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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration (HLWG)  
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### 1. Work Programme of the Presidency

The **Chair** presented the work programme of the Presidency for the first semester of 2017, the main features of which were already indicated at the HLWG meeting on 12 December 2016 (15407/16, point 6).

### 2. Partnership Framework

**EEAS** and **Commission** provided information on the outcome of the meeting of the European Council on 15-16 December 2016 with respect to the external aspects of migration, as well as on the second progress report on the implementation of the Partnership Framework and on the deployment of European Migration Liaison Officers'.

The **Group** had a discussion on this subject.

The **Chair** concluded that this item will also be included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Group.

### 3. Follow-up to the Valletta Summit

The **Chair** provided information on the state of play of the preparation of the Joint Valletta Action Plan Senior Officials Meeting to be held in Malta on 8-9 February 2017, as well as on the Friends of Presidency meeting which took place on 23 January 2017.

### 4. Khartoum Process

The **UK, Commission** and the **EEAS** provided information on the outcome of the Steering Committee meeting and of the Senior Official Meeting of the Khartoum Process, held in Addis Ababa on 15-16 December 2016. In this framework, the **UK** also made a comprehensive presentation of action taken and results achieved during its Chairmanship of the Khartoum Process (November 2015-December 2016).

### 5. Implementation of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility

The **Commission** provided information on the state of play of dialogues and processes under the GAMM (the GAMM update is annexed to this Note).

Specific information was provided by the **Commission/EEAS** on the following subjects:

- Reinforcement of the cooperation with Bangladesh on migration management, followed by an exchange of views;
- South Africa - EU Migration Dialogue, with specific focus on the outcome of the meeting held in Pretoria on 23 December 2016.

### 6. Budapest Process

**HU, the Commission** and the **EEAS** provided information on the outcome of the Senior Official Meeting of the Budapest Process, held in Antalya (Turkey) on 15 December 2016.

## **7. Follow-up to the UN Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants (New York, 19 September 2016)**

The examination of this item, with the participation of delegates of the CONUN Working Party, was opened by the information provided by the co-facilitators (Switzerland and Mexico) on the process leading to the adoption of the modalities resolution, which was followed by a questions and answers session.

The **EEAS** presented the state-of-play of the situation, with regard in particular to the elaboration of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, followed by an exchange of views.

In the framework of this item, the **Commission** provided information on the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, held in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on 10-12 December 2016.

## **8. AOB**

- **DE** and **NL** presented their views for the possible launch of an informal dialogue on migration with Iraq.
- The **Chair** provided information on the launch of a Migration Media Award.
- **LT** provided information on the expert meeting of the Eastern Partnership on Migration Strategies, held in Minsk (Belarus) on 7-8 December 2016.



**GAMM UPDATE**  
**19 January 2017**

**This document provides an updated overview of the main external migration dialogues and processes implemented in the framework of the EU Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM). The document is compiled for the information of the EU High Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration by the responsible European Commission services, in association with the EEAS.**

**Part 1- The regional processes**

**(A) THE PRAGUE PROCESS**

*The Prague Process is a framework for dialogue and cooperation between the EU and its Member States, the non-EU Schengen States and 19 partner countries to the East (Russia, Eastern Partnership countries, Central Asian countries, Western Balkan countries, Turkey).*

*The work is based on the Joint Ministerial Declaration (Prague 2009) and the Action Plan 2012-2016, adopted at the second Ministerial Conference of the Prague Process (Poznan, 2011).*

**Recent and upcoming events**

4 November 2011	Ministerial Conference, Poznan	Adoption Action Plan 2012-2016
5 November 2015	5 <sup>th</sup> Core Group Meeting, Bratislava	Preparations of the agenda and topics of the concluding SOM of the Prague Process Targeted Initiative project; presentation and endorsement of PP TI results; 2nd Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Ministerial Conference in 2016
7-8 December 2015	Senior Officials Meeting, Prague	2nd Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Ministerial Conference in 2016: agenda, expected outcomes and Work Plan 2016
5 April 2016	6 <sup>th</sup> Core Group Meeting, Warsaw	Fine-tuning of the agenda and topics of the concluding SOM of the Objective 3 of the Prague Process Targeted Initiative project; presentation and endorsement of PP TI results; 3rd Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Ministerial Conference in 2016
15-16 June 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Krakow	Concluding Objective 3 of the Prague Process Targeted Initiative project; presentation and endorsement of PP TI results; 3rd Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Ministerial Conference in 2016: final draft of the Ministerial document endorsed
5 September 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> Core Group, tbd.	Finalisation of agenda and topics of concluding SOM of the PP TI project; presentation and endorsement of the PP TI results; 4 <sup>th</sup> preparatory meeting for 2016 Ministerial.

19 September 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Bratislava	Last comments to the Ministerial document and its finalisation for endorsement
19-20 September 2016	Ministerial Conference, Bratislava	Adoption of results of PP TI, endorsement of the Ministerial document and agreement on the future of the Prague Process in the coming five years (2017 – 2021)
21 October 2016	7th Prague Process Core Group meeting, Budapest	Targeted Initiative and its' follow up – short-term solution: non-cost extension of the PP TI, long-term options for the future of the Prague Process
24-25 November, 2016	Senior Official Meeting, Vilnius	Discussion on the Action Plan 2017-2021). Note that a no-cost extension of the EU-funded "Prague Process Targeted Initiative" project is being finalised, to cover the first six months of 2017. Activities during that period include the organisation of a study visit to Vienna and a training workshop to be held in Prague.

