



Managing the refugee crisis

State of Play of the Implementation of the Priority Actions under the European Agenda on Migration



PRIORITY ACTIONS

Operational measures



Budgetary support

Implementation of EU law



External dimension

WAY FORWARD

December 2015

Proposal to establish a European Border and Coast Guard and extension of the Frontex mandate



March 2016

Legal migration package including revision of Blue Card
Further reform of the Dublin Regulation
Proposal for a structured system on resettlement
Updated strategy on human trafficking

OPERATIONAL MEASURES



Progress made

Presence at sea tripled; many more lives saved

Decision to relocate 160,000 people in need of international protection among Member States; relocations have started

Hotspots: Migration Management Support Teams are becoming operational in Italy and Greece

Resettlements from third countries: commitment to welcome over 20,000 refugees in the next two years

EU Action Plan on Return endorsed in October; first returns from the 'hotspots' have taken place

Next steps

Member States to meet calls for experts and equipment to support the Migration Management Support Teams

Member States to notify how many relocation and resettlement places they will provide

Member States to identify national contact points and send liaison officers to Italy and Greece to make resettlement and relocation work.

Returns to Pakistan from Greece to start

Member States to provide adequate resources for Operations Triton and Poseidon

BUDGETARY SUPPORT



Progress made

1.7 billion for 2015 and 2016 (emergency assistance, additional funding for FRONTEX, EASO, EUROPOL, humanitarian aid etc.):

- Agreement on additional €800 million from the EU budget in 2015
- Further €900 million for 2016 now before the budgetary authority

This brings the total available funding to address the refugee crisis to €9.2 billion in 2015 and 2016

Next steps

Member States to match EU funding for the UNHCR, World Food Programme and other organisations (€500 million), the EU Regional Trust Fund for Syria (€500 million) and the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (€1.8 billion).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW



Progress made

40 new infringement decisions against 19 Member States, on top of 34 cases already open

Next steps

Member States to fully implement the Common European Asylum System

Commission continues to pursue swiftly and effectively infringement procedures

Commission is working towards reinstating Dublin transfers to Greece

Schengen: Commission Opinion on the prolongation of temporary border controls by Germany, Austria and Slovenia

EXTERNAL DIMENSION



We are tackling the root-causes of the refugee crisis through a diplomatic offensive and extra funding

Progress made

Turkey is a pivotal partner: a draft Action Plan on refugee support and migration management is being discussed

Trust Funds for Syria and Africa established

Cooperation between the EU and countries of origin and transit is being reinforced.

An EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling is being implemented.

Next steps

Finalising the Action Plan with Turkey

Member States to provide additional funding

Continued diplomatic offensive, incl. Valletta Summit on Migration with African partners in November