

**Question for written answer E-000442/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Access to the labour market for asylum-seekers and refugees

From an economic point of view, migration flows tend to contribute to domestic labour in several ways. However, in the long run, the crucial issue will be how well successful asylum-seekers are integrated into European societies. Active participation in the labour market is one of the main steps in this process.

In Europe, under the average asylum procedure, it takes up to 7.1 months (2014 data) to grant access to the labour market for asylum-seekers and refugees.

Is the Commission taking steps to speed up procedures and to encourage the harmonisation of access to the labour market for asylum-seekers and refugees throughout the EU?