COA reports progress with reception places under the Distribution Act

Although the full target of 101,500 asylum reception places by 1 July 2025, set by the Distribution Act, was not reached, COA reported that the law has led to a fairer spread of reception locations and unprecedented cooperation with municipalities. Currently, around 74,500 places have been made available, with more than three-quarters of the 342 municipalities fully or partially meeting their obligations, and 43 new municipalities joining the effort over the past 18 months.

COA expects to add another 7,500 places over the next 6 months and is working on about 120 largely sustainable locations providing 27,000 places, including 24 sites already under construction. However, it noted a large reliance on temporary emergency shelters, which remain costly and disruptive and stressed the need for more stable funding.

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