



Partnership Frameworks with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration

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Migration Compacts

- Presented by Commission and endorsed by European Council in June 2016
- Stemming the flow of irregular migrants
- Helping third countries to tackle root causes of irregular migration
- Improve cooperation on return and readmission



Sets out a **new comprehensive approach** to better manage migration jointly with countries of origin and transit



Individual, **taylor-made approaches** for each partner country

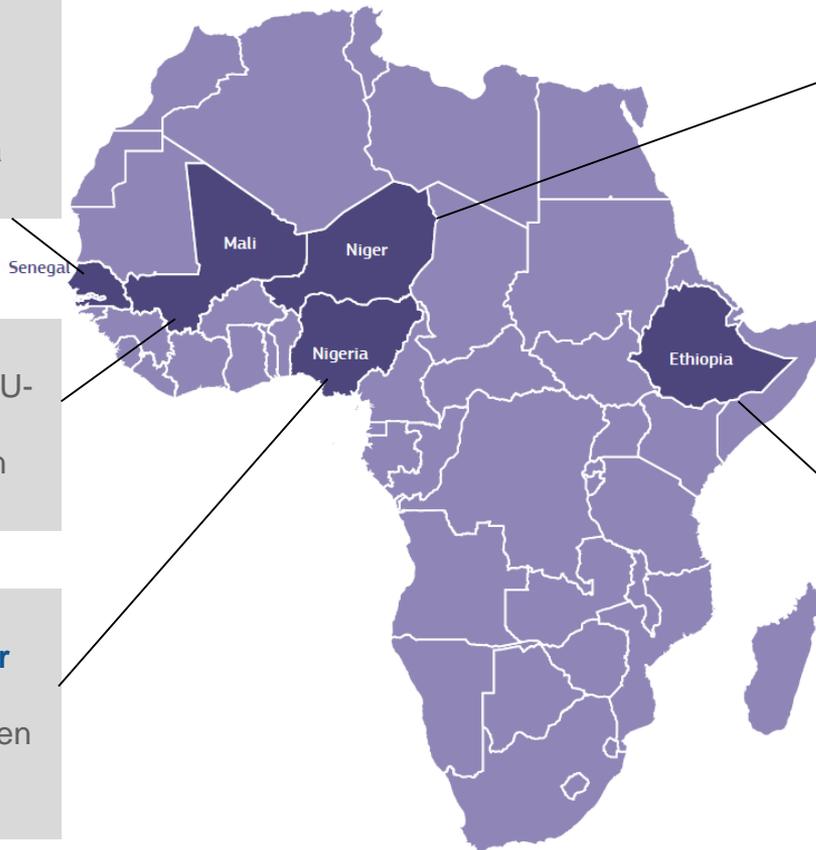


Nearly **€8 billion in total** has been foreseen over the period 2016-2020 to support key third countries, as a joint effort from the EU and its Member States

Initial progress

- In the five priority countries several high-level missions have taken place to re-set migration relations on a new basis
- We can already see the first concrete results

Senegal – key political partner for the EU in the West African region: identification missions agreed to unblock cases where returns were not happening on a bilateral basis.



Mali – a country with a long tradition of emigration: new EU-wide standard operating procedures for return have been agreed.

Nigeria – one of the main countries of origin of irregular migrants: negotiations on a Readmission Agreement will open on 25 October, after a long stalemate.

Niger – key transit country for migrants from Western Africa: fight against smugglers was stepped up, a dedicated agency to combat human trafficking has been established and outgoing flow of migrants has decreased.

Ethiopia - hosts the largest refugee community in Africa: progress achieved in supporting livelihood opportunities for refugees (30,000 jobs for refugees through the creation of 2 industrial parks announced in September 2016).

Next steps



Deployment of European Migration Liaison Officers in EU Delegations to support the delivery of the new approach



Improvement of procedures and operations inside the EU, for instance on returns



Measurable progress on reducing irregular migration and improving returns



Strengthened EU agencies' involvement, in particular of European Border and Coast Guards and EUROPOL on the ground



Specific projects under the EU Trust Fund for Africa to address key development challenges as well as the launch the new External Investment Plan



Work towards concluding migration compacts tailor-made to each partner country