The pilot process availability location in Ter Apel starts on 1 June 2025

The Minister for Asylum and Migration updated the parliament about the state-of-play before the start of the pilot project.

The pilot is added to the so-called process availability approach (pba), a pilot that started on 7 February 2025. Applicants can be placed in a process availability location (pbl), if they cause one or more incidents with medium or major impact in or outside of the reception facility in Ter Apel.

This applies to the target group of the pba, which are applicants with little chances if being granted international protection. Applicants in track 1 (applicants with protection status in another EU member state or in the Dublin procedure) are not included. These applicants are obliged to stay in a limited area of the Ter Apel reception facility and their procedure is accelerated or prioritised.

All essential services are ensured in this area, so that applicants do not have to leave the area. Applicants follow a mandatory programme until 20.00 every day. They may stay at this location for up to 4 weeks. If the applicants is found outside of the territory of the pbl, this may lead to a detention measure.

Source(s)

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