**(B) THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM**

*The Eastern Partnership is the framework for cooperation between the EU and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Joint Declarations were adopted at Eastern Partnership Summits of Prague (2009), Warsaw (2011) and Vilnius (2013) and Riga (2015).*

*The dialogue on migration takes place in the context of the panel on Migration and Asylum, established in December 2011 which succeeds the work undertaken through the Söderköping process.*

**Recent and upcoming events**

29 January 2015	Eastern Partnership JHA Ministerial Meeting, Riga	
21-22 October 2015	Expert workshop, Kiev	Theme: Unaccompanied minor asylum seekers
26-27 November 2015	9 <sup>th</sup> Panel on Migration and Asylum, Tbilisi	Theme: Family reunification
14-15 April 2016	10 <sup>th</sup> Panel on Migration and Asylum, Chisinau	Theme: Illegal migration
2-3 June 2016	Expert meeting, Stockholm	Theme: Resettlement and relocation
27-28 October 2016	Expert meeting, Riga	Theme: Information technology and migration management
7-8 December 2016	11 <sup>th</sup> Panel on Migration and Asylum, Minsk	Theme: migration strategies
March 2017	Expert Meeting, Budapest	Theme: Border and Migration management in emergency situations
May 2017	12 Panel on Migration and Asylum, Yerevan	Theme: Readmission and reintegration
October 2017	Experts Meeting, Kiev	Theme: Preventing facilitation of irregular migration
November/December 2017	13 <sup>th</sup> Panel Meeting on Migration and Asylum, Warsaw (tbc)	Theme: Economic integration of migrants

## (C) THE BUDAPEST PROCESS

*The Budapest Process was initiated in 1991 as a consultative forum, currently containing of more than 50 governments and 10 international organisations, aiming at developing comprehensive and sustainable systems for orderly migration. Within the Budapest Process, a Silk Routes Partnership for Migration was established at the Ministerial Conference held in Istanbul on 19 April 2013. The Istanbul Declaration sets out the main objectives and activities of the countries along this migratory route. This Dialogue will be instrumental to reinforce cooperation at regional level with priority countries with which the EU aims to conclude High-Level Dialogues on Migration, in particular with Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh.*

**Recent and upcoming events**

19 April 2013	Ministerial Conference, Istanbul	Adoption of the Istanbul Declaration on "A Silk Routes Partnership for Migration"
15-16 December 2014	Senior Officials Meeting, Istanbul	
17-18 March 2015	Fourth meeting of the Black sea Region working group, Sofia	
14-15 December 2015	Senior Officials Meeting, Budapest	
16-17 March 2016	Pilot Project 2: Silk Routes – RELEC – objective setting workshop, Ankara	Objective setting workshop
12 April 2016	Inauguration of Migration Information Centre in Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan	
15-17 May 2016	5 <sup>th</sup> regional training – international protection, Tehran, Iran	
18-19 May 2016	8th Silk Route Working Group meeting, Tehran, Iran	Contributed to the implementation of the Istanbul declaration and provided the first opportunity for countries of origin, transit and destination along the Silk Routes to discuss international protection in the light of the current migration and refugee situation.
2-3 June	Pilot project 2 - RELEC – information exchange workshop, Islamabad	
26-28 July 2016	Pilot project 2 - RELEC – information exchange workshop, Warsaw	
27-29 September 2016	Training on data assessment, Turkey	
18-19 October 2016	9th Silk Route Working Group meeting, Belgrade	Discussion on integration and re-integration in the context of the migration
23-25 November 2016	Regional training on selected fields of police cooperation, Turkey	
8-9 December 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Baku	
14-15 December 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Antalya (Turkey) + Donor coordination meeting + Project Steering Committee meeting for the Silk Routes Partnership Project	Discussed the progress achieved in the past year, and decided on the draft work plan for 2017. It also deliberated on the future of the Budapest Process – its dialogue policy component and operational and financial framework for 2017 – 2021.

23-25 January 2017	Regional training on selected fields of police cooperation, Turkey	
January 2017	Screening of first episode of TV drama, Pakistan	
February 2017	Consultations in view of a Ministerial Conference to be held in 2018, as proposed by the Chair, Turkey, to: take stock of the achievements in the framework of the Istanbul Declaration; celebrate the 25 years of the Budapest Process; and give steer to the further orientation of the Budapest Process.	
25-27 February 2017	Regional training on selected fields of police cooperation, Turkey	
28 Feb-2 March 2017	5 <sup>th</sup> Black Sea Region Working Group, TBD	
29-31 March 2017	Final workshop of pilot project on initiating regional police cooperation, Turkey	

#### **(D) THE Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue**

*The Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue is the framework for dialogue and cooperation on migration issues between the EU and all African States. It was launched at the second Africa-EU Summit in December 2007 in Lisbon. The third Action Plan (2014-2017) was adopted at the Africa-EU Summit on 2-3 April 2014 together with the Africa-EU Declaration on Migration and Mobility. This dialogue will contribute to the implementation of the Valetta Action Plan.*

