Member States, with valuable input from relevant international organisations and institutions

Overall objective

Support Member States in the operational implementation of the AMMR with the aim of convergence to the CEAS.



Operational Standards and Indicators on Reception: Methodology

Merging and updating existing standards and indicators

Creating new standards and indicators

- Allocation to a geographical area
- Restrictions of freedom of movement
- Appeals
- Sharing of information
- Contingency planning
- Financial allowances and vouchers
- Contribution to reception conditions
- Best interests assessment, representation, transition into adulthood
- Employment

26 EU+ countries technical agreement
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