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According to international conventions and the EU procedure and reception directives, state authorities are obliged to identify vulnerable groups among asylum seekers: those who are subjected to torture, minors who may be victims of human trafficking, as well as women and children who are exposed to sexual violence and abuse. The obligations may also include single mothers, minors, elderly people, disabled persons and other vulnerable people with special needs. In these cases the authorities are obliged to identify and follow-up on individuals with special needs, including hearings for communicating experiences and health conditions essential for the asylum application, measures for documentation, as well as treatment options.

In this workshop we call for papers that discuss the implications of international instruments for the establishment of national procedures for identifying vulnerable groups. We welcome contributions that discuss expert specific systems and guidelines for identification and follow-up on vulnerable asylum seekers. What is today's status for safeguarding vulnerable asylum seekers and other migrants? To what extent are international instruments implemented? How are the legal frameworks and state obligations interpreted and implemented at national and local levels? What are the needs and experiences of vulnerable persons for identification procedures and follow-up? Which measures, procedures and good practices are established?