

## A NEW PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

**STATE OF PLAY** 

DECEMBER 2023

2018 September 2020	<ul> <li>Revised EU Blue Card to Attract Non-EU Highly-Skilled Workers</li> <li>Regulation establishing a Union Resettlement Framework</li> <li>Revised Reception Conditions Directive, Qualification Regulation</li> <li>Return Directive</li> <li>Asylum and Migration Management Regulation</li> <li>Screening procedure at the external border</li> <li>A new Asylum Procedures Regulation</li> <li>Revised EURODAC database</li> <li>Regulation to address situations of crisis and force majeure</li> <li>Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Recommendation on cooperation on search and rescue</li> <li>Guidance on non-criminalisation of search and rescue</li> </ul>		
November 2020	• Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027		
March 2021	European Contact Group on Search and Rescue		
April 2021	<ul> <li>EU Strategy on combatting trafficking in human beings</li> <li>EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration</li> </ul>		
May 2021	A new Strategy on Schengen		
June 2021	Launch of the Talent Partnership concept		
September 2021	A renewed EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling 2021-2025		
October 2021	Frontex appoints a Deputy Executive Director for Return		
December 2021	Revision of the Schengen Borders Code		
January 2022	The EU Agency for Asylum replaces the EU Asylum Support Office		
March 2022	<ul> <li>Triggering of the Temporary Protection Directive</li> <li>A new EU Return Coordinator appointed</li> <li>Skills and Talent package: Long-Term Residents Directive and Single-Permit Directive</li> </ul>		
June 2022	Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism		
November 2022	• EU Action Plan on the Central Mediterranean Route  Key:		
December 2022	<ul> <li>EU Action Plan on the Western Balkan Route</li> <li>A revision of the Anti-trafficking directive</li> <li>A Ready to be adopted</li> </ul>		
January 2023	<ul> <li>Labour migration platform launched</li> <li>Operational Strategy for more effective returns</li> </ul>		
March 2023	Recommendation for mutual recognition of return decisions		

• EU Action Plan on the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic Routes

## State of Play of the EU legislative proposals

PROPOSAL	PROGRESS	
<b>Asylum and Migration Management</b> To establish a new solidarity mechanism amongst Member States to balance the current system where a few countries are responsible for the vast majority of asylum applications, and clear rules on responsibility for asylum applications.	Political agreement reached in December 2023.  Ready to be adopted.	
<b>Screening</b> To introduce a new health, identity and security check at all EU external borders.	Political agreement reached in December 2023.  Ready to be adopted.	
Asylum Procedures To reduce differences in recognition rates, discourage secondary movements and ensure introduce a new border procedure.	Political agreement reached in December 2023.  Ready to be adopted.	
<b>Eurodac</b> To adapt and reinforce the Eurodac fingerprint database to facilitate returns and help tackle irregular migration.	Political agreement reached in December 2023.  Ready to be adopted.	
Crisis and Force Majeure To set out the exceptional measures that can and should be taken to deal with crisis situations to allow Member States to act quickly and decisively.		
<b>Qualification</b> To harmonise protection standards in the EU and put an end to secondary movements and asylum shopping.	Political agreement reached in December 2022.  Ready to be adopted.	
<b>Reception Conditions</b> To harmonise reception conditions throughout the EU.	Political agreement reached in December 2022.  Ready to be adopted.	
<b>Resettlement Framework</b> To align how EU Member States resettle recognised refugees from outside EU territory, such as those in refugee camps.	Political agreement reached in December 2022.  Ready to be adopted.	
<b>Single Permit</b> To make the process of obtaining a single permit quicker and easier for applicants and employers.	Political agreement reached in December 2023.  Ready to be adopted.	
<b>Long-Term Residents</b> To make it easier to acquire the EU long-term residence status by simplifying the admission conditions.	Trilogues between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission are ongoing.	
<b>EU Asylum Agency</b> To establish a fully-fledged European Union Agency for Asylum.	Adopted.	
Blue Card Directive To assist employers in recruiting from outside the EU by making the process easier and more accessible.	Adopted.	
<b>Return</b> To streamline return procedures and closes gaps by linking the issuance of a negative asylum decision with a return order.	The Council adopted a negotiating mandate in June 2019. Work is ongoing in the European Parliament to adopt its negotiating mandate.	

**Key:** ● Adopted ● Ready to be adopted ● Trilogues ongoing ● Not yet in trilogues