

## COUNTRY PROFILE MALTA

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<b>General Information:</b>	
Country:	Malta
Organisation, address, website:	OIWAS, Organisation for the Integration and Welfare of Asylum Seekers, Bloc C, Belt Is-Sebh, Floriana, FRN 1700
Governing institution:	Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity
Total number of employees:	60
Annual budget (EUR):	
Daily accommodation costs per one asylum seeker (EUR):	
<b>Asylum grant proceedings:</b>	
Legal duration of asylum grant proceedings:	
Organisation liable for asylum grant proceedings (if other than above)	Refugee Commissioner
Legal regulations governing asylum grant proceedings, their last amendment	<p><b>CHAPTER 420</b>  <b>REFUGEES ACT</b>  <i>AN ACT to make provisions relating to and establishing procedures with regard to refugees and asylum seekers.</i></p> <p>1st October, 2001</p> <p><i>ACT XX of 2000, as amended by Act VIII of 2004 and Legal Notice 40 of 2005.</i></p>
Total number of asylum applications during: (indicate numbers and year)	Since 2002: 5004
Total number of granted asylum in accordance with the Geneva Convention during: (indicate numbers and year)	Since 2002: 195
Total number of provided subsidiary forms of protection: (indicate numbers and year)	Since 2002: 2242
5 top countries of origin of asylum seekers: (2007)	1. Somalia 2. Eritrea 3. Ethiopia 4. Sudan 5. Ivory Coast
<b>Accommodation of asylum seekers</b>	
Total of accommodation capacity (number of beds):	2000
Types of accommodation: (more then one answer possible)	<input type="checkbox"/> houses <input type="checkbox"/> hotels <input type="checkbox"/> bungalows <input type="checkbox"/> boats <input type="checkbox"/> caravans                      x tents <input type="checkbox"/> military barracks                      x (shared) rooms  <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):
Number of facilities:	5 OIWAS centres and two centres run by NGO's
Average length of stay of asylum seeker in asylum reception facility:	

Asylum seekers has possibility to live in private housing:	x yes (remark: in this case do not receive financial support) <input type="checkbox"/> no
Asylum seeker's freedom of movement:	x without restriction <input type="checkbox"/> restricted: daily registration <input type="checkbox"/> obligatory permanent presence in asylum facility <input type="checkbox"/> detention
<b>Services provided:</b>	
Types of catering:	x individual cooking (open centres) <input type="checkbox"/> catering provided <input type="checkbox"/> combined
System of provision of financial and material aid:	<input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> payment in kind x combined
Asylum seeker's access to the labour market:	<input type="checkbox"/> no x yes, specify conditions: (see further in the report)
Lessons of local language available:	x compulsory (in one of the centres for UAMs) x voluntary <input type="checkbox"/> none
Vocational training available:	x yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Extent of health care provided:	x standard – same as health care provided for citizens <input type="checkbox"/> different, specify:
Obligatory initial medical examinations:	<input type="checkbox"/> none x lung X-ray (TB) <input type="checkbox"/> venereal diseases <input type="checkbox"/> taking of biological material samples <input type="checkbox"/> other, specify:
<b>Vulnerable groups:</b>	
Definition of vulnerable groups – please indicate the categories which are considered vulnerable in the reception system:	x Unaccompanied minors <input type="checkbox"/> Single women x Pregnant women x Families with children <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly x Incomplete families (single women with minor children) <input type="checkbox"/> Mentally handicapped <input type="checkbox"/> Physically handicapped/disabled x Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems <input type="checkbox"/> Others, specify
<b>Please indicate number of asylumseekers for each category a) the whole country</b>	
Unaccompanied minors	40
Single women	70
Families with children	132
Elderly	40
Incomplete families (single women with minor children)	26
Mentally handicapped	25
Physically handicapped/disabled	20
Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems	Not provided
Others, specify Single men	1420