

# Your research on Dublin cases

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Dear Claudia

It is very nice that you are interested in practice of such a small country as Finland. Your questions are clear, but not very easy to answer. I suppose you know that our court system in asylum cases is very simple. The first instance administrative decisions are made by Immigration service. The appeal is made to Helsinki Administrative Court (we have eight regional administrative courts, but asylum cases come only to Helsinki). It is possible to appeal to the Supreme Administrative Court, but they very seldom give the leave to appeal in these Dublin cases.

The first one: We don't have any statistics about the Dublin cases. These make a part of the accelerated procedure cases. These also include the manifestly unfounded cases. Altogether we decided these accelerated procedure cases 945 in the year 2010, 532 in 2011, 444 in 2012 and 562 in 2013. As far as I remember in the year 2010 we still had the Greece cases and then of course a very big part of the cases were Dublin cases. After that I would estimate, than about half of the cases are Dublin cases, but perhaps last year more than half. We have had more and more families or mothers with a child coming through Italy.

The second question: At the time 21.9.2012 we made the decision you mentioned we had about 2 or 3 similar cases and decisions. After that we have had only a very few cases with the same question, but I think that in those cases we have not believed it is already clear or final that Sweden or Norway will deport the applicant to Baghdad. The other possible situations of chain-refoulement we have not had. But perhaps there are also other types of Dublin cases that would interest you. We have quite a many decisions about the families coming from Italy. If there is a single mother with difficult traumas or some other vulnerable situations, we have decided not to deport them to Italy. We don't have any published cases or statistics about these.

I am sorry that I cannot help more - but don't hesitate to make more questions.

Best

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