



A European Agenda on Migration

State of Play: January 2016

MIGRATION: A PRIORITY OF THE JUNCKER COMMISSION

Upon taking office, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker entrusted a Commissioner with special responsibility for Migration to work on a new policy on migration as one of the 10 priorities of the Political Guidelines, the political programme based on which the European Parliament elected the Commission. Ever since, the European Commission has been consistently and continuously working for a coordinated European response on the refugees and migration front.



15 July 2014	A New Policy on Migration is named as one of the 10 Priorities of the Juncker Commission
1 November 2014	Juncker Commission takes office
4 March 2015	College holds Orientation Debate on a European Agenda on Migration
20 April 2015	Commission presents a 10 point plan of the immediate actions to be taken in response to the crisis situation in the Mediterranean
13 May 2015	Commission adopts European Agenda on Migration
27 May 2015	Commission adopts 1 st Implementation Package of European Agenda on Migration
9 September 2015	President Juncker gives State of the Union speech focused on refugee crisis
9 September 2015	Commission adopts 2 nd Implementation Package of European Agenda on Migration
23 September 2015	Commission presents list of priority actions to be taken within 6 months; adopts 40 infringement decisions to make European Asylum System work
30 September 2015	Commission adopts budgetary measures under the European Agenda on Migration
5/6 October 2015	Commission presents Draft Action Plan on Stepping up EU-Turkey cooperation on support of refugees and migration management
8 October 2015	High-level Conference on the Eastern Mediterranean - Western Balkans Route
14 October 2015	Commission adopts implementation report on refugee crisis priority actions
25 October 2015	Commission convenes Western Balkans Leaders' Summit
11/12 November 2015	Valletta Summit on Migration
24 November 2015	Commission presents Refugee Facility for Turkey
29 November 2015	Meeting of Heads of State and Government with Turkey
10 December 2015	Commission escalates 8 infringement proceedings to make European Asylum System work
15 December 2015	Commission adopts 3 rd Implementation Package of European Agenda on Migration

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO MIGRATION

No Member State can effectively address migration alone. It is clear that we need a new, more 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. The current refugee crisis, however, requires further, immediate action. A sustainable resolution of the crisis needs a step change in the Union's migration policies – to ensure strong borders, fair procedures, and a system able to anticipate problems.

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
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 - under negotiation, EP rapporteurs appointed
	A European list of safe countries of origin – under negotiation, EP rapporteurs appointed
	An EU Action plan on return
23 September 2015	€1.8 billion from EU budget for Trust Fund for Africa
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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
	Additional €100 million in EU emergency funding for frontline Member States
8 October 2015	€1.3 million to increase staff of EU Agencies Frontex, EASO, Europol
	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
15 October 2015	EU-Turkey joint action plan
11 November 2015	Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility with Ethiopia

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Actions Completed

Proposals adopted by the co-legislators and being implemented

Proposals adopted by the Commission but not yet adopted by the co-legislators

Work Ongoing

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	A European Border and Coast Guard – under negotiation, EP rapporteurs not yet appointed
	Recommendation for a Voluntary Humanitarian Admission Scheme with Turkey for refugees from Syria - examination to start in the Council
	European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals – under negotiation, EP rapporteurs not yet appointed
	Progress Reports on measures to tackle the refugee and migration crisis in Italy, Greece and along the Western Balkans Route
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

THE WAY FORWARD

The short term measures necessary to address the immediate crisis are not a long term solution. The Lisbon Treaty foresaw the framing of a common asylum system for precisely this reason. We now not only need to fully implement and enforce what has already been agreed but to accelerate work on the remaining components to create a truly European system.

Spring 2016	Legal migration package including revision of Blue Card
	Further reform of the Dublin Regulation
	Proposal for a structured system on resettlement
Autumn 2016	Updated strategy on human trafficking

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