

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RELOCATION

BENEFICIARIES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION



Note. This brochure contains information that is important for you.
If there is anything you do not understand, you can ask an official to explain.

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➤ WHAT IS RELOCATION?

If a country receives many applications for international protection at once and it cannot handle them, other countries can support them in different ways. One of the ways countries can support each other is by accepting to transfer people who have been granted international protection (also known as beneficiaries of international protection) in another country. This is called relocation.



Only persons granted international protection within the last three years will be eligible for relocation.

If this situation occurs you may be transferred to another country. Only 26 EU+ countries may currently participate in relocations to other countries.

⚠ IMPORTANT! You are now in Latvia which is an EU+ country.



The 26 EU+ countries that may currently participate in relocation are: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden.



The 5 “associated” countries and other counties currently not participating in relocation are: Denmark, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.

➤ IF YOU ARE SELECTED, TO WHICH COUNTRY WILL YOU BE RELOCATED?

The authorities will decide who can be relocated.

If you are selected for relocation, you will only be transferred to another country if you provide your consent to do so.

⚠ **IMPORTANT!** You cannot choose which country you are relocated to.

➤ WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR RELOCATION?



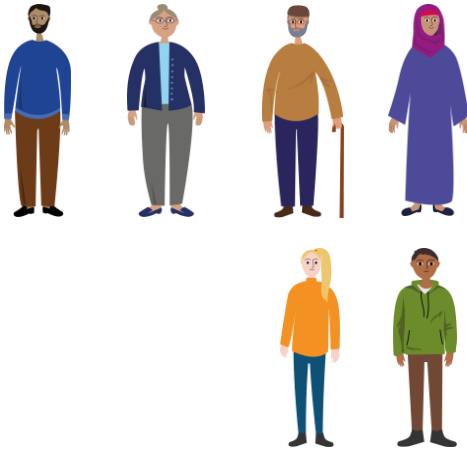
If you are selected for relocation and you provide your consent to be transferred to that country, you must:

- cooperate with the authorities and follow their instructions
- remain in this country until the date of your travel and the authorities must be able to reach you

➤ WHAT IF YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH YOU?

If you are currently accompanied by members of your close family who are also beneficiaries of international protection and you are selected for relocation, your family will be relocated together with you, provided they also provide their consent.

Close family members are considered to be:



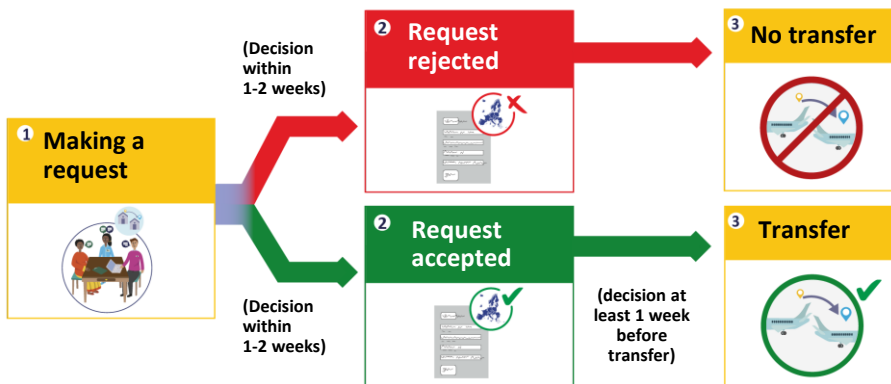
- your husband or wife
- your unmarried partner with whom you share a stable relationship
- your child (under the age of 18 and unmarried).

➤ WILL AN INTERVIEW BE CARRIED OUT BEFORE RELOCATION?



If more information is needed from you, an interview will be arranged. It will focus on security matters. If you need to go to such an interview, the authorities will give you details beforehand.

➤ HOW LONG WILL THE RELOCATION PROCESS TAKE?



If a request is sent for you to be relocated to another country that country should take a decision on this request in one to two weeks.

If the request is accepted your transfer to that country will be organised within four weeks.

You will be informed of the transfer at least 1 week before.

If the country does not accept the request, you will remain in this country.

➤ WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE RELOCATION?

If you are relocated to another country, your rights as a beneficiary of international protection will be automatically transferred to that country



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