#### **Recent and upcoming events**

2-3 April 2014	EU-Africa Summit, Brussels	Adoption of the next Action Plan 2014-2017 and a Political Declaration on Migration and Mobility
21 April 2015	College-to-College (C2C) meeting, Brussels	Migration was the first point on the agenda, a substantial paragraph on migration is included in the joint Declaration
7 April 2016	College-to-College (C2C) meeting, Addis Ababa	Launching of the project "Support to Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue"
April (tbc) 2017	Core Group/Dialogue meeting	Way forward and preparation for the EU-Africa Summit on November in Abidjan

## **(E) THE RABAT PROCESS**

*The Rabat process was launched at the first Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development that took place in July 2006 in Rabat. The process aims to enhance dialogue and cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination along the West African migration route. The fourth ministerial conference was held in Rome on in November 2014 where Ministerial Declaration and Action Plan for 2015-17 were adopted. This dialogue will contribute to the implementation of the Valetta Action Plan.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

27 November 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, Rome	Adoption of Rome Declaration
15-16 June 2015	Thematic seminar on International protection, Rabat  Steering Committee, Rabat	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners  2 flagship projects were recommended, thematic meetings and proposals for trainings discussed
1-4 December 2015	Thematic meeting on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants, Porto (co-chair Portugal and Niger) Senior Officials Meeting, Steering Committee, Porto	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners  Follow up to the Valetta Summit, adoption of the Porto Monitoring Plan, confirm thematic meetings and trainings, inform and consult countries outside the Steering Committee about developments.
31 May-1 June 2016	Thematic meeting on return, readmission and reintegration, Brussels	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners  Follow up to the Valetta Action Plan.
21-22 June 2016	Valetta Action Plan stock taking event	Taking stock of the actions, recommendations to the members of the respective processes in preparation of the 2017 SOM
4-6 October 2016	Steering Committee and thematic meeting on diaspora engagement, Mali	
29-30 November 2016	Thematic meeting on visa facilitation, Cape Verde	Joint thematic meeting of Rabat and Khartoum Process member countries
7 December 2016	Comité de Pilotage, Brussels	
9 January 2017	Réunion Comité de rédaction	Préparation du rapport en vue du SOM de la Valette
13 January 2017	Réunion Comité de rédaction	Préparation du rapport en vue du SOM de la Valette
17 January 2017	Comité de Pilotage, Bruxelles	
8-9 February 2017	Malta, Senior Officials Meeting - Rabat and Khartoum processes on Valetta follow-up	
2018	Ministerial Conference (tbc)	

## (F) THE KHARTOUM PROCESS

*The Khartoum Process (the EU Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative) is a framework for dialogue and cooperation with countries of origin, transit and destination along the migratory route from the Horn of Africa to Europe. It primarily focuses on smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings and, once consolidated, is expected to be further expanded to the other GAMM priority areas. The Khartoum Process will contribute to the implementation of the Valetta Action Plan adopted at the EU-Africa Summit on Migration on 11-12 November 2015.*

**Recent and upcoming events**

28 November 2014	Ministerial Conference, Rome	Launch of the Khartoum Process and adoption of the Rome Declaration
23-24 April 2015	First meeting of the Steering Committee, Sharm el Sheik, Egypt	The Action Plan was adopted. Participating MS presented over 40 projects for implementation
23 November 2015	Steering Committee Meeting, London	2 <sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting
24 November 2015	Senior Officials Meeting, London	1 <sup>st</sup> Senior Official Meeting. Approval of rules for steering committee and of the terms of reference of the secretariat. Discussions took place on ongoing and future projects, and well as on implementation of Valetta Declaration and Action Plan.
25 February 2016	Informal working group meeting, Paris	Report on progress and follow up on Valetta Summit; discussions on projects including the regional training centre, calendar for the upcoming months.
24-25 May 2016	Thematic meeting on people smuggling, Khartoum	First thematic meeting within the Khartoum Process
21-22 June 2016	Valetta Action Plan stock taking event	Taking stock of the actions, recommendations to the members of the respective processes in preparation of the 2017 SOM
8 July 2016	Second Meeting of the Informal Working Group of the Khartoum Process, Rome	Progress in implementation of the projects and monitoring of Valetta.
19-20 October 2016	Thematic Meeting on Legal Migration and Mobility, Addis Ababa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thematic meeting of Khartoum Process
30 November – 01 December 2016	Thematic meeting on visa facilitation, Cape Verde	Joint thematic meeting of Rabat and Khartoum Process member countries
15 December 2016	Steering Committee Meeting, Addis Ababa	3 <sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting
16 December 2016	Senior Official Meeting, Addis Ababa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Official Meeting
19th January 2017	Steering Committee, Brussels	To consider KP reporting to the Malta SOM
8-9 February 2017	Malta, Senior Officials Meeting - Rabat and Khartoum processes on Valetta follow-up	Ethiopia appointed as new Chair with UK now rapporteur; Italy to take Chair post Ethiopia; Netherlands appointed to SC;
March 2017	Senior Official Meeting, Addis Ababa	3 <sup>rd</sup> , Senior Official Meeting to finalise annual action plan and reflect on Valetta SOM outcomes

