When it comes to managing the refugee crisis, we have started to see solidarity. I am convinced much more solidarity is needed. But I also know that solidarity must be given voluntarily. It must come from the heart. It cannot be forced.”

Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address European Parliament, 14 September 2016
DELIVERING A EUROPEAN RESPONSE TO THE TEST OF OUR GENERATION

OUTSIDE THE EU
- assist refugees where they are worldwide
- resettling refugees to the EU
- addressing the root causes of irregular migration with origin and transit countries

AT THE EU'S BORDERS
- tripled EU presence at sea, to save lives and dismantle trafficking networks
- better manage our external borders
- create 'hotspots' in Greece and Italy
- identify and register every arrival
  1) asylum procedures
  2) return and readmission procedures

INSIDE THE EU
- relocate refugees to other EU Member States
- simplify and harmonise our asylum system

#MigrationEU
The European Border and Coast Guard is a symbol for the European Union. A symbol of a Europe that is able to deliver, united. We are now better equipped than before to face the migration and security challenges.”

Dimitris Avramopoulos, 6 October 2016
DELIVERING ON MIGRATION

STRENGTHENING OUR EXTERNAL BORDERS AND MAKING OUR RETURN POLICY MORE EFFECTIVE

- European Border and Coast Guard proposed, agreed and now in operation
- Reinforcing the Schengen Border Code - Entry-Exit System
- Without Schengen: €5-18 billion additional annual costs to the EU economy
- Common efforts to improve rate of effective return and readmission

Schengen Area
Leaders' Meeting
WESTERN BALKANS ROUTE

- Leaders’ meeting hosted by European Commission to respond to migratory pressure
- EU Civil Protection Mechanism activated by Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia and Greece – receiving material support from other countries such as staff, shelters, transportation and medical equipment
- €21.74 million in EU humanitarian aid delivered to help refugees and migrants in the Western Balkans
SUPPORTING MEMBER STATES FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY TO COPE WITH THE MIGRATION CHALLENGE

€7 billion
(2014-2020)

Emergency assistance
€23.5 million since 2014
€592.6 million for 2014-2020

Relocate refugees to other EU Member States

Emergency assistance
€160 million
€91 million for 2014-2020

Emergency assistance
€509 million for 2014-2020
€353 million since 2015
9 out of 10 refugees and migrants have paid organised criminals and people smugglers.

People smuggling networks made more than €4 billion last year, exploiting the million migrants arriving in Greece and Italy.

We have saved lives: over 400,000 people rescued at sea in 2015-2016.

Actions at sea to tackle the smugglers business model.

Frontex Joint operations + EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia.
CREATING SAFE AND LEGAL ROUTES FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS

The daily crossing down from 10,000 in a single day in October 2015 to 100 daily average since the EU-Turkey Statement was implemented.

For every Syrian readmitted by Turkey from Greek islands, another Syrian is being resettled from Turkey to the EU.

Irregular migrants returned from Greece to Turkey:
- 2014: 6
- 2015: 8
- 2016: >1800

Facility for Refugees in Turkey:
- €2.2 billion already mobilised
- €0.8 billion

€2.2 billion out of €3 billion already mobilised to improve conditions for refugees: health, education, socio-economic support & humanitarian assistance.

Syrian refugees have been resettled:
- >1800

For every Syrian readmitted by Turkey from Greek islands, another Syrian is being resettled from Turkey to the EU.
DELIVERING ON MIGRATION

STRENGTHENING THE COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM SYSTEM

Different treatment encourages secondary movements and asylum shopping

We need a more humane, fair, coherent and efficient European Asylum policy

The European Commission tabled proposals to:

- Simplify, clarify and shorten the asylum procedures
- Create uniform standards for protection of asylum seekers
- Harmonise reception conditions
- Revising the fingerprint database system
- Make the European Asylum Support Office a genuine European Asylum Agency
SETTING UP A NEW ASSISTANCE INSTRUMENT FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT WITHIN THE EU

**WHAT**

Direct humanitarian assistance in EU Member States

**WHY**

- To respond to exceptional crises or disasters within EU Member States, which give rise to severe humanitarian consequences
- To fill a gap in EU instruments for emergency support inside Europe

**HOW**

- Funding of €700 million for 2016 – 2018
- First priority - Greece: €198 million in 2016
We are proposing a new approach for strong partnerships with key countries. Our goal is to support the countries that host so many people and foster growth in our partner countries. We are ready to increase financial and operational support and to invest in long-term economic and social development, security, rule of law and human rights, improving people’s life and tackling the drivers of migration.

Frederica Mogherini, 7 June 2016

To stop the unacceptable loss of life in the Mediterranean Sea and bring order into migratory flows, we need to rethink how the EU and its Member States join efforts to work together with third countries.”

Frans Timmermans, 7 June 2016
EU SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN SYRIA AND IN HOST COMMUNITIES

The EU is a leading donor in the response to the Syria crisis with €6.8 billion

- Food assistance, health care, protection service
- Education emergency

- Access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene items for 2 million people
- Food for 850,000 people
- Shelter for 1 million people
- Protection programmes for 2 million children

- EU’s humanitarian Aid to 665,000 people
- Shelter for 152,000 Syrian refugees

- EU’s humanitarian Aid to 350,000 Syrian refugees
The EU gives more than €1 billion a year to help refugees.

The EU and its Member States are the world’s largest donor: €68 billion official development assistance in 2015.

65 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide.

85% live in the developing world.

21.3 million refugees.

40.8 million internally displaced.

1.8 million seeking asylum.
ENHANCING COOPERATION WITH OUR AFRICAN PARTNERS AND TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF MIGRATION

Migration Partnerships

- Tailored approaches for each country
- Increased return and readmission
- Addressing the root causes of irregular migration
- Encouraging investment in Africa and neighbouring countries
- Saving lives at sea and dismantling human trafficking networks
PROMOTING A NEW EUROPEAN POLICY ON LEGAL MIGRATION

How can migrants enter the EU legally?

- Family reunification
- Work
- Study, Researches or training

The EU Blue Card Directive
Seasonal Workers Directive
Intra-corporate Transferees Directive
Single Permit Directive

Blue Card work permits issued in EU Member States

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NEXT STEPS

Swift operationalisation of the **European Border and Coast Guard**

Implementation of the **EU-Turkey Statement** - swift and full response to calls for resources by the European Border and Coast Guard and European Asylum Support Office to assist Greece, including:
- protection of unaccompanied **minors**
- acceleration of **returns** from Greece to Turkey
- continuing **resettlement** from Turkey to the EU

Swift adoption by the co-legislators of the Commission’s proposals to reform the **Common European Asylum System**, including the reform of the Dublin mechanism

Implementation of the new **Migration partnership framework** with Third countries

Swift adoption by the co-legislators of a **new resettlement framework**