

**Question for written answer E-009807/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Increasing number of Ukrainian asylum-seekers in Europe

The European Asylum Support Office (EASO) recently reported a rise in the number of Ukrainian asylum-seekers. Although it is in Europe, Ukraine is listed as one of the six countries accounting for the largest number of asylum requests. So it seems that the major flows of migrants are coming not just across the Mediterranean but also from Eastern Europe.

The conflict between Ukraine and Russia since February 2014 is clearly not without its consequences, and the EASO has in fact said that the first Ukrainian asylum-seekers were fleeing the conflict zones of Donetsk and Luhansk.

The status of Ukrainian migrants differs from that of migrants coming across the Mediterranean. However, the EASO highlights the possibility of an increase in Ukrainian asylum-seekers in the future as the conflict worsens.

1. In the light of the EASO report, what will the Commission be doing to tackle the main reason for the influx of Ukrainian asylum-seekers, that is, the Ukrainian conflict?
2. What will the Commission be doing to encourage Member States to find ways of improving Ukrainians' living conditions?