## **(G) THE ACP-EU MIGRATION DIALOGUE**

*The ACP-EU Migration Dialogue was launched in June 2010 through a Joint Declaration of the ACP-EU Joint Council. The dialogue is based on Article 13 of the Cotonou Agreement. In May 2011 it was decided to further deepen the dialogue, focusing in particular on the subjects of remittances, visa and readmission, with the specific aim to strengthen the operational aspects of ACP-EU cooperation on these topics.*

*A series of expert meetings took place to this effect, both at expert and Senior Official / Ambassador level. A joint report including recommendations on remittances, visas and readmission was adopted in June 2012 at the ACP-EU Joint Council of Vanuatu. Joint Visa subgroup meeting, technical workshop on return and readmission and experts' seminar on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants took place in 2014. This Process will contribute to the implementation of the Valetta Action Plan adopted at the EU-Africa Summit on Migration on 11-12 November 2015, in particular in the areas of return and readmission, visas, remittances, and smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

9 April 2015	Second Visa working group meeting, Brussels (meets on biannual basis)	Discuss visa-related practices and legislation, including the implementation of the Visa Code
28-29 May 2015	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Brussels	The JMC adopted the recommendations on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants
28-29 September 2015	Second expert seminar on return and readmission in West African States, Brussels	Continuation of the established dialogue in line with conclusions of the previous workshop and the Vanuatu recommendations
28-29 April 2016	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Dakar	
13 July 2016	Seminar on Remittances, Brussels	Exchange of information, practices and policies in line with the recommendations on remittances endorsed by the ACP-EU Joint Council in June 2012
22-23 November 2016 , Brussels	Seminar on Trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants	Follow-up to the 2014 Seminar and the recommendations adopted by the Joint EU-ACP Council in 2015
1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2017 (TBC)	Seminar on visa facilitation possibly back to back with a Seminar on readmission (tbc), in Brussels	T Continuation of the established dialogue
May 2017 Brussels	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Brussels	
19-21 June 2017	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Malta	

## **(H) THE VALLETTA SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP**

The Valletta Summit enabled African and EU leaders to establish a frank dialogue and the framework for cooperation on migration including the principles, the language and a comprehensive action plan.

At the Summit it was decided that the existing mechanisms of the Rabat Process, the Khartoum Process and of the Joint EU-Africa Strategy would be used to monitor implementation of the action plan.

### **Recent and upcoming events**

11-12 November 2015	The Valletta Summit, Malta	
21-22 June 2016	Meeting on the state of play of the implementation of the Valletta Action Plan, Brussels.	Members of the steering committees of the Rabat and Khartoum Processes prepared the work to be done ahead of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM).
8-9 February 2017	Joint Valletta Action Plan Senior Officials Meeting: (SOM), Malta	Focusing on Rabat and Khartoum Process (and MMD) reporting on the state of play on the implementation of the joint Valletta Action Plan.

## **(I) THE EU-CELAC MIGRATION DIALOGUE**

*The EU and Latin America and the Caribbean countries (CELAC) Structured and Comprehensive Dialogue on Migration was launched in June 2009 following the mandate of the EU- LAC Lima Summit. The EU-CELAC Action Plan, adopted at the 2010 Madrid Summit, called for further developing this Dialogue. This commitment was renewed during the last EU-CELAC Summit held in Brussels in June 2015, thus including Migration as Chapter 4 of the EU-CELAC Action Plan.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

26-27 January 2013	EU-CELAC Summit, Santiago	
26-27 November 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	Seminar on new migration trends between the two regions
4 November 2014	Brussels-based meeting	Preparations for the High level Meeting
13 November 2014	9 <sup>th</sup> EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	
10-11 June 2015	EU-CELAC Summit, Brussels	
10-11 November 2016	10 <sup>th</sup> EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration	Outcome: commitment to elaborate a joint Statistical Compendium and a Roadmap.

**Part 2 – The bilateral dialogues****(A) TURKEY****Turkey**

*In 2008 the Council adopted a revised Accession Partnership with Turkey. On 16 December 2013 the EU and Turkey signed a readmission agreement and launched a visa liberalisation dialogue. The Commission adopted the first report on the implementation of the Visa liberalisation roadmap on 20 October 2014. Turkey continued to develop its administrative capacity to implement the EU-Turkey readmission agreement, which entered into force for Turkish nationals in October 2014. Implementation of the agreement for Turkish nationals remained nevertheless unsatisfactory as the provisions of the agreement were not observed in a systematic and coherent manner by all Turkish diplomatic missions in the EU. Regarding the readmission of third country nationals, the relevant provisions entered into force on 1 June 2016, after the publication of the third progress report, however, no progress has been recorded in the implementation of the third-country nationals provisions. The Turkish Council of Ministers has not yet taken the decisions authorising the application of these provisions.*

*The EU and Turkey launched at the last EU-Turkey Summit on 29 November 2015 an ambitious Action Plan on Migration in order to step up cooperation for the support of Syrian refugees under temporary protection and their host communities in Turkey and to strengthen cooperation to prevent irregular migration flows to the EU.*

