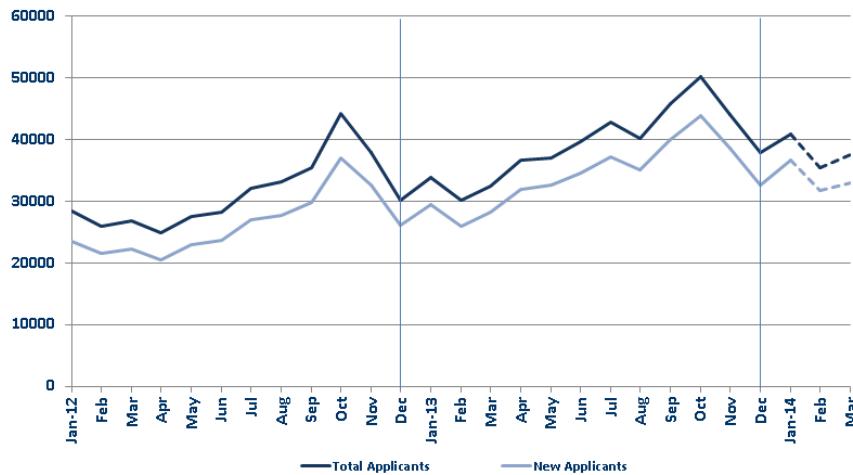


Latest Asylum Trends and Main Countries of Origin

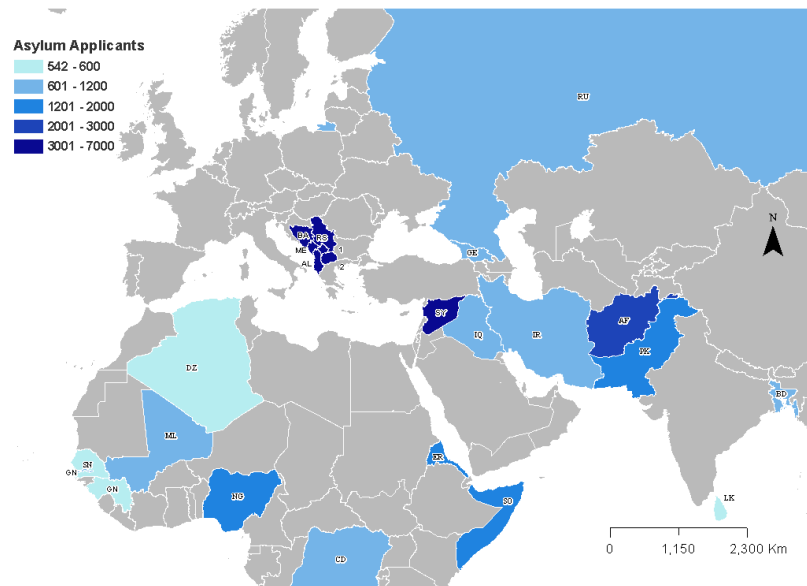
1. Number of applicants¹ for international protection in EU+²

Monthly trend of asylum applicants, 2012 - March 2014



In March 2014, the number¹ of asylum applicants recorded by EU+ countries increased by 6% compared to February; new asylum applicants increased by 4% compared to the previous month. The largest number of applicants continued to be reported by Germany, France, Sweden and Italy, which accounted together for 68% of the March total.

2. Top 25 Countries of Origin in EU+ in March 2014



As the map shows in dark blue, Syrians and nationals from all six WB³ states continued as the largest groups of asylum applicants in the EU+ in March.

¹ No data available for March 2014 for Austria and Poland
² EU28 plus Norway and Switzerland

3. Latest Country of origin trends

Syria

- In March, the number of Syrian applicants increased in almost all EU+ countries compared to the previous month and they were in the Top 3 Countries of origin of 18 Member States and Associated Countries. For the first time since the beginning of EU-level data collection (2008), the number of Syrians recorded in March 2014 surpassed the total of applicants coming from the 6 WB countries.

Western Balkans

- In March, WB applicants increased by 8% compared to February and they continued to represent close to 16% of all asylum applicants reported by EU+ countries.

³ Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2), Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo (1) (This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Kosovo declaration of independence)