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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rise in asylum applications in the EU

The number of people applying for asylum in the European Union is rising steadily. According to Eurostat, more than 625 000 applications were received in 2014, up 44% on 2013. The figure has continued to rise significantly in recent years.

This calls for clear measures by the EU as a whole in response to the challenge faced by Member States in dealing with this rise in asylum applications.

What measures is the Commission proposing, under its asylum policy, to tackle this rise in applications in Member States more effectively?