



## Press Release

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### EASO's Executive Director

***Dr Robert K. Visser, Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office, has informed the EASO Management Board that he intends to end his five year term as Executive Director of EASO. The Management Board thanked Dr Visser for his services and for successfully setting up the agency in Malta, and wished him all the best for the future.***

Dr Visser, a Dutch national, was elected as Executive Director of EASO in November 2010 for a 5 year term. During his term in office, Dr Visser has set up EASO from scratch. The agency now employs around 100 staff members and works on all the different areas of asylum including:

Production of training material, training of asylum and reception officials from across Europe;  
Provision of Country of Origin information;

Delivering of operational support to Member States whose asylum and reception systems are under pressure;

and has set up an Early warning and Preparedness System (EPS) which provides latest asylum trends analysis and risk assessments.

The European Commission is expected to issue a vacancy call for a new Executive Director for EASO in the near future.

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