

Glossary:Application for international protection

Statistics Explained

An **application for international protection** refers to an application for [asylum](#) as defined in Art. 2(h) of [European Union \(EU\) Directive 2011/95/EU](#) , i.e. including requests for [refugee](#) status or for subsidiary protection status, irrespective of whether the application was lodged on arrival at the border, or from inside the country, and irrespective of whether the person entered the territory legally (e.g. as a tourist) or illegally.

Related concepts

- [Asylum](#)
- [Asylum applicant](#)
- [Asylum decision](#)
- [Foreign population](#)
- [Migration](#)
- [Refugee](#)
- [Repeated applicant](#)

Statistical data

- [Asylum applications - annual statistics](#)