

# Asylum seekers' access to the labour market in the European Union member states

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## Reception Conditions Directive 2003/9/EC (in force until 20 July 2015)

### Article 11:

- if the first instance decision is not made within one year, access to the labour market must be granted;
- access shall not be withdrawn during appeals procedures;
- states may give priority to EU/EEA citizens and to legally resident third-country nationals.

## Recast Reception Conditions Directive 2013/33/EU

(transposition deadline: 20 July 2015)

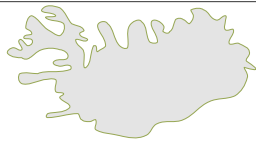
### Article 15:

- if the first instance decision is not made within 9 months, access to the labour market must be granted;
- states must ensure that applicants have effective access to the labour market;
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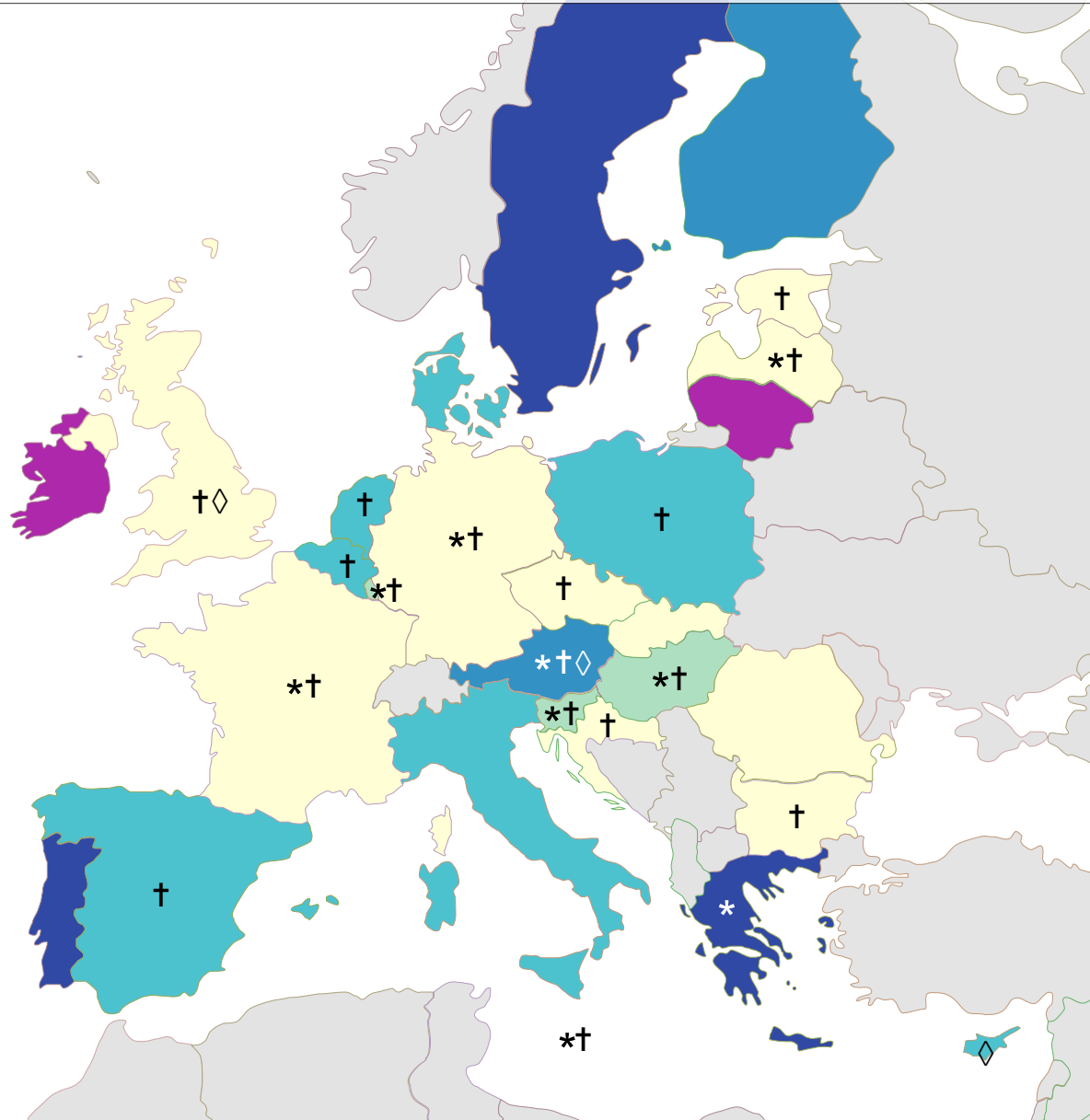
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## Arguments for allowing asylum seekers to work:

- keeps reception costs low;
- reduces dependence on social benefits;
- generates additional tax revenue;
- keeps asylum seekers from working illegally;
- maintains asylum seekers' work habits, mental health and high self-esteem;
- helps asylum seekers to integrate into the society of the recipient country, or reintegrate if returned;
- asylum seekers may have useful skills, knowledge and experiences.

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## Arguments against:

- could create a pull factor and increase the exploitation of asylum system.