**Recent and upcoming events**

23 June 2014	EU-Turkey Association Council, Luxembourg	
18 May 2015	53th meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council, Brussels	
29 November 2015	EU-Turkey Migration Summit	
14 December 2015	Meeting between Turkish authorities and Commission services, Brussels	Verification of progress in implementing the visa liberalisation roadmap and the joint action plan
17 January 2016	Meeting between Turkish authorities and Commission services, Ankara	Verification of progress in implementing the visa liberalisation roadmap and the joint action plan
18 January 2016	EU-Turkey Joint Readmission Committee meeting, Ankara	
8 March 2016	Second Commission's report on the implementation by Turkey of the Visa liberalisation roadmap	
4 May 2016	Third Commission report on the implementation by Turkey of the Visa liberalisation roadmap, and legislative proposal to enable the European Parliament and Council to take the necessary decisions to allow Turkish citizens to travel without a visa for short stays in the Schengen area, once all the requirements have been met by Turkey.	
1-3 June 2016	Technical mission to Ankara	
15 June 2016	Commission's second progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
24-26 August 2016	Technical mission to Ankara	
1 September 2016	Visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos to Ankara	

8-9 September 2016	High Level Political Dialogue (Ankara)	
28 September 2016	Commission's third progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
8 December 2016	Commission's fourth progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	

**(B) SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES**

<p><b>Morocco</b></p> <p><i>The EU-Morocco Association Agreement entered into force in 2000. Meetings of the EU-Morocco Social Affairs and Migration Working Group take place once a year. Negotiations on an EU-Morocco readmission agreement are formally ongoing since 2003 but de facto stalled since June 2010. Negotiations were resumed in January 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On 13 October 2011 a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security was launched. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2013. Finalisation of the readmission agreement and the negotiation of a visa facilitation agreement between the EU and Morocco are part of the commitments taken. In line with the mandate of the European Council conclusions of June and October 2015, Morocco will be one of the priority countries to be considered for a High Level Dialogue on Migration once normal relations are reestablished.</i></p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
4 October 2013	Adoption by the Commission of the draft negotiating directives for an EU-Morocco Visa Facilitation Agreement	
5 December 2013	Adoption by the Council of the negotiation mandate on visa facilitation	
1-2 April 2014	Commission mission to Rabat	Preliminary talks on the visa facilitation and readmission agreement and technical review of the annexes to the Mobility Partnership
19 January 2015	Opening of the negotiations on the EU-Morocco Visa Facilitation Agreement, Brussels	
20 January 2015	Resume of the negotiations on the EU-Morocco Readmission Agreement, Brussels	
20 April 2015	High-level Meeting on the Mobility Partnership + Review of the Mobility Partnership scoreboard	
2017	Second round of negotiations on visa, 17th rounds of negotiations on readmission	Due to the EU General Court judgment on 10/12/2015, partly annulling the Council Decision on the Agriculture Agreement with Morocco, several dialogues have been postponed.

<p><b>Tunisia</b></p> <p><i>The EU-Tunisia Association Agreement entered into force in 1998. Meetings of the EU-Tunisia Social Affairs and Migration Working Group take place once per year.</i></p> <p><i>A Dialogue on migration, mobility and security was launched on 6 October 2011. A Mobility Partnership was signed on 3 March 2014. A Visa Facilitation and a Readmission Agreement between the EU and Tunisia are part of this partnership.</i></p>		
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<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
19 June 2013	EU-Tunisia Association Committee	
28-29 April 2014	Discussions on the Document implementing the Mobility Partnership Declaration ("the Annex"), Tunis	
30 July 2014	Adoption by the Commission of the draft negotiating directives for an EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and for an EU-Tunisia readmission agreement	
December 2014	Adoption by the Council of the negotiating directives for an EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and for an EU-Tunisia readmission agreement	
21-22 April 2015	High-level Meeting on the Mobility Partnership + Review of the Mobility Partnership scoreboard	
12/13/14 October 2016	Opening of the negotiations on the EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement + Meeting on the Mobility Partnership, + Sub-committee on Migration and Social affaires, Tunis	
February 2017 (tbc)	2 <sup>nd</sup> round of negotiations on the EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement +	

<b>Algeria</b>		
<p>The EU-Algeria Association Agreement was signed in 2002 and entered into force on 1 September 2005.</p> <p>The Commission received a mandate to negotiate a readmission agreement with Algeria in November 2002. No negotiation has so far taken place. In line with the mandate of the European Council conclusions of June and October 2015, Algeria will be one of the priority countries to be considered for the establishment of a High Level Dialogue on Migration.</p>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
10 September 2015	Information session on a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security between the EU and Algeria	Information session addressed to all Algerian Ministries concerned by migration in order to help Algeria confirm its readiness to engage in a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security with the EU.
19 April 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> informal session on a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security between the EU and Algeria	Information session addressed to all Algerian Ministries concerned by migration in order to discuss topics where practical cooperation could be envisaged.
December 2016	Adoption of the partnership priorities	Contains a chapter on migration, including wording to have an exchange on visa facilitation and readmission

<b>Egypt</b>		
<i>Relations between the EU and Egypt are governed by an Association Agreement since 2004.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
8 April 2014	Meeting between Ambassador for Egypt and Director General of DG HOME	Ambassador informs that Egypt is prepared to engage in dialogue with the EU on migration-related issues
22 May 2014	Follow-up to above meeting at technical level	Informal exchange on possible topics to be included in the dialogue, and next steps to be taken.
21 January 2016	Migration and Social Affairs Subcommittee, Cairo.	
23 May 2016	EU-Egypt Association Committee	
11-12 October 2016	Visit by Commissioner Hahn	Migration was discussed in the meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs
14 November 2016	Visit by Commissioner Avramopoulos	Discussion with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs on EU-Egypt cooperation in the domain of migration

