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This is a snapshot of the situation based on available unclassified data as of March 4, 2016.

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Since the Nov. 13 Paris attacks, France has implemented temporary border controls.

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EU recognition rate for first time asylum applicants, Q4 2015 *

*Relocation mechanism applies to nationals who have an average EU-wide asylum recognition rate equal to or higher than 75%. Currently, Syrians, Iraqis, and Eritreans fit these criteria.

Participation in EU emergency relocation mechanism

In September 2015, the European Commission decided by majority vote to relocate 160,000 asylum seekers from Greece and Italy* to other European states over the next two years.

As of March 11, 2016, 19 Member States have made 6,945 of the pledged 160,000 places available, and have relocated 368 of 39,600 asylum seekers from Italy and 569 of 66,400 asylum seekers from Greece.

Rejection rates for first time asylum applicants, Jan.-Dec. 2015

Asylum Recognitions

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75% of total applicants

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