

**Question for written answer E-005650/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Union Agency for Asylum

The EU is getting an independent asylum agency. The European Asylum Support Office (EASO), based in Malta, is to be beefed up to become the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA).

1. Does the Commission know what selection criteria will be used to put together the permanent reserve pool of at least 500 experts?
2. Will improvements to the protection of the EU's external borders be stepped up?
3. What will be the budget of the EU Asylum Agency?