



Ad-Hoc Query

2024.75 Recording of Personal Interviews in Asylum Procedures

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with Article 14, Paragraph 2, of Regulation (EU) 2024/1348, it is stated: "The personal interviews shall be recorded using audio means of recording. The applicant shall be informed in advance of the fact that such a recording is being made and the purpose thereof. Particular attention shall be paid to the requirements of applicants in need of special procedural guarantees. The determining authority shall include the recording in the applicant's file."


Currently, the Czech Republic is preparing to implement this practice and is therefore interested in learning about the experiences and practices of other Member States in adhering to this provision.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

We would very much appreciate your responses by **27 January 2025**.

1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.
2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?
3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?
4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?
5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.


RESPONSES

		Wider Dissemination?	
	EMN NCP Austria	Yes	1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO. Pursuant to Art. 19 para 3 Asylum Act 2005, in Austria – if it is appropriate in individual cases – an interview can be documented using technical equipment for audio recording (952 of the Supplements XXII. Legislative Term – Government Proposal – Materials, p. 44f). In practice, however, no use is made of the possibility of


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			<p>audio recording in accordance with Art. 19 para. 3 Asylum Act 2005. Therefore, no empirical values are available. --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded? n/a --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? n/a --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? n/a --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p>
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			<p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>n/a --- Source: Ministry of the Interior</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Belgium</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p>


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			<p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>The Belgian asylum services are still in the early stages of investigating methods to record, store, and manage access to recordings of the personal interview.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Bulgaria</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes. The obligation to make an audio or audio-visual recording of an interview with applicants for international protection was introduced by the Law on Asylum and Refugees in 2015 (amended - State Gazette, issue 80 of 2015, effective 16.10.2015).</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>When an interview is conducted with a candidate for international protection, an audio or audio-visual recording is made and minutes are taken. At the beginning of the interview, the foreigner is informed of the</p>


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			<p>audio or audio-visual recording.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>After completing the interview recording, the interviewer transfers it from the recording device to a previously designated directory on his office computer. The audio or video recording is transferred to a digital storage device (CD/DVD), which is stored in the applicant's personal file. All files from the interviews conducted are stored on the interviewer's office computer for one year after the foreigner's proceedings are concluded with a final decision. The minutes of the interview and the audio or audio-visual recording are an inseparable part of the foreigner's personal file.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>The records, which are an inseparable part of the personal file of the asylum seeker, are submitted to the court on a digital storage device.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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 EMN NCP Croatia		Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO. No</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded? N/A</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? N/A</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? N/A</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the</p>


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			<p>storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>The Republic of Croatia is currently in the preparatory phase regarding the upcoming obligations foreseen in the Pact on Migration and Asylum, and we are assessing needs and technical details for recording of the interview.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Cyprus</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>No</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p>

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			<p>N/A</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>Undergoing legal reform: the new draft of the refugee law provides for the recording of interviews and accessing the relevant information. Logistically various measures will be undertaken: purchasing of audio recording devices, management of the audio files, including storage and retrieving of audio files, covering of any personnel expansion needs, arrangements and discussions with competent stakeholders, such as the Court to discuss access to audio files/submission of audio recordings as evidence to the Court etc.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Estonia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>The asylum interviews are recorded as audio recordings or if necessary, they can also be recorded as video recordings and saved to the computer and on a disc. The asylum seeker is informed in advance about the recording.</p>


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			<p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>The recording of the personal interview can be stored in the personal file of the asylum seeker in Register of Granting International Protection (RAKS), but they are also stored on internal discs.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>It is possible to transmit the recordings to the court on the disc, but only in case the court requests it. As the transcriptions of the interviews are done thoroughly, the courts do not necessarily need the recordings.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP France</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p>

