



**EASO SPECIAL SUPPORT PLAN TO CYPRUS**  
**- Amendment No 2 -**

The EASO Special Support Plan to Cyprus is in force since 5 June 2014, signed by the Executive Director of EASO and the Minister of Interior of the Republic of Cyprus and amended in July 2015.

Given the need for an extension of the duration of the Plan and adjusted needs in the scope of the support measures, the amendments (marked in *Italics*), as described in Annex I, are hereby agreed.

EASO shall send a copy of the amendment to the Members of the EASO Management Board.

Malta and Cyprus, 12 and 20 April 2016

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**Annex I**

This Special Support Plan lays down the conditions and objectives of EASO’s specific technical and operational support to Cyprus until *28 February 2017* and sets out the conditions for participation in these specific EASO activities.

*The implementation period of the EASO Measures is extended until 28 February 2017.*

- *Based on changed needs, the implementation of EASO Measure CY 1: Support the Cypriot Data Collection and Analytical Capacity and EASO Measure CY 8: Support in enhancing the capacity of the Dublin Unit are no longer foreseen.*
- EASO Measure CY 4 is amended as follows:

<b>EASO Measure CY 4: Support in relation to minors/unaccompanied minors in need of international protection</b>	
Responsible Authorities	Asylum Service of the Ministry of Interior Ministry of Health Social Welfare Services of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance Civil Registry and Migration Department of the Ministry of Interior Aliens and Immigration Police of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order
Current situation	Guardianship and representation <i>NIDOS has already performed one training of the relevant stakeholders, due to the existing need for identifying best practices and for training staff entrusted with the guardianship and representation of children in need of international protection. Standard Operating Procedures and written inter-institutional guidelines are not available yet.</i>
Objective(s)	Improved knowledge and expertise in safeguarding unaccompanied minors in need of protection. Guardianship system further developed.
Pre-conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Appointment of staff responsible for subject-related topics.</li> <li>– Appointment of a coordination group of the stakeholders involved.</li> </ul>
EASO support	Guardianship and representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on a needs assessment, roles and responsibilities defined between institutional stakeholders involved.</li> <li>- Strategic guidance provided on intake-procedures and reception standards.</li> <li>- Support delivered in enhancing the guardianship system, fulfilling the needs of the actors involved as well as the implementing obligations from the recast EU asylum acquis (such as Dublin III provisions). This may include an analysis of workflows, the creation of protocols/checklists and the possible development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).</li> <li>- Training, coaching and/or on-the-job advice to strengthen the capacity of CY officials to implement the guardianship system.</li> </ul>



	4 activities / 8 experts / 64 calendar days
Implementation	2016: Q2 and Q4; 2017: Q1
Deliverable(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roles and responsibilities in the field of guardianship defined.</li> <li>Guardianship system (<i>also within the Dublin system</i>) through strategic advice and practical tools enhanced.</li> <li>CY officials better equipped to implement the guardianship system.</li> </ul>

- EASO Measure CY 7 is amended as follows:

<b>EASO Measure CY 7: Support with capacity building of CY officials</b>	
Responsible Authorities	<p>Aliens and Immigration Police of the Ministry of Justice and Public Order</p> <p>Social Welfare Services of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance</p> <p><i>Administrative Court</i></p> <p>Civil Registry and Migration Department</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p> <p>Asylum Service</p>
Current situation	<p>1. Tailor-made workshops/ad-hoc thematic seminars</p> <p>The responsible authorities are in the process of further strengthening their capacity in the field of asylum. There are various needs for training and capacity building mainly due to the implementation of the new legislative amendments in transposing the recast EU asylum acquis. <i>Furthermore, there is a need of training for those Judges appointed at the newly established Administrative Court, which will be examining appeals submitted against the first instance decision of the Asylum Service (substantive examination of factual and legal issues). The Judges appointed and also the Legal Officers of the Administrative Court will need to receive training on matters relating to international protection, as required by the relevant EU Directives (2013/32/EU &amp; 2011/95/EU).</i></p> <p>2. EASO Training Curriculum</p> <p><i>Organisation of national trainings on 'Reception', 'Interviewing Vulnerable Persons' and participation of Asylum Service Staff in train-the-trainer sessions in Malta.</i></p>
Objective(s)	Improved knowledge of CY officials on the practical implementation of the recast EU asylum acquis at 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> instance.
Pre-conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CY will appoint a Measure Coordinator by each responsible authority.</li> <li>- Training/workshop topics to be indicated by the responsible authorities.</li> <li>- CY will provide a list of participants in due time before the events begin.</li> </ul>



<p>EASO support</p>	<p>1. Tailor-made workshops/ad-hoc thematic seminars</p> <p>At least 2 workshops/ad-hoc thematic seminars are delivered. Where suitable and beneficial, a regional approach may be pursued. Duration of each workshop in total, including preparation, up to 5 days each: 2 activities/ 4 experts / 5 calendar days, 1 travel day each</p> <p>2. EASO Training Curriculum</p> <p>Trainings in the EASO Training Curriculum will be provided online and followed by mandatory face-to-face sessions either in Malta for the train-the-trainer session or in Nicosia in case of national trainings. Selected modules include Interviewing Vulnerable Persons and Reception.</p> <p>Train-the-trainer sessions in Malta: 2 activities/ 4 trainees/ 4 calendar days</p> <p>National trainings in Nicosia: 2 activities / 4 experts (coaches)/ 3 calendar days including support during e-learning</p>
<p><i>Implementation</i></p>	<p>2016: Q3-Q4; 2017: Q1</p>
<p><i>Deliverable(s)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 2 workshops/ad-hoc thematic seminars delivered, covering for instance the following areas: professional development sessions for judges, <i>trainings relating to Dublin System, such as the best interest of the child within the Dublin procedure.</i></li> <li>• At least 2 national trainings in the EASO Training Curriculum, in particular the Modules Interviewing Vulnerable Persons and <i>Reception Module</i> (with the support of Member State coaches).</li> <li>• Train-the-trainers delivered in the EASO Training Curriculum for up to 4 CY trainees.</li> </ul>