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There are no comparable EU-level statistics available on the number of age assessment procedures carried out in the Member States and their outcomes. Regulation (EU) 862/2007 on statistics on migration and international protection¹, as amended in June 2020², does not require Member States to report such data.

Regulation (EU) 2024/1348³ provides that, where there are doubts as to whether or not an applicant is a minor, the determining authority may undertake a multi-disciplinary assessment, including a psychosocial assessment, which should be carried out by qualified professionals and should not be based solely on the applicant's physical appearance or behaviour. The multi-disciplinary assessment should be carried out in a manner that gives primary consideration to the best interests of the child. When inconclusive, it may be followed with a medical examination, to be carried out with full respect for the individual's dignity. The results from the medical examination and the multi-disciplinary assessment should be analysed together. Where the result of the age assessment is not conclusive or includes an age-range starting from below 18 years, Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 requires Member States to assume that the applicant is a minor.

The Asylum and Migration Management Strategy⁴ emphasises the importance of deploying and using new technologies, including AI tools, to provide Member States with modern, secure and efficient tools to improve the quality, consistency and timeliness of decision making. In line with the existing regulatory requirements, the Commission plans to set up a Forum for AI on Migration to identify the possible uses of AI.

¹ Regulation (EC) 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers (OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, pp. 23–29 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32007R0862>).

² Consolidated text: Regulation (EC) 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2007/862/2021-07-01/eng>.

³ Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive (EU) 2013/32 (OJ L, 2024/1348, 22.5.2024. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1767349209985&uri=CELEX%3A32024R1348>).

⁴ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/european-asylum-and-migration-management-strategy_en.