<b>Jordan</b>		
<i>Relations between the EU and Jordan are governed by an Association Agreement which entered into force in 2002. On 12 December 2012, the EU and Jordan launched a Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security. On 9 October 2014 the EU and Jordan signed a Mobility Partnership.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
8-9 November 2016	Informal discussions and exchange of views on draft text of VFA and RA	

<b>Lebanon</b>		
<i>In response to the Arab Spring, the first EU-Lebanon ENP Action Plan 2005-2010 was revised in 2012. The new Action Plan 2013-2015 was adopted on 20/06/2014. A Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security was launched in December 2014.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
July 2014	Official request from Lebanon to start a Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security.	Request was discussed with MS at September and October HLWG with agreement to commence Dialogue.
10 December 2014	Launch of EU-Lebanon Dialogue	
2-6 March 2015	First expert mission	Mission covered asylum, international protection and mobility/facilitation of legal migration.
2-5 June 2015	Second expert mission	
Ongoing	Negotiations on the Joint Declaration for a Mobility Partnership with Lebanon	

## (C) EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

<b>Armenia</b>		
<i>EU relations with Armenia are governed by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which entered into force in 1999. In July 2010, the EU and Armenia launched negotiations on a future EU-Armenia Association Agreement to succeed the PCA. A Mobility Partnership was signed on 27 October 2011. The Visa Facilitation Agreement was signed on 17 December 2012 and the Readmission Agreement on 19 April 2013. Both agreements entered into force on 1 January 2014.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
9 December 2014	EU-Armenia Cooperation Committee, Brussels	
20 January 2015	EU-Armenia Cooperation Council, Brussels	
29 April 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> EU-Armenia Joint Visa and Readmission Committee, Brussels	
17 July 2015	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Brussels	
9 December 2015	Mobility Partnership, High Level Meeting	
18 March 2016	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Yerevan	
Early 2017 (tbc)	First Local Cooperation Platform, Mobility Partnership, Yerevan	

<b>Azerbaijan</b>		
<i>EU relations with Azerbaijan are governed by the EU-Azerbaijan PCA which entered into force in 1999. Since July 2010 the EU and Azerbaijan are negotiating an Association Agreement to succeed the PCA. An EU migration mission visited Azerbaijan on 16 and 17 June 2011 to further enhance cooperation and dialogue with Azerbaijan on migration issues. A Mobility Partnership with Azerbaijan was signed on 5 December 2013. The Visa Facilitation Agreement was signed in the margins of the Vilnius Summit of the Eastern Partnership, on 28 November 2013. The Readmission Agreement was signed on 28 February 2014. Both agreements entered into force on 1 September 2014.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
28 February 2014	JLS Subcommittee with Azerbaijan, Brussels	
27 May 2015	1st EU-Azerbaijan Joint Visa and Readmission Committee, Baku	
2-3 May 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> EU-Azerbaijan Joint Visa and Readmission Committee, Brussels	
22 June 2016	Steering Committee of the MOBILAZE project (Support to mobility partnership with Azerbaijan)	
12 October 2016	JLS Subcommittee with Azerbaijan, Baku	
February 2017	First Mobility Partnership, High Level Meeting	

## **Georgia**

*The EU - Georgia Association Agreement and the Deep and Comprehensive Trade Agreement, which succeed the PCA of 1999, were signed on 26 June 2014 in Brussels.*

*An EU migration mission visited Georgia in 2009. The Mobility Partnership between the European Union and Georgia was signed in November 2009. Readmission and Visa Facilitation Agreements entered into force on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011.*

*GE has successfully implemented the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (VLAP), the Commission in March 2016 tabled a proposal to lift visa requirements for the citizens of Georgia by transferring Georgia to the list of countries whose citizens can travel without a visa to the Schengen area. EP LIBE committee and COREPER agreed to the proposal in October but the decision was stalled due to the fact that visa liberalisation is linked to the entry into force of the suspension mechanism, currently under revision. The recent agreement between the EP and the Council on the suspension mechanism has allowed for the resumption of the decision making process for Georgia. A trilogue took place on 13 December and resulted in the agreement over the text endorsed by Coreper on 5 October. On 12 January the European Parliament LIBE committee endorsed the text and a vote in the plenary could take place in February. Visa Liberalisation for Georgia could be expected as of early spring 2017*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

02 December 2016	EU-Georgia Association Council, Brussels	
12 January 2017	Vote on the text agreed during interinstitutional negotiations for Visa Liberalisation for Georgia	
February (tbc) 2017	EP Plenary vote on Visa Liberalisation for Georgia	
February / March (tbc) 2017	Council vote on Visa Liberalisation for Georgia	
17-18 May 2017	JFS Subcommittee with Georgia, Tbilisi	

## **Republic of Moldova**

*The EU-Republic of Moldova (hereinafter Moldova) Association Agreement, including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, was signed on 27 June 2014, thus succeeding the PCA of 1994. Following this provisional implementation since September 2014, the Association Agreement entered fully into force on 1 July 2016 once Moldova and all EU Member States ratified it.*

