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EU'S NEW ASYLUM REGIME BEGINS AMID DELAYS, LEGAL RISKS AND FEARS OF MASS DETENTION

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New EU asylum rules come into force on Friday (12 June), spanning 10 legislative files that have taken years to develop, as far-right forces gain momentum amid a wider backlash against migration.

The European Commission has framed the package as a major policy achievement, despite uneven implementation across member states and mounting concerns that detention-like facilities could proliferate along the EU's external borders.

EU states have had two years to prepare for the new rules, first adopted in June 2024, when officials insisted they were ready to move ahead with the reforms.

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