InterGovernmental Consultations
on Asylum, Refugee, and Migration Policies in
Europe, North America, and Australia

IGC
Workshop on Approaches to Data Collection and
Data Management
8-9 September 2003, Geneva, Switzerland

Current Participants

- 15 States: Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada,
  Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands,
  Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
  and United States
- 2 International Organisations: IOM and UNHCR
- 1 Supranational Body: European Commission
Structure / Role of Secretariat

- 10 staff (4 professionals, 3 seconded officers, 4 support staff)
- Report to participating States
- Organize and facilitate consultations - “Clearing house”
- Maintain Documentation
- Maintain Databases
- Maintain Secure Website
- Provide advice / support for policy development purposes
- Publish documentation
IGC Activities line Graph

Information Exchange: three tracks +

Meetings
- Full-Round and Mini Full-Round
- Steering group
- Working groups
- Workshops
- Ad hoc

Documentation
- Documents from PS
- Comparative matrices and reports
- Data Overviews

Databases

Private Web Site
(Return, Country of origin info, Smuggling, Data, Technology and Asylum) bring together the three "discussion rooms" (meetings), "information search" (documentation), and "Statistics" (databases)
Documentation, databases, CD-rom and private web site

Databases

Asylum Application Data
- Monthly 1992-current
- DATABASE ONLINE

Asylum Decision Data
- Yearly 1988-1998
- Yearly 1992-current
- DATABASE ONLINE

Asylum Application Data on Unaccompanied Minors
- Yearly 1990-1999
- Quarterly 2000-current
- DATABASE ONLINE

Smuggling Data
- TIES Monthly 1998-current

Return Data *
- Yearly 1992-current
- DATABASE ONLINE

Upcoming Databases
- on non-asylum returns
- on absconders
- on readmission agreements
- on immigration (labour, family reunion, students, others)
- Stocks of non-nationals

* Return of rejected asylum seekers - inspection at borders
Other Documentation

Data Overviews
Regularly Updated

Asylum Claims

An Overview of the situation in IGC Participating States

2002

Asylum Decisions

1992 - 2002

TIES Data

An Overview of the situation in IGC Participating States

2002

Return

Restricted Access

Reference Books

HandBook on Asylum Data

Overview of the Evolution of Asylum Data over a decade in IGC Participating States

IGC Secretariat - Geneva

IGC Asylum Data

Handbook

Asylum Data Overview of the Last Decade
**CD-Rom**

- All IGC Documentation
- Multimedia visit of the IGC Private Web Site

**WEB SITES**

*Private Web Site*

*Access to All IGC Documentation, Discussion Forums, and Statistics*

*Username and Password Required*
Evolution of the IGC Data Collection I

- Asylum Applications
  - Annual Data
  - Monthly Data
  - WWW

- Asylum Decisions
  - Annual Data
  - Monthly Data
  - WWW

- Asylum Applications UM
  - Annual Data
  - Quarterly Data
  - WWW

- Pending Cases (Asylum Procedure)
  - Annual Data
  - Quarterly Data
  - WWW

Database  Online Database

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Evolution of the IGC Data Collection II

- Returns of Rejected Asylum Seekers
  - Annual Data
  - WWW

- Rejections at the Border
  - Annual Data

- Absconders
  - Annual Data

- Removal Decisions/Orders
  - Annual Data

Database  Online Database