
GERMANY SEEKS REFORM OF EU ASYLUM

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When Germany takes over the rotating EU presidency, it will seek to tackle the long-stalled reform of EU asylum rules. The pressure to act is almost as great as the resistance to reform ideas.

More people have fled their homes and are living as refugees than ever before. By UN estimates, almost 80 million people in total □ which equates to almost 1% of the global population or almost exactly the population of Germany.

The EU has clearly defined rules and guidelines for handling asylum seekers. According to the terms of the Dublin Accord, refugees should seek asylum and be cared for in the first EU member state they enter. For geographical reasons, that most often Italy or Greece.

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