

EU has no right to dictate immigration and asylum policies - Margot Parker MEP

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Transcript:

Thank you

I'm totally sympathetic with the themes of this report, for example the sensitive handling of those seeking asylum who have suffered rape and sexual abuse and that we need to ensure suitable conditions with access to facilities and care.

I'm also glad the report notes that the vast majority of asylum seekers are not women and children; they are men of working age.

However thanks to the actions of those such as Germany who said that anyone that comes will be granted asylum and the EU expanding the definition of the Geneva Convention to mean anyone fleeing from war - it has led to over 1 million people from Africa and the Middle East to Europe in 2015.

This is exacerbating humanitarian disasters in the Mediterranean and putting power in to the hands of human traffickers and criminals, with vulnerable people paying to be transported to Europe.

When they make it, there is free movement of people within the EU. This again gives power to traffickers to move people freely around Europe. With no checks between borders, refugees can simply move to another country - This creates a security risk, which we saw exploited in the Paris attacks and makes EU asylum policies completely unenforceable.

And what about the treatment of our own women by refugees and migrants? We see worrying increases of abuse and sexual assault such as those in Cologne - and Sweden is now seen as the rape capital of Europe. This is what happens when you have an open door policy to countries and cultures where women are treated as 2nd class citizens.

The EU is providing the perfect environment for cross border criminals to traffic and exploit people.

The EU has no right to dictate immigration and asylum policies - only the elected and accountable national governments should decide in compliance with the Geneva Convention.

UK Labour MEP Mary Honeyball response:

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"...It is essentially racist to blame the migrants and the refugees."

"So I would hope that the rest of you, who are reasonable people on this committee, would discount the remarks of those last two speakers, because they are wrong and they are racist..."