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**Common Statement Issued**

* Handling the refugee crisis is a challenge about people and the perception of security.
* Populist statements across Europe are used as propaganda by media against refugees and migrants which is a threat for the whole process.
* The EU refugee policies have not been efficient / successful and require a reform.
* Member states should implement jointly the European Security Policies on borders.

**Suggestions:**

In this sense, the migration crisis should be addressed at a European level with support from local action.

Hot spots / Refugee centres with stricter border controls and better wellbeing for the refugees.

The asylum application should be done through the European Union and NOT through member countries individually.

European Citizens are encouraged to interact with refugees in order to help them in their integration and work towards social cohesion.

The European Union should establish legal frameworks with 3rd countries for cooperation in the refugee crisis.