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Asylum in the EU Member States - Number of first time asylum seekers down to fewer than 290 000 in the first quarter of 2016 - More than 1 out of 3 continued to come from Syria

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During the first quarter of 2016 (from January to March 2016), 287 100 first time asylum seekers applied for international protection in the Member States of the **European Union** (EU), down by 33% compared with the fourth quarter of 2015 (when 426 000 first time applicants were registered) .

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