The new federal coalition government announces its key objectives for asylum

The coalition agreement was reached on 31 January 2025. The government aims to reduce the number of asylum applications and gradually and significantly restrict the number of reception places.

The document also proposes to group together different organisations working on migration and asylum under a Federal Public Service Migration. This impacts the Immigration Office, CGRS, Fedasil and the CALL.

The government support the launching of information campaigns in certain countries of origin, for example, safe countries of origin and countries whose nationals are unlikely to receive international protection.

The duty to cooperate will become a stricter requirement, and for example, the government wants the search of digital devices to become a routine part of the identification procedure.

The government continues to focus on making returns more efficient. The capacity of closed centres is foreseen to be significantly increased.

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