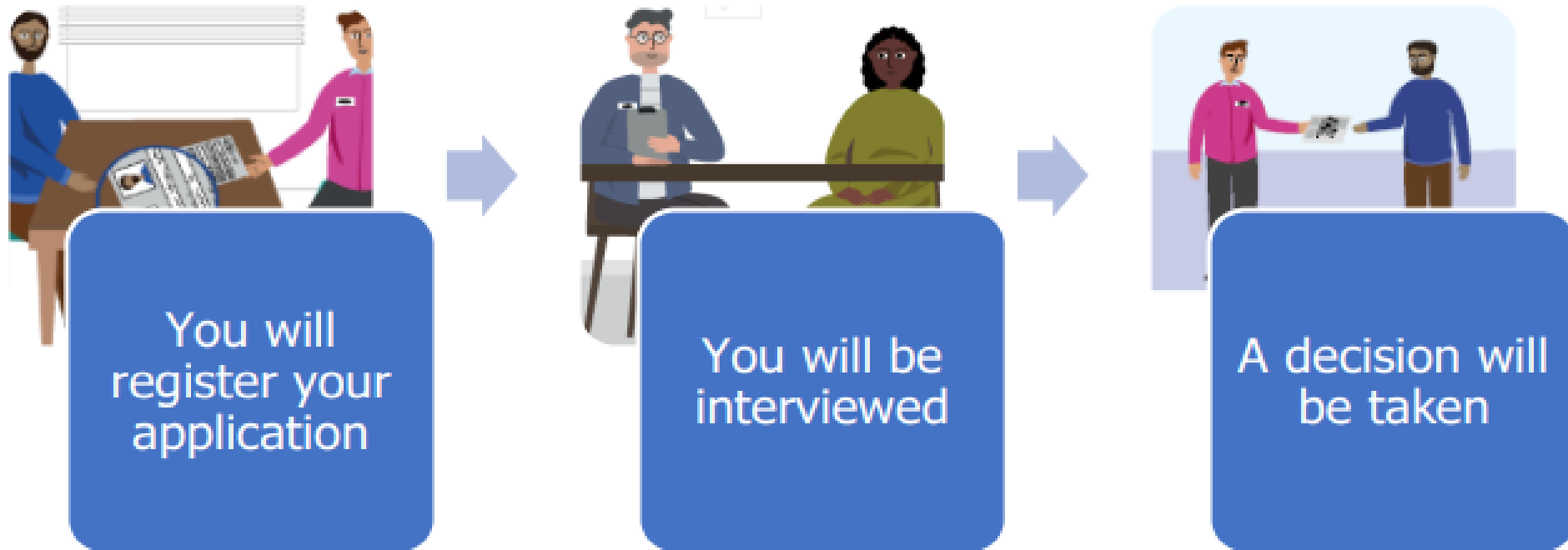




- Applying for asylum gives you the **right to stay** in Bulgaria until a final decision is made.
- **Do not pay** anyone for your asylum application.

Which are the steps of the asylum procedure?



What will happen during registration?



Your fingerprints will be taken.



You will be photographed.



An officer will ask about your personal details.



You must submit any identity documents that you have.



You may see a doctor.

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We will **ask** about your name,
your country, your date of
birth and other details

An interpreter will be available, **if necessary**.



Tell the authorities if you do **not understand** the interpreter.



It is your obligation and in your best interest to **cooperate** with the authorities and tell the truth.



If you **refuse** to comply with these procedures, it may negatively affect your application.



It is the obligation of the asylum seeker to provide the authorities with **correct** and **truthful** information.



If you do not have documents in your possession that may serve to establish your identity, nationality, and how you travelled and entered into the Republic of Bulgaria, you must **make a declaration.**



After you register, you **cannot change** your details, unless you have **official** documents.



Providing **false information** or **documents** during registration may result in criminal liability under national law.



Rest assured that all **information** and **documents** provided during the registration and interview process will be treated as **strictly confidential**.



No information or **documents** will be **shared** with the authorities of your country, other applicants or with any third parties that may compromise your security. They will **only** be shared with the competent European authorities **responsible for your asylum application**.



The Dublin Procedure

- Even if you have asked for asylum in Bulgaria, your application **might be examined by another country**.
- The **country responsible** for the examination of your application is decided applying the rules of a European law called **Dublin regulation**.
- This law is valid in 31 countries, called "Dublin countries".



You might have to go through the **Dublin procedure** in case one of the below statements apply to you:



You have a **family member** who has been granted asylum or who is an asylum seeker in another **Dublin country**.



You were previously issued a **visa or a residence permit** by another **Dublin country**.



