



## 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. While 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.

# 2 Reception Conditions Directive

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### Strong added value

The new Reception Conditions Directive will ensure asylum seekers are received under harmonised and decent conditions throughout the EU. It will help prevent secondary movements by clarifying the rights and obligations of asylum seekers.



### Ready to be concluded

Broad political agreement found between co-legislators. Adoption is possible in early 2019.

## A REFORMED RECEPTION CONDITIONS DIRECTIVE WILL ENSURE:



### Adequate reception conditions across the EU

Member States will be obliged to have contingency plans in place to ensure sufficient reception capacity at all times, including in times of disproportionate pressure. The European Union Agency for Asylum will provide guidance to assist Member States in applying common standards on reception conditions.



### Right to reception conditions in the responsible Member State only

Asylum seekers will only be provided with full reception conditions in the Member State responsible for their asylum application. This will help prevent Schengen-endangering secondary movements.



### Reporting obligations

To discourage asylum seekers from absconding, Member States can assign them a place of residence and impose reporting obligations. In addition, to ensure an efficient procedure, Member States can assign asylum seekers to a geographical area within their territories.



### Earlier access to the labour market

Asylum seekers will be granted the right to work no later than 6 months after their application was registered.



### Better protection for child migrants

Minors will receive education within 2 months after their asylum request was lodged. Unaccompanied minors will immediately receive assistance and will be appointed a representative no later than 15 days after an asylum application has been made.