# Strasbourg signs Charter to protect female asylum applicants from different forms of violence

Strasbourg, following Marseille and Bordeaux, became the third regional branch of the French Office for Immigration and Integration OFII to sign on 1 December 2025 a Charter for the protection of female asylum seekers who are victims of different forms of violence and human trafficking.

Didier Leschi, Director-General of OFII, and four key stakeholders from the Bas-Rhin region signed the Charter to formalise their commitment to better detect, guide and support women at risk of violence or exploitation.

The Strasbourg Charter is based on three commitments which are common to the previous signatures of Marseille and Bordeaux:

- The appointment of a representative by each organisation
- The implementation of a joint training strategy to strengthen a shared understanding of violence against women
- Enhanced operational coordination to streamline exchanges and facilitate the management of complex situations

The objectives set out in this Charter demonstrate a clear commitment to detect, support and protect vulnerable women throughout their asylum procedure, including through the provision of emergency accommodation.

In case of unavailability in the Bas-Rhin region or the need to move away from the local area, OFII can direct women to specialised places located in other regions, in particular when there is a risk of violence, exploitation or threats of reprisals against the victims or their children.

There is already consideration being given to rolling out the charter in Haut-Rhin to strengthen regional coherence.

The OFII currently provides 300 specialised accommodation places at national level with an additional 50 places to be added by 2026.

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