

Albania: Italian government's migrant centres ready to host first consignment

The centres built by the Italian government in Albania are ready to host migrants rescued in the Mediterranean, eleven months after the agreement between the two countries was signed.

Up to 400 people will initially be sent there. Exclusively male, these migrants will have been rescued by Italian ships in the Mediterranean Sea before being transported to the coastal Albanian town of Shengjin.

Here, a centre ran by Italian staff has been set up. Interpreters, medical visits and the possibility of applying for asylum are guaranteed.

The main section is meant to house asylum seekers while their requests are being processed.

Applications must be completed within 28 days, according to the accelerated procedure foreseen in Italian law. During this time, applicants will be able to meet lawyers and staff from international organizations.

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