

SCREENING INFORMATION NOTICE – Checks at the external border

Unauthorized crossing by air

You are at _____ Airport, located in _____, Italy, which is part of the European Union, and we inform you that we are here to support you; if you have questions or need help, please do not hesitate to ask.

You have the right to use the available interpretation and cultural mediation services to ensure proper communication with the competent Authorities. In addition, you may ask questions and request clarification at any time. Where possible, you may ask to speak with a man or a woman.

1. Entry conditions

At present, you have not yet been legally admitted to the EU, as you have not complied with the entry rules and therefore the Authorities must carry out checks known as *screening*. During this process, all rights and obligations provided for under national, international and EU law continue to apply.

2. Screening activities

Screening activities may take place at different offices within the airport where you are located.

The following are the steps carried out by the Authorities in application of the Screening Regulation:

- Physical checks on the person and personal belongings for security reasons.
- Verification of identity, collection of personal data (name, date and place of birth, nationality), and presentation of any identity and travel documents in your possession. Failure to hand over documents may be considered a lack of cooperation with the Authorities.
- Reporting of any condition of statelessness.
- Indication of the presence of accompanying family members so that you may remain together.
- Indication of the reason for entering Italy.
- Sharing of personal data among the competent Authorities without such data being communicated to others without your consent.
- Collection of fingerprints and identification photograph.
- Checking of data in national and European digital systems for security purposes.
- Collection and retention of data, only for the time necessary to manage the procedure.
- Medical examination to assess urgent medical needs or health isolation, specialist health care or psychological assistance.

- Individual interview to assess vulnerabilities or specific needs, with immediate reporting of conditions of particular vulnerability.

If you are in a situation of particular need, it is essential that you immediately inform the Authorities, for example if you are under 18 years of age, need medical care, are a woman, are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex, are a person with disabilities, need psychological support, are an older person, are a single parent with minor children, have serious illnesses or mental disorders (including post-traumatic stress disorder), are pregnant, have survived torture, rape or other serious forms of psychological, physical or sexual violence, for example if you are a victim of gender-based violence, female genital mutilation, child or forced marriage, or violence committed on sexual, gender, racial or religious grounds, or if you are a victim of trafficking (for sexual, labour or other exploitation, or because you were forced to marry).

If you are under 18 years of age, you are considered a minor in Italy and this means that you will receive reception and support appropriate to your needs and age. In addition, if you are not accompanied by your parents or by legally responsible adults, you will be represented by an adult who will assist you to ensure your rights are protected.

If you have documents or medical certificates that can confirm what you report, show them as soon as possible.

- Collection of information relating to you, your family members and your journey from your country of origin to the country where you are currently located.
- Closure of the screening with signature of the form and delivery of a copy after verification, confirmation or request to amend the information entered in the form.
- Completion of the screening within three days from presentation to the Authorities or from being found at the airport.

All information provided during this procedure is confidential: it will never be disclosed to persons not involved in this procedure.

3. **Rights and duties during screening**

- During screening, you have the right to receive food, accommodation, medical assistance (physical and mental) and to be treated with dignity and with respect for your fundamental rights.
- If you have any medical issue, need psychological or other support, or wish to report any events that occurred in your country of origin, during transit or while crossing the border, you may do so with the competent Authorities or the staff assisting you.

- You have the right to communicate with any person or organization providing counselling and assistance, including legal assistance.
- If you believe that your fundamental rights have not been respected during screening, you have the right to contact the competent Authorities.
- You are required to remain available to the screening Authorities at the place assigned to you during the procedure and to provide accurate and complete information when requested, so that the Authorities can verify your right to enter and stay in the territory of the Italian State.
- You are required to cooperate with the Authorities and, in particular, you are required to provide:
 - name, date of birth, gender and nationality;
 - the documents in your possession that can verify your identity;
 - your fingerprints and a photograph of you, which will be collected by the designated staff.

If you do not cooperate with the Authorities, there may be negative consequences for the procedures that will subsequently be applied.

- You are required to provide complete and correct information, specifying which information you do not remember and/or are unable to provide.

4. **Right to request international protection**

- If you are afraid to return to the country of which you are a citizen (or, if stateless, to the country of your habitual residence) because your life and/or freedom or that of your family members is in danger, or because you fear torture, serious ill-treatment or abuse, you have the right to request protection. If you have been persecuted or fear being persecuted because of your race, nationality, membership of an ethnic group, religion or political opinion, or if you belong to a particular social group and fear violence or fear being enslaved, or if you fear being sentenced to death or being tortured, or come from a war zone, you may request protection.
- If you wish to request international protection, state this clearly during screening and explain the reasons to the competent Authorities.
- If you request international protection, you will have the right to be transferred to a reception centre suited to your needs.
- You must submit your application in Italy, as this is where you arrived and where you are now. You cannot choose which country will be responsible for your case, but family unity needs will be taken into consideration.
- If you have family members in an EU Member State, inform the competent screening Authority, as this may be useful to assess whether you have the right to be legally reunited with them.
- If you request international protection, you must remain in Italy and may not move to another EU Member State without the permission of the Authorities. If you leave Italy

before a decision has been made on your application for international protection, this will have consequences for your procedure, as the person requesting protection must first wait for the decision on which State is responsible for the application. If you move to another country before this decision, the Authorities may revoke reception at the centre.

- In Italy there are different procedures for assessing your request for international protection: the ordinary procedure, the accelerated procedure, which has shorter timeframes, and the accelerated border procedure, which is very fast and applies in places that Italy considers border or transit zones.
- The different procedures and their timeframes will be explained to you at a later stage, as the procedure is established by Italian law and applied by the Italian Authorities based on your personal situation.

If you are under 18 years of age and are an unaccompanied minor, not accompanied by your parents or by legally responsible adults, you have the right to access a specific procedure for the issuance of a residence permit on grounds of minority age.

5. Return

If you do not request international protection and do not meet the entry conditions, you may be returned to your country of origin or to another country where you are authorized to enter and stay, on the basis of a return decision.

6. Relocation

You may also be transferred to another Member State that decides to take responsibility for your request for international protection; this procedure is called relocation.

7. Applicable procedure

At the end of the screening, you will receive further information on international protection, return or relocation, depending on the procedure that will apply to your case.

8. Data protection

Remember that EU data protection legislation gives you the right to access your personal data, meaning the information about you that you have shared, to have it corrected and to request its deletion from the Italian and European databases in which it was recorded during the procedure, under certain conditions provided for by law.

Remember that you always have the right to be informed about the procedures concerning you, to ask for clarification, and that you may speak at any time with the staff you will meet during your stay in Italy.