The Minister of Home Affairs presents draft law implementing the Pact on Migration and Asylum

The Minister of Home Affairs, Léon Gloden, presented the new law implementing the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, aimed at establishing a more responsible immigration policy. According to the press release, although Luxembourg has neither external land nor sea borders, it has ranked among the leading Member States in recent years in terms of applicants for international protection per capita.

Some key data presented in the press material indicate that Luxembourg is:

- The 2nd Member State for reception relative to population and GDP (after Germany)
- The 3rd Member State most affected by secondary movements within the EU (after Slovenia and Belgium)
- The 7th Member State for asylum applications per capita in 2025

In addition, figures presented showed that 638 people were granted international protection in Luxembourg in 2025, while the number of applications decreased by 12% compared to 2024.

The press release also outlined the key innovations introduced by the Pact, notably concerning screening, border procedures, and provisions related to unaccompanied minors. Finally, it highlighted that the Pact introduces a shift regarding asylum appeals in Luxembourg: appeals will no longer have automatic suspensive effect, except in the regular asylum procedure. Appeals will only be possible in relation to the regular asylum procedure and the withdrawal of international protection by the Minister.

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