



EUROPEAN UNION

# A European Agenda on Migration

State of Play: March 2017

## A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO MIGRATION

No Member State can effectively address migration alone. It is clear that we need a European approach. This requires using all policies and tools at our disposal – combining internal and external policies to best effect. All actors: Member States, EU institutions, International Organisations, civil society, local authorities and third countries need to work together to make a common European migration policy a reality. The European Agenda on Migration presented by the Commission in May 2015 set out the need for a comprehensive approach to migration management. Since then, a number of measures have been introduced to address the immediate challenge of the refugee crisis and the Commission has put in place all the important building blocks needed for a European approach to ensure strong borders, fair procedures and a sustainable system able to anticipate problems. What is needed now is a swift adoption of the Commission's proposals by the co-legislators and the full implementation by the Member States of the collective decisions taken.



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| 27 May 2015       | Triple the capacities and assets for the Frontex joint operations Triton and Poseidon in 2015 and 2016  |
|                   | Additional €60 million in EU emergency funding for frontline Member States  |
|                   | Additional €30 million for EU Regional Development and Protection Programmes (RDPPs) starting from North Africa and the Horn of Africa in 2015/2016 |
|                   | Relocation Scheme to relocate 40,000 people from Italy and Greece   |
|                   | Resettlement Scheme to resettle over 20,000 people from outside the EU  |
|                   | Guidelines for the Member States on the implementation of EU rules on the obligation to take fingerprints   |
|                   | Hotspot approach in Italy and Greece with deployment of Migration Management Support Teams  |
| 22 June 2015      | EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling  |
|                   | Establishment of pilot multi-purpose centre in Niger in cooperation with IOM and UNHCR  |
|                   | EUNAVFOR Med Operation Sophia is launched to disrupt the business model of smuggling and trafficking networks in the Southern Central Mediterranean |
| 9 September 2015  | Relocation Scheme to relocate 120,000 people from Italy, Greece and other Member States directly affected   |
|                   | A European list of safe countries of origin   |
|                   | An EU Action plan on return   |
|                   | €1.8 billion from EU budget/EDF for Trust Fund for Africa, additional €82 million pledged from national donors                                      |
| 23 September 2015 | €500 million from EU budget for Trust Fund for Syria  |
|                   | Additional €500 million from Member States in humanitarian assistance for UNHCR, World Food Programme and other organisations                       |
| 30 September 2015 | Additional €500 million in EU humanitarian assistance for UNHCR, World Food Programme and other organisations                                       |
|                   | Additional €100 million in EU emergency funding for frontline Member States   |
| 8 October 2015    | €1.3 million to increase staff of EU Agencies Frontex, EASO, Europol  |
|                   | Additional €17 million in EU aid for Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia   |
| 15 October 2015   | Additional €900 million to tackle refugee crisis in EU budget 2016  |
| 15 October 2015   | EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan   |

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| 12 November 2015 | Launch of EU's Emergency Trust Fund for Africa   |
| 13 November 2015 | Agreement on EU budget for 2016 brings total funding to address the refugee crisis in 2015 and 2016 to close to €10 billion  |
| 24 November 2015 | A €3 billion Refugee Facility for Turkey   |
| 10 December 2015 | Additional €13 million in humanitarian aid for refugees in Western Balkans   |
| 15 December 2015 | European Commission proposes the establishment of a European Border and Coast Guard  |
|                  | Recommendation for a Voluntary Humanitarian Admission Scheme with Turkey for refugees from Syria   |
|                  | Proposal to amend the Schengen Borders Code - provide systematic controls of EU national against relevant databases at the external borders both when entering or exiting Schengen area    |
| 16 December 2015 | The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa launched its first package of actions to address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement                                     |
| 2 March 2016     | Commission proposes new Emergency Support Instrument for faster crisis response within the EU  |
| 4 March 2016     | European Commission presents a detailed 'Back to Schengen' Roadmap of the concrete steps needed to return order to the management of the EU's external and internal borders                |
|                  | First projects under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey   |
| 6 March 2016     | Frontex and NATO reached a common understanding on modalities for cooperation in the Aegean Sea  |
| 15 March 2016    | European Commission announces €445 million in humanitarian aid for Syria crisis  |
| 18 March 2016    | EU-Turkey Statement to break the business model of smugglers and to offer migrants an alternative to putting their lives at risk   |
| 21 March 2016    | Commission proposal to make 54,000 places foreseen for relocation available for the purpose of resettling Syrian refugees from Turkey to the EU  |
| 6 April 2016     | European Commission presents a revised proposal for an Entry-Exit System to facilitate and reinforce border check procedures for non-EU nationals  |
| 19 April 2016    | Commission launches first projects under Emergency Support Instrument to improve conditions for refugees in Greece   |
| 26 April 2016    | European Commission proposes new approach to better support displaced people through its external action   |
| 4 May 2016       | European Commission presents first package for reforming the Common European Asylum System (CEAS): Dublin, EURODAC, European Union Agency for Asylum                                       |
|                  | Next steps towards lifting of temporary border controls: Commission recommendation to prolong proportionate controls at certain internal Schengen borders for a maximum period of 6 months |
|                  | Commission proposes to lift visa requirements for the citizens of Turkey as soon as the Turkish authorities will fulfil the outstanding benchmarks of its Visa Liberalisation Roadmap      |
| 7 June 2016      | European Commission presents package on legal migration  |
|                  | European Commission presents Action Plan on integration  |
|                  | European Commission presents Migration Partnership Framework for third countries   |

