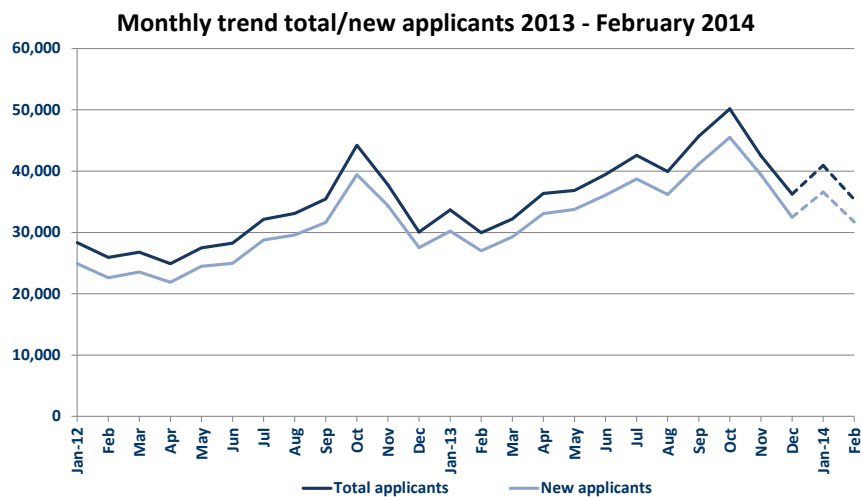


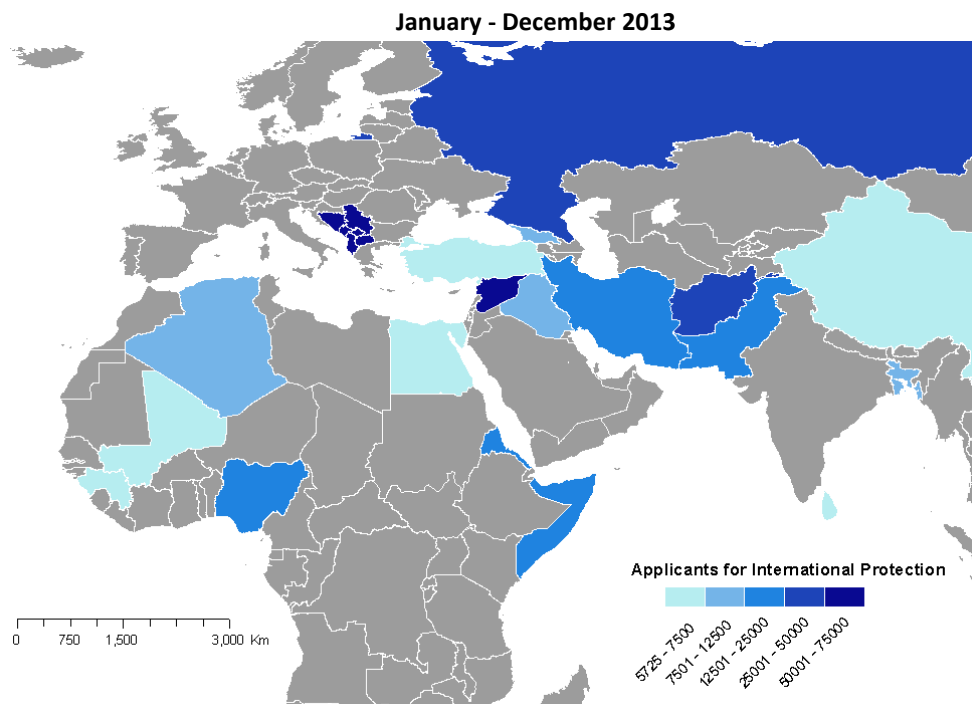
Latest Asylum Trends

1. Number of applicants for international protection in EU+



Following the usual seasonal trend, as in the past two years, the total number of asylum applicants in EU+, decreased in February 2014 compared to January (by 14%); new asylum applicants showed a decrease of 13% compared to the previous month. Germany, Sweden France and Italy reported the largest number of applicants.

2. Top 20 Countries of Origin in EU+



For the year of 2013, nationals coming from WB countries continued to represent, when considered together, the largest proportion of asylum applicants, while the largest number of applicants from a single country of origin came from Syria.

3. Latest Country of origin trends

Syria

- In February, the number of Syrian applicants decreased in almost all EU+ countries compared to the previous month; in February 2014, applications from Syria were in the Top 3 Countries of origin of 18 Member States and Associated Countries;

Gambia

- This new flow of asylum applicants, which began in the last quarter of 2013, decreased in February compared to January 2014.

Western Balkans

- WB applicants still constituted 16% of all asylum applications made in the EU+ despite a drop of 23% from the previous month.