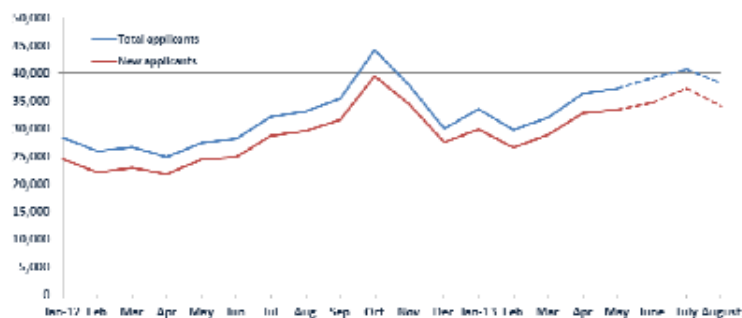


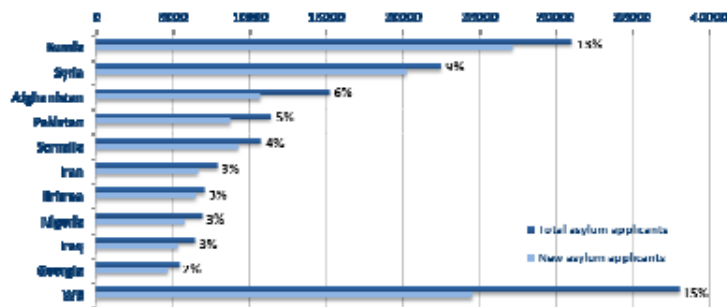
## Asylum Trends Snapshot September 2013

### 1. Numbers of applicants for international protection in the EU+



- Total applications in August overall were some 15% higher than the same month in 2012 and 7% lower compared to July 2013

### 2. Top 10 Countries of Origin (% of total claims) in EU+ countries, January - August 2013



- For total applications, Western Balkans citizens continue to make the largest proportion of claims in the EU+
- The number of new applicants from Russia was higher than from Western Balkans

### 3. Latest Country of origin trends

#### Syria

- According to EASO data, Claims from Syrian applicants rose 15% in August compared to July and reached the highest levels so far experienced by the EU+ (nearly 4,000 per month)
- In August 2013, applications were made in an increasing number of EU+ states, leaving Syria in the Top 3 countries of origin for 15 Member States and Associated countries
- There was a sharp increase in asylum claims by Syrians in Bulgaria in August and early September 2013

#### Russia

- After a very steep rise in applicants holding Russian passports (mainly Chechens and mainly to Germany and Poland) from March to May 2013, an equally steep decline has now taken place.

#### Eritrea

- Applications from Eritreans rose very steeply in the last two months, entering the Top 3 Countries of Origin for 7 Member States and Associated Countries in August 2013

#### Western Balkans

- Western Balkans countries saw a decline in numbers in August, 7 % compared to the previous month but absolute numbers remain higher than in previous years.
- After a change in legislation in Hungary on 1 July 2013, the large numbers of Kosovar applicants for asylum there seen in the first half of 2013 have dropped off considerably in August.