

Save the right to asylum **STOP DUBLIN**

Exiles cannot choose the country in which they apply for asylum.

The so-called "Dublin III" Regulation sets out that asylum applications must be examined in the first country where the asylum-seeker was fingerprinted. Asylum-seekers arriving in Europe at one of its southern borders (Italy, Greece, Spain, Bulgaria,...) are often forcibly fingerprinted. They are then automatically subject to the Dublin Regulation.

Europe has chosen to respond to the "migration crisis" by creating a "reception crisis."

The Dublin system negates solidarity between Member States!

The Dublin system is not an asylum policy. It allows northern European Member States to return asylum-seekers, usually to southern European countries, who then bear the brunt of managing almost all asylum applications.

The Dublin system undermines the right to asylum!

Even today, not all Member States agree on a common European asylum system. Depending on the nationality or the country where the asylum application is made, the protection granted varies widely. **The system focuses on buck-passing:** states send asylum-seekers back to the countries of first arrival, who in turn accomplices in expulsions to their high risk country of origin.

The Dublin system is costly, absurd and useless!

Millions of Euros are spent every year by states to control their borders and send back asylum-seekers, who wander from one country to the next for months. In 2016, in France, there were as many Dublin claimants transferred to other European states as Dublin claimants taken in from other European states! This senseless expenditure could instead be used on a practical policy to welcome and integrate refugees.

The Dublin system threatens the health of exiles!

In order to force Dublin claimants to accept transfers, they are often faced with harsh punitive measures: their material reception conditions (whether allowance or housing) can be withdrawn and are confronted to severe physical and mental health issues.

The Dublin system counteracts the integration of refugees!

The Dublin procedure extends the period before being able to claim asylum and be granted international protection. After months of anxiety about potentially being transferred, wandering or on the street, how can they be expected to rebuild their lives and imagine/plan their future?



To end this inhumane, absurd, useless and expensive policy, asylum-seekers must be able to choose the country where they seek asylum: Dublin III must be repealed.

European call-up - 25th of may 2019

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