

## Poland refuses to accept asylum applications nationwide

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*Polish authorities are unlawfully refusing to accept asylum applications from people who crossed the Polish-Belarusian border nationwide – see ALI's position*

The Association for Legal Intervention has formally called on the Minister of Interior and Administration to immediately ensure genuine access to asylum procedures in Poland.

Information obtained by ALI indicates that the Border Guard is refusing to accept asylum applications from foreigners who entered Poland through the Belarusian border – even when they are hundreds of kilometers away, for instance in Warsaw or Szczecin, and attempt to submit their applications at the relevant units.

This practice is not only contrary to the Polish Constitution, international and EU law, but also to the very content of national provisions. The Regulation provides for a temporary restriction of the right to lodge applications **exclusively at the state border with Belarus**.

In ALI's assessment, the Border Guard's practice amounts to a **de facto denial of the right to asylum** for an entire category of people. Such measures fail to meet the requirements of proportionality, necessity, and legality set out in the European Commission's December 2024 Communication, and violate the essence of the right to international protection.

We therefore call on the Minister of Interior to promptly align Border Guard practice with the law and ensure that all foreigners are able to submit and register their applications for international protection.

Read our position [HERE](#) (Polish only).

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