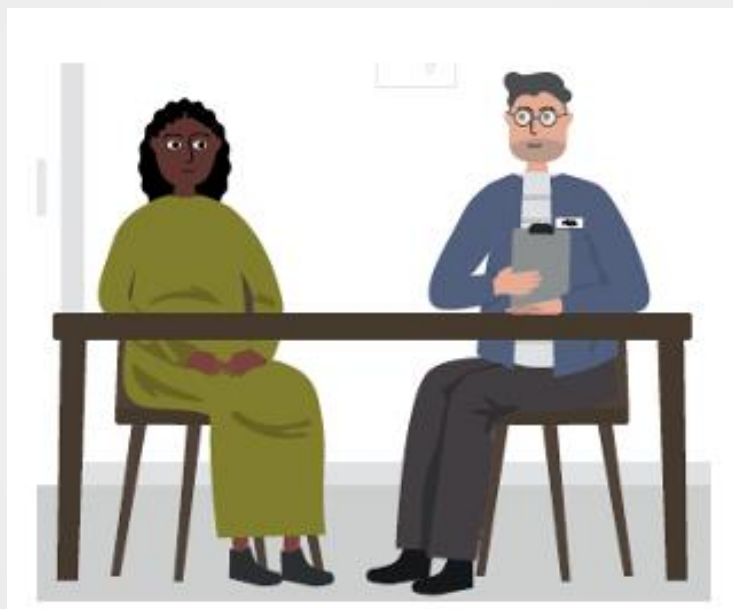
Your **fingerprints** were taken in another **Dublin country**.



You **have been to, or travelled through,** another **Dublin country**.



During the **personal interview** you will be asked to present in detail the **reasons** why you are asking for **international protection**.



If you have **supporting documents** or **evidence**, please give them to us.



During your personal interview, **an interpreter** will be present to interpret in a language you understand.



You have the right to request that your interview is conducted by **an interviewer** of the sex you prefer.

Please inform us **before the interview** if you wish to make this request - this will be respected **whenever possible**.



A person providing legal assistance to you (**lawyer or legal representative**) can be present if you need it.

It is your right to consult a lawyer or legal representative **at any stage** of the asylum procedure.



A lawyer or legal representative **can assist** with your application, with the asylum procedure, with official communication, etc.

A lawyer or legal representative **is independent** from the authorities.

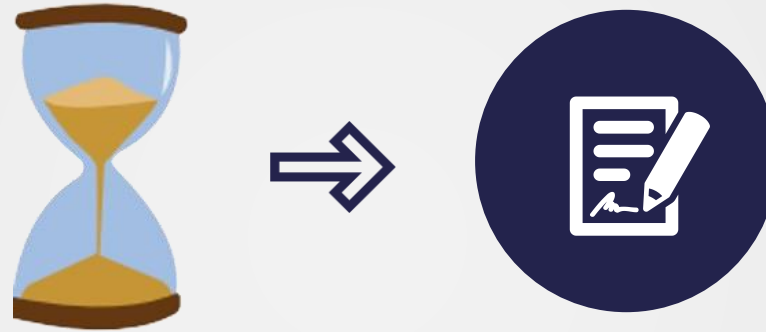


If you fail to attend your personal interview **without providing objective reasons** within 30 days, SAR will issue a decision to **terminate** your case.



In certain circumstances, you can request a reopening of your case **within 9 months**.

A decision on your application can take **several months**.

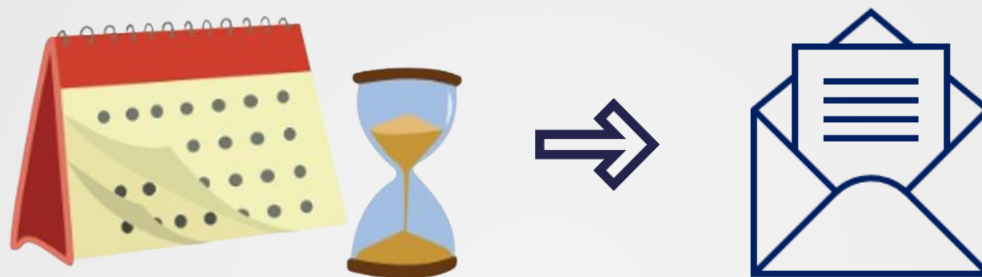


The decision will be given in writing, in one of the following ways:

- **To you in person**, with the contents read to you in a language you understand, or
- To your **lawyer or legal representative**, if you have one.



What happens if we **cannot** reach you?



If you get a **letter by registered mail** and do not come to SAR within 7 days after receiving it, the decision on your asylum case will be counted as **delivered**, even if you did not read it.

If the letter is sent back to SAR because it **couldn't** be delivered to the recipient, the decision will still be counted as **delivered**.



If the decision is **positive**, you will be granted **international protection**.



If you are granted **refugee status**, you can obtain a **residence permit** as well as travel documents.

The **refugee status** is recognised if a person – in their home country - would be persecuted because of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or belonging to a certain group and the State would **not** protect them.



If the decision is **positive**, you will be granted **international protection**.



If you are granted **humanitarian status**, you can obtain a **residence permit**.

The **humanitarian status** is granted if a person would face a serious risk because of a conflict in the home country or other forms of serious harm, and the State would not protect them.

What if you do not agree with the decision?



If you **do not agree** with the decision, you have **7 or 14 days** – according to the procedure – to appeal the decision in front of the Court.



At any time during the asylum procedure, you have the right to **withdraw your application** and possibly receive assistance with the **voluntary return** to your home country.



In this case, your asylum procedure **will be stopped** and you will **no longer have the right to stay** in the country as an asylum seeker.