

**Question for written answer E-011735/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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**Subject:** Resources needed to improve the identification and registration of persons entering the territory of the European Union

During the first half of 2015, 137 000 refugees and migrants arrived in Europe by the Mediterranean, compared to 75 000 in the first half of 2014. This build-up of migrants makes it difficult to identify all those entering the territory of the Union at our external borders. However, if this influx of migrants is to be managed properly, we need first to identify those persons in need of international protection.

In order to better identify, register and take fingerprints of entrants, the Commission has proposed setting up 'hotspots', or reception centres, in the 'front-line' Member States: Italy, Malta, Greece and Hungary. These offices will be multi-agency, involving Frontex, Europol and the **European Asylum Support Office**.

1. What additional contributions by Member States in terms of human and material resources will be necessary for the establishment of these centres?
2. What measures are envisaged in practice (training of staff, etc.) to ensure that Frontex, Europol and the **European Asylum Support Office work smoothly together**?