*The EU-Moldova visa facilitation and readmission agreements entered into force in January 2008. An amended visa facilitation agreement entered into force in July 2013. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2008.*

*In June 2010 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Moldovan citizens to the EU. Following the Commission's proposal to amend Visa Regulation 539/2001 of 27 November 2013, Moldova was granted visa-free travel to the Schengen area on 28 April 2014. According to figures provided by Frontex and Moldova, from April 2014 to November 2016 more than 850.000 Moldovans travelled visa-free to the Schengen area. The visa-free regime has been smoothly implemented, with very low numbers of infractions or entry refusals.*

*Following the completing of the visa liberalisation process, in the framework of the new ENP, Moldova is pursuing the convergence of its border management with the requirements of the Schengen Catalogue and Schengen Borders Code. Additionally, Moldova is cooperating with EASO and Frontex and benefits from capacity building and training.*

*Moldova is seeking to become a pilot country for initiatives of the European Agenda on Migration, namely fostering legal and labour migration channels to the EU. This is in line with the need to rebalance the GAMM priority areas in the Mobility Partnership towards legal migration and migrant centric projects, namely through circular and seasonal migration schemes to the EU.*

<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
9 June 2015	EU-Moldova FSJ Subcommittee, Chisinau	
9 July 2015	Extended Local Cooperation Platform, Mobility Partnership, Chisinau	
25 November 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> Mobility Partnership, Senior Officials Meeting, Brussels	
9 June 2016	EU-Moldova JLS Subcommittee, Brussels	
5-6 July	Regional Workshop - Mobility Partnership as a catalyst for cooperation: The experience of the Eastern Neighbourhood Countries, Chisinau	Member States were strongly encouraged to participate to both events
7 July 2016	Local Cooperation Platform, Mobility Partnership, Chisinau	The 5 EaP countries attended as observers.
7 July 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> VFA/RA joint committees, Chisinau	MS are invited to send their comments
17 October 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> EU-Moldova Association Committee, Brussels	
2 December 2016	9 <sup>th</sup> Mobility Partnership, High-Level Meeting, Brussels	
June-July 2017	EU-Moldova FSJ Subcommittee, Chisinau	
June-July 2017	Local Cooperation Platform, Mobility Partnership, Chisinau	
October 2017 (TBC)	3rd EU-Moldova Association Committee, Chisinau	

## **Ukraine**

*The PCA entered into force in 1998. Negotiations on an EU-Ukraine Association Agreement started in September 2008 and initialled in 2012. Ukraine and the EU parliament simultaneously ratified the economic and political parts of the Association Agreement that will on 16 September 2014. Economic integration is postponed until the end of 2015. The Readmission and Visa Facilitation agreements were concluded in 2008. An amended version of the Visa Facilitation agreement with Ukraine entered into force in July 2013.*

*In 2008 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Ukrainian citizens to the EU. A VLAP was endorsed by the Council on 10 November 2010 and presented by the EU to Ukraine at the EU-Ukraine Summit on 22 November 2010. The sixth and final progress report, which was adopted on 18 December 2015, concluded that based on the commitments taken by the Ukrainian leadership, all the measures identified in the fifth progress report had been taken by Ukraine and that all the benchmarks of the VLAP had been met. On 20 April, EU Commission has issued its legislative proposal today to transfer Ukraine to the list of visa-free countries. The proposal has been transmitted to the Council and the EU Parliament. The Council started its work on the dossier on 11 May in the Visa Working Party. On 26 May the proposal was presented in the LIBE Committee.*

On 26 September the LIBE Committee voted in favour of the visa-free proposal for Ukraine. Despite the fact that Ukraine fulfilled all benchmarks as set by the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan, the Council decided to postpone decisions on this file until the revised suspension mechanism is adopted. Discussions between the co-legislators are still ongoing. On 4 May, the Commission proposed to revise the existing suspension mechanism of the visa free regime. It is a horizontal provision which will apply to all visa-free countries and is not aimed at any specific country. It aims to remedy the weaknesses in the current legal framework by:

speeding up procedure; extending the possible grounds for suspension; making it possible for the Commission to trigger the mechanism.

26 March 2014	Visa Dialogue Senior Officials Meeting, Kiev	
14 May 2014	Joint Visa Facilitation Committee, Kiev	
18 December 2015	6 Commission progress report on the VLAP	
3 June 2016	JLS Subcommittee	
5-6 July 2016	EU-Ukraine Association Committee	

### **Belarus**

*An EU migration mission visited Belarus in 2009. On 28 February 2011 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations on visa facilitation and readmission agreements with Belarus. The Commission submitted a formal invitation to the Belarusian authorities in June 2011 which was accepted in January 2014. The first technical negotiations took place in Minsk in June 2014, the second round in November 2014 in Brussels and the last round in March 2015 in Minsk. The results were encouraging, but progress was stalled as five MS voiced concerns regarding the security of the Belarussian diplomatic passports. The Commission offered to Belarus in May 2015 expert advice on security standards for diplomatic passports, and Belarus confirmed its interest only in February 2016. In March 2016 COM reiterate its invitation to start technical consultations. Belarus claims it cannot upgrade the security of its diplomatic passports without the EU's financial assistance. Belarus is expecting EU financial and technical assistance for the development of **biometric ID documents**, for the **digitalisation of the civil registry** and for the **implementation of the future Readmission agreement**. The draft Annex of project priorities was approved by the Council in November 2015.*