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			<p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>In accordance with article R. 531-15 of the Code on Entry and Residence of Foreign Nationals and Right of Asylum (CESEDA), interviews are audio recorded by the determining authority for the asylum application, the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons (OFPRA). Where it has not been possible to make an audio recording for technical reasons, the written transcript of the interview is subject to the compilation of the comments made by the applicant.</p> <p>Furthermore, in accordance with article R. 531-16 of the CESEDA, the interview can also be recorded using an audiovisual means of communication if the applicant is detained or held in custody. Apart from cases of asylum seekers in detention, the interview may exceptionally take place by videoconference due to the geographical remoteness of the applicant or his personal situation.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>Sound recordings are stored in a system for the dematerialization management of the constitutive documents of the international protection application files and the storage of digital files of interview sound recordings. This disposal complement the OFPRA database (INEREC), a system for automating administrative formalities involved in lodging an asylum application, whose data are stored for a period of 10 years from the notification of the final decision on the asylum application when the decision is negative.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p>
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			<p>Following the referral to the National Court of Asylum (CNDA) by an asylum seeker, whose request was rejected in the first instance, the registry, digitization and archives service (GRENA) inform the OFPRA of the existence of this appeal and request the transmission of the file containing, in particular, the sound recording. Once the request has been submitted, The OFPRA is required to deposit the applicant's asylum file to the adversial process through a "digital highway", that is an automatic computer link between the OFPRA and the CNDA.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>n/a</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Germany</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p>

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3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?


4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?

5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.


Both the current national Asylum Act and the still applicable Asylum Procedures Directive (2013/32/EU) only require a summarising transcript containing all substantive elements (or a verbatim transcript) of every personal interview in the asylum procedure. The transcript is written by the inquiring case officer, either by using speech-to-text software (Dragon) or by keyboard input. With the implementation of Regulation 2024/1348 by June 12, 2026, the audio recording of all personal interviews is obligatory. In order to meet this requirement, technical hardware in the form of audio recording devices, as well as new software for recording and storing must be procured or partly developed in house. This soft- and hardware shall be flexible for interviews in detention centers or in the border procedures. In addition, the recording will be part of the digital case file of the applicant and provided in the appeal procedure.

So far, a project team for the implementation of audio recording was set up within BAMF. Recently, a workshop on this topic took place, with the aim of incorporating the perspective of all stakeholders, especially the operational personnel (e.g. asylum case officers, team leaders, quality assurance) as the main user group. The results and feedback gathered in the workshop were structured and prioritised and then made available to the project team and other relevant departments for further use. This early


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			<p>involvement of practitioners provides the project team and other relevant departments with important information on the requirements regarding procurement as well as technical and organisational implementation.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Greece</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes, personal interviews are audio-recorded by the competent Asylum Service of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum. Article 82 (13) of the Asylum Code (Law No. 4939/2022, Gov. Gazette A' 111/2022) provides for the audio-recording of the personal interview.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>Simply audio recordings are being used.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>The recordings are being stored on a secure platform. Technical standards/specifications are defined by the Directorate-General for Information and Communication Technology of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the</p>

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			<p>recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>The Appeals Authority of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum has access to the secure platform.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>-</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Hungary</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>No</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>Not applicable.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p>


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			<p>Not applicable.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>Not applicable.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>No decision has been made yet on the implementation of this provision.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Italy</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Italy has concluded a trial phase of audio-video recording of personal interviews with asylum seekers.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p>

