


# EU bids to stem migrant influx

Brussels plans a radical asylum overhaul which will shift sovereign control of asylum applications from individual states to the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)



**Dublin III Regulation:** Migrants can only seek asylum in first EU member state they enter and face deportation if they try to apply in another

Jul 2013

**Jean-Claude Juncker:** Takes over as President of European Commission



Nov 2014

**Quota plan:** Juncker presents controversial proposal for sharing out 40,000 refugees between EU members. €240 million plan will pay states up to €6,000 for each refugee.

May 2015

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**Mandatory quotas:** EU leaders scrap Commission plan to impose compulsory quotas on distributing 60,000 refugees among member states. Plan fiercely opposed by UK, Poland, Hungary, Lithuania and Bulgaria. **Immigration issues are decided by majority vote according to EU treaties**

**Plan opposed by France, Spain, Hungary, Slovakia and Estonia. Britain, Ireland and Denmark opt out**

**Dublin dropped:** German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** suspends Dublin rule for Syrian refugees, triggering surge in asylum seekers

Aug

**Relocation scheme:** Juncker proposes plan to distribute 160,000 migrants from Greece and Italy throughout EU. **Under proposal, Germany will accept 35,000 refugees, France 26,000 and Spain 16,000**

Sep

**Deal with Turkey:** EU offers Turkey €3 billion in aid in return for clamping down on flow of migrants to Europe

Nov

German government reinstates Dublin rule

**Relocation failure:** Just 4,237 places are made available, and only 272 migrants relocated under EU scheme

Jan 2016

**EU-Turkey summit:** Turkish Prime Minister **Ahmet Davutoglu** demands aid increased to €6bn, fast-track visa privileges to Turkish citizens from June 2016, and speed up of Ankara's decade-long accession process to join EU

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