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

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

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**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.

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**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.