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| 20 June 2016      | Foreign Affairs Council extends mandate of EUNAVFOR Med Operation Sophia until 27 July 2017 and adds two supporting tasks: training of the Libyan coastguards and navy and contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo on the high seas off the coast of Libya |
| 22 June 2016      | €200 million allocated from the EU Trust Fund for Syria to support one million refugees in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon  |
| 28 June 2016      | European Council endorses Migration Partnership Framework proposed by the Commission   |
| 30 June 2016      | European Commission proposes draft budget for 2017 with €5.2 billion allocated for measures to reinforce external borders and address migration crisis   |
| 13 July 2016      | European Commission presents second package for reforming the Common European Asylum System (CEAS): Asylum Procedures Regulation, Qualification Regulation, Reception Conditions Directive, EU Resettlement Framework  |
| 10 September 2016 | Additional €115 million of emergency assistance for refugees in Greece via Emergency Support Instrument, total announced so far: €198 million  |
| 19 September 2016 | UN adopts Global Compacts on refugees and migration as supported by the European Union   |
| 2 October 2016    | The EU and Afghanistan agree on a «Joint Way Forward on Migration issues» to jointly address the challenges linked to irregular migration  |
| 6 October 2016    | Launch of the European Border and Coast Guard  |
| 13 October 2016   | European Travel Document for Return to facilitate the return of irregularly staying third-country nationals adopted  |
| 18 October 2016   | €500 million from the European Development Fund reserve added to the Trust Fund for Africa, bringing total funds from the Commission to almost €2.4 billion  |
| 25 October 2016   | Back to Schengen: Commission recommends extending temporary internal border controls for a limited period of three months  |
| 6 December 2016   | €139 million mobilised from the EU Trust Fund for Syria for refugees and their host communities in Lebanon and for stabilisation needs in Iraq   |
| 8 December 2016   | Back to Dublin: Commission sets out process for gradual resumption of Dublin transfers to Greece   |
| December 2016     | New Member State contributions for the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa: Total resources now amount to €2.55 billion, with €2.4 billion from the Commission and €152 million from national donors.   |
| January 2017      | Progress in making the European Border and Coast Guard fully operational: Mandatory rapid reaction pools for 1500 border guards and equipment and new pools for return intervention teams have been set up and stand ready to be deployed.                                   |
| 25 January 2017   | European Commission proposes additional actions on how to better manage migration along the Central Mediterranean Route  |
| 25 January 2017   | Back to Schengen: Commission recommends the Council allow Member States to maintain temporary controls for another three months  |
| February 2017     | Facility for Refugees in Turkey: €270 million contracted for the education of 70,000 Syrian refugee children. €2.2 billion out of the €3 billion foreseen for 2016/17 allocated, €1.46 billion contracted and €750 million disbursed so far.                                 |
| 3 February 2017   | EU Heads of State or Government agree to a set of actions to address migration flows along the Central Mediterranean Route   |
| 1 March 2017      | Commission presents new Action Plan on Return and a Recommendation to Member States on the efficient implementation of return procedures   |