

LEAFLET FOR WRITING A REPORT OF YOUR EXPERIENCES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF A DUBLIN-III PROCEDURE

This leaflet will help you to independently write a report of your experiences within the scope of a Dublin-III procedure. An appeal based solely on the general conditions in a member state of the Dublin-III regulation (EU plus Switzerland and Norway) is not sufficient to prevent deportation. The court primarily considers individual reasons which argue against deportation. Individual reasons are defined as your personal experiences in the other member state that persuaded you leave that country. Your report should focus mainly on your problems and difficulties that you faced in the member state.

You should write down your experiences as soon as possible, even if you have not yet received a rejection. The deadlines for appeals and requests for interim legal protection (expedited application) against imminent retransfer to another member state are very short. The deadline for filing an expedited application is one week and the deadline for filing an appeal is two weeks after receipt of notice. Only a successful expedited application can prevent a deportation.

If possible, please write a coherent, chronologically-ordered report in the form of a report of your experiences. The report is similar to a diary. The items below are meant to help organize the text. Please read them precisely and write as truthfully (from your perspective) and as detailed possible. Detailed means:

- 1.) The name of your location should be as exact as possible (e.g. names of cities, institutions, accommodations, street names). If you cannot remember this information, please describe the location. You can also mention places, railway stations, airports, harbors and tourist attractions that are close to it.
- 2.) The reported incidents should be chronologically arranged; please write down the day, the month and the year in which you had this experience when possible.

Your report should be as detailed, individual and exact as possible. We are aware of the fact that it is not easy to write such a report. Even if it is difficult for you to report about certain experiences, try to work up the courage. You are helping to justify your appeal and to file an expedited application. If it is not possible for you to describe certain experiences, please mention this to your counselor.

If there are one or more questions that you cannot understand, please get help from German speaking friends, relatives or – if available – social workers in your accommodation.

Arrival in Europe

Please describe the countries within Europe where you underwent inspection i.e. had your fingerprints taken and/or your personal data (name, pictures, etc.) registered by the police, border patrol or other national authorities.

- How was your personal data registered – in writing or verbally?
- How long have you been in each of these countries? If possible please mention the month and year in which inspection took place.
- Did the police or border patrol of a particular country prevent you from crossing the border?
- If the police or border police of a country detained you, how did the police behave towards you?

Living Conditions and Living Arrangements in the Member State

The description of your living conditions and arrangements in the responsible member state is especially important. This means that you should describe where you have been housed after your arrival and what the conditions there were like.

In a Refugee Accommodation

If you have been brought to an accommodation for refugees after your arrival, please write down the place and name of the accommodation as well as duration of stay. Then describe your individual living conditions and living arrangements as well as the accommodation itself. This comprises following aspects:

- Approximately how many refugees lived in the accommodation (estimated)?
- Where and how did you sleep? Did you have to share a room? If yes, with how many other people? Did you have a bed? If no, where did you sleep?
- How were you given food? Did they give out food on a regular basis? If yes, when? Was the food that you received enough?
- Were there enough sanitary facilities (toilets, bathroom) available? How were the hygienic conditions of the sanitary facilities and room (were they clean or dirty)? Were you able to wash your clothes? Did you have soap and shampoo to wash yourself?
- Was it an open or a closed accommodation? Could you leave it temporarily? Did you have an identity card so that you could leave?
- Did you have the possibility to receive mail? Did they have mailboxes for the residents?
- How did you feel in the accommodation in general?

Outside of a Refugee Accommodation

a) If you were not housed in an accommodation for refugees:

- Where and how did you live and sleep? Did you live in a house, an apartment, a church, an emergency accommodation, with friends/relatives?

b) If you were discharged from an accommodation for refugees:

- Did the personnel give you any kind of help or information about who you turn to after your discharge? Please describe the further conditions of your life after you left the accommodation.
- Were you housed in an institution afterwards? If you were housed in an institution: Where was it? How long did you stay there? Who was the owner of the institution? What were the living conditions like in the institution?

c) If you were homeless:

- How long were you homeless? Where did you sleep? Did you stay with a group or were you alone?
- Did you change your location (city) or did you stay in one place?
- How did you meet your basic needs (food, drink, washing, toilets)? Were you given food on a regular basis? If yes, where was this and who provided the food? Was the food that you received enough? And did you receive it often enough?
- How did you protect yourself from the cold in the winter?
- Did you try to find help, for example from aid organizations, local authorities or the police? Please write down your experiences to this effect.

Imprisonment

If you were imprisoned, please describe the circumstances of your imprisonment. This includes the reason for your imprisonment, the duration and conditions of imprisonment as well as the possibility of legal advisory.

General

Attention: The following questions relate to the complete period of your stay in the member state, independent from your living arrangements.

- Did you regularly receive cash or other benefits (payment in kind) from state authorities? If yes, please indicate the amount (cash) or the kind of benefit.
- Did you possess additional money? Did you try to find a job or an apartment? If yes, what was the result? Please mention any kind of paid job.

Illnesses

- Do you or did you suffer from an illness or disease? This includes both physical and mental illnesses. If yes, which illness do/did you have and where did you catch it? How was the medical care? Did you have access to doctors and medicine? If not, why did you not receive medical care?
- Do you still suffer from this illness?

Discrimination/Violence

- Did you experience discrimination or violence? If yes, please describe the situation as detailed as possible and name the persons involved (if possible). Can you remember one or more very difficult or tragic experiences?

Asylum Procedure

If you filed an application for asylum in the member state, please describe the course of the procedure:

- Was there an interview or a hearing? What was the result of your case (your asylum procedure)?
- Did you get a residence permit or other status documents? How many years are they valid for? Do you still possess them?
- Were you threatened with deportation to your home country?

Further Journey

- When did you leave the member state? What were your reasons for leaving the country? Was there a concrete reason or was it because of your general living conditions? What was the further journey from this country to Germany like?
- Were you picked up in another member state? Did you undergo an asylum procedure there or were you supposed to be handed over to the country where you first arrived?

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