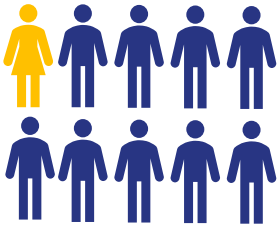




Focus on asylum applicants with vulnerabilities

In 2020, about **14,200** applications for international protection were lodged by **unaccompanied minors** in EU+ countries



representing **3%** of the total **485,000** asylum applications in 2020

Almost **9** out of **10** unaccompanied minors applying for international protection were boys



More efforts are needed to protect **women and girls** in the asylum procedure from violence, human trafficking and FGM/C

41% of unaccompanied minors originate from **Afghanistan**



Safeguards are needed to protect children in the asylum procedure from falling into the hands of **human traffickers**



LGBTI persons are subject to human rights abuses in many parts of the world. And they may be afraid to talk openly during the asylum procedure



Source: EASO