

Pact on Migration and Asylum



Secure external borders

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With the Pact on Migration and Asylum in place, the EU will have more secure external borders, with screening and border procedures and crisis protocols as well as tools to tackle instrumentalisation.

Robust screening

All irregular migrants will be registered and subject to identification, security, and health checks.

The new Screening Regulation closes a gap in the existing framework by ensuring:



Uniform health, identity and security checks of migrants who cross the EU external borders illegally



Screening will have to be completed in a limited timeframe: 7 days for the screening at the external borders and 3 days for the screening of persons apprehended within the territory



Quick channeling to the right procedures (border procedure, asylum or return procedures)



Independent monitoring of **respect for fundamental rights** during screening and border procedure

Eurodac asylum and migration database

The Eurodac Regulation will turn the existing database into a fully-fledged asylum and migration database.

- ✓ The new Eurodac will make it possible to count not only applications but also applicants.
- ✓ The type of data registered will expand (not only fingerprints but also facial image, identity data, copies of identity/travel documents).
- ✓ The storage period for certain type of data will be extended to 5 years while the storage period for data of applicants will remain 10 years.
- ✓ The system will now also include data from children as of 6 years, allowing authorities to identify children in case they get separated from their families and help protect those vulnerable from human trafficking and exploitation.

Border procedure and returns

- ✓ The border procedure will be mandatory for asylum applicants who are unlikely to be in need of international protection, mislead the authorities or present a security risk. For those who are proven not to be in need of protection and who don't have the right to stay, efficient returns will take place and support with reintegration into their home countries will be provided.

The right procedural guarantees will be in place, such as:



Free legal counselling
during the administrative
stage of the procedure



**Free legal assistance
and representation**
during the appeal



**More attention to
vulnerable individuals**
with special needs

Crisis protocols and action against instrumentalisation

The Crisis Regulation provides quick protocols for situations of crisis and instrumentalisation of migrants, to be supplemented with operational assistance and funding in cases of emergency.