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			<p>The audio-video interviews were recorded using a system called SINDACA, which was specially developed for this purpose. This system not only records but also automatically recognizes and transcribes the language spoken during the interview (in this case, the Italian-language dialogues between the interviewer and the interpreter).</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>Records are stored within the departmental IT platform.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>A dedicated portal will be set up to allow accredited users to access the archived files for the purposes outlined by the regulations in force.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p>
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	EMN NCP Latvia	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>According to the Section 25 (2) of the Asylum Law the initial interview and personal interview shall be recorded using sound or video technical means (hereinafter - the technical means), informing the asylum seeker thereof in advance. If the interview is recorded using technical means, it is appended to the file of the asylum seeker.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>The initial interview is conducted by the State Border Guard, the personal interview is conducted by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs. The initial interview is recorder, saved in CD, sent to the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs and added to the file of the asylum seeker. The personal interview is recorded using webex platform (in case of remote interviews) or audio-recorder (in case of in person interview). Recordings are stored on the internal disk (available only to competent employees).</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>According to the Section 23 (3) of the Asylum Law an official of the State Border Guard shall draw up minutes regarding negotiation and the initial interview (both take place simultaneously). It shall be also be</p>
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			<p>indicated in the minutes whether the asylum seeker has special procedural or reception needs. Minutes are sent to the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs and added to the file of the asylum seeker.</p> <p>Section 26 of the Asylum Law stipulates that:</p> <p>(1) An official authorised by the head of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs shall draw up a report on the personal interview (hereinafter - the report). The report shall contain all the essential information, which is necessary to take a decision to grant refugee or alternative status or to refuse to grant it. The report on the interview conducted in the case above-mentioned to in Section 24, Paragraph two of this Law shall be drawn up by officials of the State Border Guard.</p> <p>(2) The asylum seeker has the right, until the end of the personal interview, to express considerations that a safe third country cannot be deemed a safe third country in his or her individual situation and circumstances and in relation to him or her being recognised as a refugee or a person who has the right to alternative status, and the possibility to express remarks and provide clarifications in relation to any inaccurate translation or misunderstandings in the content of the deed. At the end of personal interview the official authorised by the head of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs shall make the asylum seeker acquainted with the report and ask him or her to confirm that its content is a correct representation of the interview. If the asylum seeker refuses to confirm that the content of the report is a correct representation of personal interview, his or her reasons for refusal shall be indicated in the report.</p> <p>(3) The right to submit written remarks on the report shall not apply to cases when the course of the personal interview is completely recorded, using technical means.</p> <p>Report is added to the file of the asylum seeker.</p> <p>When appealing the first instance decision all documents in the file of the asylum seeker is sent to the court, including the above mentioned minutes and the report.</p> <p>Recordings are transmitted to the court upon request only, using CD discs.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the</p>
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			<p>storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>N/a</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Lithuania</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>According to Order No. 1V-131 of 24 February 2016 of the Minister Regarding the Approval of the Procedure for Granting and Revoking Asylum in the Republic of Lithuania, the interviews are recorded either as audio or video and audio recordings.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>The recordings of asylum applicants' interviews are stored in the Lithuanian Migration Information System (MIGRIS). This system securely retains the digital audio or video files along with the transcriptions, which are part of the applicant's electronic case file. The transcription of the asylum seeker's interview is prepared by accurately converting the audio or video recording into a textual document. The transcription is verbatim, ensuring the applicant's narrative is recorded exactly as spoken, without making content or sentence structure adjustments, and without rephrasing idiomatic expressions.</p>


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			<p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>According to Order of the Minister Nr. 1V-149 of 22 February 2018 Regarding the Approval of the Regulations of the Lithuanian Migration Information System, MIGRIS data can be transmitted in several ways: it can be viewed online or via electronic communication networks, transferred automatically through electronic networks, or provided in written, verbal, and/or electronic formats. Since the asylum applicant's interviews are transcribed, it is not necessary to transmit recordings.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Luxembourg</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes. In Luxembourg, with the prior consent of the applicant, personal interviews may be recorded, and a transcript of the recording is included in the applicant's file. However, the recording of personal interviews for asylum applicants is not a standard practice but rather an exception, applied only in certain cases. While the legal framework permits the recording of interviews for all applicants, in practice, it is currently limited to</p>

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			<p>interviews with unaccompanied minors under the age of 16, primarily due to procedural and child protection considerations. Unaccompanied minors are considered particularly vulnerable owing to their age and potential lack of understanding of legal and procedural matters. In addition, interviews with adults held in detention centers or prisons may also be recorded on occasion. This is generally done to enhance time efficiency and ensure clarity throughout the process.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>The interviews are recorded with a digital recorder and later transcribed. We are currently using Olympus Sonority Software for the playback of the audio file (using pedals) so we can type the text manually into a Word document. Given that the current software is no longer up-to-date, we are presently testing the "Dragon" Software, which would enable us to dictate audio recordings. However, no decision has yet been made regarding the potential implementation of this change.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>The recordings of the interview are stored in a simple shared document folder on the servers of the General Department of immigration, which is a centralized common space. People that work in the General Department of immigration have credentials to work in a VPN secured environment and can get authorization to access this restricted folder.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p>
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<p>♦  EMN NCP Malta</p>		<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes</p>


