'DUBLIN' REGULATION (REGULATION No. 604/2013)

The 'Dublin' Regulation is a European Union law which determines which country will examine your claim for international protection. According to this law, only one country is responsible for examining your claim for asylum. This law is applied in 32 countries:

   a) the 28 European Union countries (Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), Croatia (HR), Cyprus (CY), Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Estonia (ET), Finland (FI), France (FR), Germany (DE), Greece (EL), Hungary (HU), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Malta (MT), Netherlands (NL), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovakia (SK), Slovenia (SI), Spain (ES), Sweden (SE), United Kingdom (UK)) and
   b) 4 "associated" countries (Norway (NO), Iceland (IS), Switzerland (CH) and Liechtenstein (LI)).

A country may be responsible for examining your request for a number of reasons such as:
   a) if you have had applied for asylum in another 'Dublin' country,
   b) if you have a family member present in another 'Dublin' country or
   c) if you have had a visa or a residence permit issued by a 'Dublin' country or
   d) if you have travelled through another 'Dublin' country, either legally or irregularly.

Unaccompanied minors:
If you are under 18 years old and you have not arrived together with another person, you may join your parents, siblings or relatives (uncle, aunt or grandparents) in another 'Dublin' country. That country could be responsible for examining your asylum application. Please state your relatives in your application form.

Adults:
You may join your husband, wife or minor children who are applicants for asylum or are holders of refugee or subsidiary status in another 'Dublin' country. That country could be responsible for examining your asylum application. Please state your family members in your application form.

You may remain in Cyprus only if we decide that we are responsible to examine your application for asylum. If another country is responsible, we will arrange for your transfer to that country where you will have your application examined there. While staying here, you are entitled to benefit from material reception conditions, e.g. accommodation, food etc., as well as basic medical care and emergency medical assistance. All the procedure might take up to 11 months. In the case you are imprisoned or you hide yourself the procedure is not interrupted but will take longer.

If you abandon your application for asylum and you move to another 'Dublin' country, you are likely to be transferred back to Cyprus or to the country responsible. Please be aware that if we consider that you are likely to try to run away or hide from us because you do not want us to send you to another country, you may be put in detention.

You may challenge a decision to be transferred to another 'Dublin' country before the Independent Refugee Reviewing Authority (address: 10-12 Gregory Afxentiou Avenue, 3rd floor, Ayios Dometios 2360 Nicosia), within twenty days from the date of the receipt of the decision or in case you do not submit an appeal before the Independent Refugee Reviewing Authority, you are entitled to a judicial recourse before the Supreme Court in accordance with Article 146 of the Constitution, within 75 days from the expiration of the twenty days deadline, mentioned before.
When you lodge a request for asylum, if you are 14 years of age or older, your fingerprints will be taken and transmitted to a fingerprint database called ‘Eurodac’. You are obliged by law to have your fingerprints taken. Your fingerprints will be checked within Eurodac to see if you have ever applied for asylum before or to see if you were previously fingerprinted at a border. This helps to determine which ‘Dublin’ country is responsible for the examination of your asylum request. Your fingerprint data will be stored by Eurodac for 10 years. If you become a citizen of a Dublin country, your fingerprints will be deleted. Your fingerprints and your gender will be stored in Eurodac – your name, photograph, date of birth and nationality are not sent to the Eurodac database, but they are stored in the national database.

If you request asylum in another Dublin country in the future, your fingerprints will be sent to that country for verification. The data stored in Eurodac will not be shared with any other country or organization outside the Dublin countries.

You will be given the opportunity to provide us with information about your situation and the presence of family members on the territory of the Dublin countries orally during a ‘Dublin’ Interview in the presence of an interpreter. You will also receive a written copy of the decision to transfer you to another country.

Contact information:

Address and contact details of the asylum authority
Asylum Service
70 Arch. Makarios III avenue, Afemia House, 1077 Lefkosia
Tel.: 22445265, Fax: 224302310
Email: info@asylum.moi.gov.cy

Identity of the Eurodac controller and of his/her representative:
Dublin Unit, Asylum Service
70 Arch. Makarios III avenue, Afemia House, 1077 Lefkosia
Tel.: 22445260/253, Fax: 224302310

Legal aid providers/refugee supporting organizations:
Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court
Haralambou Mouskou str, 1404 Lefkosia
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