



EUROPEAN UNION

# A European Agenda on Migration

State of Play: December 2016

## A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO MIGRATION

**N**o Member State can effectively address migration alone. It is clear that we need a European approach. This requires using all policies and tools at our disposal – combining internal and external policies to best effect. All actors: Member States, EU institutions, International Organisations, civil society, local authorities and third countries need to work together to make a common European migration policy a reality. The European Agenda on Migration presented by the Commission in May 2015 set out the need for a comprehensive approach to migration management. Since then, a number of measures have been introduced to address the immediate challenge of the refugee crisis and the Commission has put in place all the important building blocks needed for a European approach to ensure strong borders, fair procedures and a sustainable system able to anticipate problems. What is needed now is a swift adoption of the Commission's proposals by the co-legislators and the full implementation by the Member States of the collective decisions taken.



18 May 2015	Military CSDP operation to disrupt the business model of human smuggling and trafficking networks in the Southern Central Mediterranean
27 May 2015	Triple the capacities and assets for the Frontex joint operations Triton and Poseidon in 2015 and 2016
	Additional €60 million in EU emergency funding for frontline Member States
	Additional €30 million for EU Regional Development and Protection Programmes (RDPPs) starting from North Africa and the Horn of Africa in 2015/2016
	Relocation Scheme to relocate 40,000 people from Italy and Greece
	Resettlement Scheme to resettle over 20,000 people from outside the EU
	Guidelines for the Member States on the implementation of EU rules on the obligation to take fingerprints
9 September 2015	Hotspot approach in Italy and Greece with deployment of Migration Management Support Teams
	EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling
	Establishment of pilot multi-purpose centre in Niger in cooperation with IOM and UNHCR
	Relocation Scheme to relocate 120,000 people from Italy, Greece and other Member States directly affected
	A permanent crisis relocation mechanism under the Dublin system
	A European list of safe countries of origin
23 September 2015	An EU Action plan on return
	€1.8 billion from EU budget for Trust Fund for Africa, additional €82 million pledged from national donors
	€500 million from EU budget for Trust Fund for Syria
30 September 2015	Additional €500 million from Member States in humanitarian assistance for UNHCR, World Food Programme and other organisations
	Additional €500 million in EU humanitarian assistance for UNHCR, World Food Programme and other organisations
8 October 2015	Additional €100 million in EU emergency funding for frontline Member States
	€1.3 million to increase staff of EU Agencies Frontex, EASO, Europol
15 October 2015	Additional €17 million in EU aid for Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
15 October 2015	Additional €900 million to tackle refugee crisis in EU budget 2016

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15 October 2015	EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan
12 November 2015	Launch of EU's Emergency Trust Fund for Africa
13 November 2015	Agreement on EU budget for 2016 brings total funding to address the refugee crisis in 2015 and 2016 to close to €10 billion
24 November 2015	A €3 billion Refugee Facility for Turkey
10 December 2015	Additional €13 million in humanitarian aid for refugees in Western Balkans
15 December 2015	European Commission proposes the establishment of a European Border and Coast Guard
	Recommendation for a Voluntary Humanitarian Admission Scheme with Turkey for refugees from Syria
	Proposal to amend the Schengen Borders Code - provide systematic controls of EU national against relevant databases at the external borders both when entering or exiting Schengen area
16 December 2015	The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa launched its first package of actions to address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement
2 March 2016	Commission proposes new Emergency Support Instrument for faster crisis response within the EU
4 March 2016	European Commission presents a detailed 'Back to Schengen' Roadmap of the concrete steps needed to return order to the management of the EU's external and internal borders
	First projects under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey
6 March 2016	Frontex and NATO reached a common understanding on modalities for cooperation in the Aegean Sea
15 March 2016	European Commission announces €445 million in humanitarian aid for Syria crisis
18 March 2016	EU-Turkey Statement to break the business model of smugglers and to offer migrants an alternative to putting their lives at risk
21 March 2016	Commission proposal to make 54,000 places foreseen for relocation available for the purpose of resettling Syrian refugees from Turkey to the EU
6 April 2016	European Commission presents a revised proposal for an Entry-Exit System to facilitate and reinforce border check procedures for non-EU nationals
19 April 2016	Commission launches first projects under Emergency Support Instrument to improve conditions for refugees in Greece
26 April 2016	European Commission proposes new approach to better support displaced people through its external action

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4 May 2016	European Commission presents first package for reforming the Common European Asylum System (CEAS): Dublin, EURODAC, European Union Agency for Asylum
	Next steps towards lifting of temporary border controls: Commission recommendation to prolong proportionate controls at certain internal Schengen borders for a maximum period of 6 months
	Commission proposes to lift visa requirements for the citizens of Turkey as soon as the Turkish authorities will fulfil the outstanding benchmarks of its Visa Liberalisation Roadmap
7 June 2016	European Commission presents package on legal migration
	European Commission presents Action Plan on integration
	European Commission launches Migration Partnership Framework for third countries
20 June 2016	Foreign Affairs Council extends mandate of EUNAVFOR Med Operation Sophia until 27 July 2017 and adds two supporting tasks: training of the Libyan coastguards and navy and contributing to the implementation of the UN arms embargo on the high seas off the coast of Libya
22 June 2016	€200 million allocated from the EU Trust Fund for Syria to support one million refugees in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon
28 June 2016	European Council endorses Migration Partnership Framework proposed by the Commission
30 June 2016	European Commission proposes draft budget for 2017 with €5.2 billion allocated for measures to reinforce external borders and address migration crisis
13 July 2016	European Commission presents second package for reforming the Common European Asylum System (CEAS): Asylum Procedures Regulation, Qualification Regulation, Reception Conditions Directive, EU Resettlement Framework
10 September 2016	Additional €115 million of emergency assistance for refugees in Greece via Emergency Support Instrument, total announced so far: €198 million
19 September 2016	UN adopts Global Compacts on refugees and migration as supported by the European Union
6 October 2016	Launch of the European Border and Coast Guard
October 2016	€500 million from the European Development Fund reserve added to the Trust Fund for Africa, bringing total funds from the Commission to almost €2.4 billion
25 October 2016	Back to Schengen: Commission recommends extending temporary internal border controls for a limited period of three months
6 December 2016	€139 million mobilised from the EU Trust Fund for Syria for refugees and their host communities in Lebanon and for stabilisation needs in Iraq
8 December 2016	Back to Dublin: Commission sets out process for gradual resumption of Dublin transfers to Greece
December 2016	Facility for Refugees in Turkey: €2.2 billion out of the €3 billion foreseen for 2016/17 allocated, €1.3 billion contracted and €677 million disbursed so far.