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## REFORMING THE COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM SYSTEM: WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL REFORMS WOULD CHANGE AND WHY WE NEED THEM NOW

While compromise is still needed on some elements of the EU's asylum reform, enormous progress has been made on the overall set, with 5 out of the Commission's initial 7 proposals ready for adoption. Though part of a far-reaching reform, each individual proposal has a clear added value on its own and their swift finalisation would make a difference on the ground.

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#### Strong added value

The reinforced Asylum Agency will be able to provide a rapid and full service to Member States in normal times as well as in times of particular pressure, including by carrying out the entire administrative stage of the asylum procedure if requested, as a concrete form of European solidarity.



#### Ready to be concluded

Political agreement reached on the Commission's initial proposal from 2016. New targeted amendments proposed by the Commission in September 2018. Adoption is possible in early 2019.

#### THE REINFORCED EU ASYLUM AGENCY WILL ENSURE:



#### Full operational support on asylum procedures whenever needed

The Agency and its deployable Asylum Support Teams will be able to provide a full range of support activities, including carrying out the entire administrative stage of the asylum procedure upon a Member State's request, and also offer assistance with appeals, in full respect of the independence of the judiciary.



#### A greater convergence across the EU in the assessment of protection needs and of reception conditions

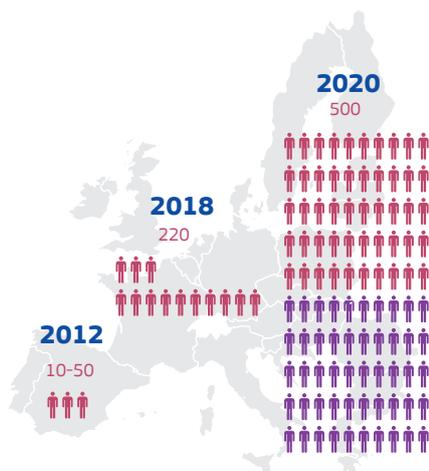
In addition to the guidance it already provides, the reinforced Agency will develop guidance, operational standards, indicators and best practices on the situation in countries of origin and on reception conditions, provide training and help Member States prepare contingency plans.



#### Monitoring

The Agency will also monitor the operational and technical application of the Common European Asylum System to help prevent possible shortcomings and swiftly provide support when necessary and requested by a Member State.

## BUILDING AN EU ASYLUM AGENCY CAPABLE OF GIVING FULL AND RAPID SUPPORT TO THE MEMBER STATES



By 2020, 500 operational staff and a reserve pool of 500 experts will be available to support Member States.

### The Agency's supporting tasks will include

- Identification and registration of asylum seekers
- Admissibility and substantive interviews
- Preparing administrative decisions on applications (national authorities will continue to take all decisions)
- Support to independent appeal bodies
- Interpretation and translation