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			<p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded? Interviews are recorded aurally using voice recorders.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? The audio files are stored on laptops and transferred on a general server when the case is closed.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? When requested the recordings are transmitted via a flash drive.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p>
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 EMN NCP Netherlands		Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes, but at the moment only application interviews of unaccompanied minors under the age of 12 years are recorded.[1]</p> <p>[1] Nationaal Implementatieplan Asiel- en Migratiepact, Nationaal Implementatieplan Asiel- en Migratiepact - Europese Berichtgeving Eerste Kamer p. 26, last accessed on 7-1-2025.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>Interviews of unaccompanied minors under the age 12 are being conducted in special child-friendly rooms. There is audiovisual equipment in these rooms. The software that is used is VLC Media Player 3.0.20.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>The recordings are stored on an internal hard drive that is only accessible to a few people.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>The recordings are not transmitted to the courts. We record these interviews so that the case worker can focus on conducting the interview and does not need to write down what is said. Afterwards, the case</p>
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			<p>worker makes a transcript of the recording. Moreover, the recording could also be used to assess if the child was influenced in any way by the caseworker.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>The current ICT system cannot process and store hearings on a larger scale. The recording of all application interviews will require a significant increase in recording capacity and the development of a new ICT system capable of recording, storing, storing and sharing recordings.[1]</p> <p>[1] Nationaal Implementatieplan Asiel- en Migratiepact, Nationaal Implementatieplan Asiel- en Migratiepact - Europese Berichtgeving Eerste Kamer p. 26, last accessed on 7-1-2025.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Poland</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>N/A</p>


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			<p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? N/A</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? N/A</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts. We plan to record the personal interview but at the moment we are not ready yet to give you an answer about the details.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Portugal</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO. NO</p>


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			<p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded? N/A</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? N/A</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? N/A</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>Portugal is planning to record the personal interviews of asylum applicants using audio recordings and it is currently in contact with specialized companies that provide this service, assessing the different solutions available on the market.</p>
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	EMN NCP Slovakia	Yes	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO. No.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded? NA</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? NA</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? NA</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>The Slovak Republic is planning to record the interviews, but currently is also still in the phase of assessing</p>
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			<p>the needs and feasible options, so thank you for posting this question.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovenia</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO. NO. (Legislation enables audio recordings of personal interviews but it is not implemented in practice.)</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded? N/A</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored? N/A</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court? N/A</p>

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			<p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>Since this obligation stems from a shall clause, we are obliged to implement it. However, we are still in the process of preparing new legislation in regard to International protection In parallel, we are analyzing technical solutions on how to integrate recordings in the environment of our national asylum information system.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Spain</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p> <p>We don't record the first interviews, which are conducted by the National Police, and are currently transcribed in paper. At the moment, we only record the second interviews, if any (very few cases), which are conducted by case officers in the Asylum and Refugee Office.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>When we conduct second interviews, as the first ones are conducted by the National Police, we record them with an ordinary recorder and storage them in MP3 format.</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p>

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			<p>We store them in the ordinary folders.</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>Second interviews are transmitted to the courts on a physical CD copy.</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>The National Police will continue conducting the interviews of asylum applicants and will be responsible for recording them after the implementation of the Pact. The interviews will be recorded directly into the new IT application LARES, which is in process of being set up. They will remain stored in the IT application until the applications are processed.</p> <p>The idea is to grant access to LARES to all actors involved, so that transmissions of interviews via email or alternative IT applications will not be necessary.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Sweden</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your Member State records the personal interviews of asylum applicants? YES/NO.</p>

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			<p>No.</p> <p>2. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are these interviews recorded?</p> <p>3. If you answered "yes" to question 1, how are the recordings stored?</p> <p>4. If you answered "yes" to question 1, in which kind of support (e.g. via email, flash drive, etc.) are the recordings transmitted to the court?</p> <p>5. If you answered "no" to question 1, how does your Member State plan to implement this obligation? YES/NO. If you answer YES, please explain, if possible, how are you planning to do the recording, the storage and the transmission of these recording to the courts.</p> <p>The Swedish Migration Agency is still analysing the issue. Therefore it is not possible to elaborate on how to implement the obligation.</p>
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