



MIGRATION: 'CONTROLLED CENTRES' IN EU MEMBER STATES

FOLLOW-UP TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS OF 28 JUNE 2018

The European Council in its conclusions of 28-29 June called for the development of 'controlled centres' on EU territory – a new approach based on shared efforts for the processing of persons who, following their rescue at sea, are disembarked within the EU. The Commission is today presenting a concept paper on short-term measures that could be taken to improve the processing of migrants being disembarked in the EU.

The aim of controlled centres in the EU is to improve the process of distinguishing between individuals in need of international protection, and irregular migrants with no right to remain in the EU, while speeding up returns. The centres would be managed by the host Member State with full support from the EU and EU Agencies.

To test the concept, a pilot phase applying a flexible approach could be launched as soon as possible. This should include full EU support going to volunteering Member States, as well as Member States accepting to process a share of those disembarked.

SUPPORT FOR DISEMBARKATION

To assist any Member State granting access to their ports for the purpose of disembarkation, the Commission can put at their disposal a disembarkation team, ready to assist with the disembarkation of boats containing an average of 500 people. The EU budget will cover all infrastructure and operational costs.

The team would consist of:

From the European Border and Coast Guard Agency:



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border guards



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interpreters



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escort officers for returns



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officers facilitating flight arrangements

From Europol:



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persons for secondary security checks

From the European Asylum Support Office:



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experts for asylum screening



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experts for asylum processing



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experts for voluntary relocation



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interpreters/cultural mediators

From Member States:



Medical professionals

SUPPORT FOR SOLIDARITY EFFORTS

EU support will also be mobilised for any Member States accepting to process a share of those disembarked.

The EU budget will support Member States taking part in solidarity efforts with €6,000 per person relocated and will cover the transfer costs of €500 per person given to the country of disembarkation.

The Commission will also provide a central contact point to coordinate among Member States taking part in solidarity efforts – as an interim measure until a fully-fledged system can be established in the context of the ongoing Common European Asylum system reforms.