*Belarus and the EU signed on 13 October in the margins of the JHA Council the Joint Declaration on a Mobility Partnership.*

*Belarus has indicated that it would like to reinforce cooperation with EU agencies Europol, EASO, Cepol and Frontex, and if possible sign cooperation agreements with them.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

30 January 2014	Political launch of EU-Belarus Visa Facilitation/Readmission Agreement negotiations, Brussels	
11-12 March 2015	Third technical round of VFA/RA negotiations, Minsk	
6 March 2015	Endorsement by Council of the draft Joint Declaration of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership	
26 March 2015	First round of consultations on MP Declaration, Minsk	MP Declaration was agreed by both sides on 1 June 2015
13 October 2016	Signing of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership	7 MS signatories / Ceremony in Luxembourg with DG Home Commissioner
First half of 2017	Discussion in Council and with Belarus of the Annex to the Joint Declaration of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership (MP)	MS are encouraged to consider specific projects they would like to take part in.
First half of 2017 (tbc)	Agreement on the Annex of the MP	
First half of 2017 (tbc)	First High Level Meeting of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership, Brussels	
2017 (tbc)	Signing of the Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission agreement	
End of 2017 (tbc)	First meeting of the Local Cooperation Platform of the Mobility Partnership, Minsk	



## (D) RUSSIA

<b>Russia</b>		
<p><i>The EU-Russia PCA came into force in 1997. Ministerial meetings for Freedom, Security and Justice area (PPC) were organised regularly until the Ukraine crisis. The Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements entered into force on 1 June 2007. On 11 April 2011 the Council adopted the mandate for the renegotiation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement. The Visa Dialogue was launched in 2007 and in this context, on 15 December 2011, the Parties agreed on a list of Common Steps which would need to be implemented before the talks on EU-Russia visa waiver agreement might be launched. In March 2014, in the context of the crisis in Ukraine, the EU decided to suspend bilateral talks with the Russian Federation on visa matters (Visa dialogue and amended VFA). Meetings under the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee and Joint Readmission Committee are continuing.</i></p> <p><i>In May 2011 Russia and EU launched a Dialogue on Migration. The Dialogue focuses through experts' discussions and field visits on legal migration, migration and development, asylum and other forms of international protection, as well as on addressing irregular migration and trafficking in human beings. In the context of the crisis with Ukraine, the migration dialogue is continuing only at expert level, but without a work programme for 2015-2016 and 2017-2018. The Russian side has agreed that at this stage no senior official meetings of the migration dialogue will be held.</i></p> <p><i>EU and Russia have established Senior Officials Meeting on JLS matters which should meet once a year and should constitute the bridge between experts level discussion and political contacts (JLS PPC). Meetings were discontinued following the start of the Ukraine crisis.</i></p>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
17 December 2014	11th meeting of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee between the EU and Russia	
12-13 February 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Helsinki	Legal/labour migration
3 July 2015	15th EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee	
17-18 March 2016	9 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Moscow	International protection
28 July 2016	15th EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee, Moscow	
9 December 2016	12 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee between the EU and Russia (Moscow)	
Early 2017	10 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Migration Dialogue, MS capital	Irregular migration. Member States are encouraged to come forward to host the meeting

## (E) AFRICAN COUNTRIES

<b>Cape Verde</b>		
<p><i>In 2007 the EU and Cape Verde agreed on a Special Partnership Agreement. An EU migration mission visited Cape Verde in May 2007. The Mobility Partnership with Cape Verde was signed in 2007. Cape Verde ratified visa facilitation and readmission agreements in October 2014. They entered into force on 1 December 2014.</i></p>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
6-7 June 2011	Political dialogue meeting at Ministerial level, Praia	
8 April 2014	Political Dialogue Meeting at Ministerial Level	Explore possible ways to strengthen MP

5 October 2015	Joint Committees on visa facilitation and readmission	
13 October 2015	Political Dialogue Meeting at Ministerial level, Luxembourg	Ministers welcomed entry into force of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements. Cabo Verde asked for EU assistance to conclude similar visa facilitation agreements with European States associated to Schengen and with EU MS to which the Agreement does not apply. Parties underlined need to define new priorities to maintain the dynamism of the Partnership.
19 October 2016	Joint Committees on visa facilitation and readmission	
30 November – 1 December	In the margins of the Rabat Process thematic meeting on Visa facilitation - Bilateral meetings with CV authorities and MS HoMs on migration related issues	
TBC	Possible High Level Meeting on the Mobility Partnership	Take stock and discuss future priorities

<p><b>Ethiopia</b></p> <p><i>Ethiopia is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. The Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM) was signed by the EU and Ethiopia on 12/11/2015 aside the Valletta Summit. A Joint Declaration "Towards an EU-Ethiopia Strategic Engagement", including a sectoral dialogue on migration, was also signed on 14 June 2016 at the margins of the European Development Days. Ethiopia is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration.</i></p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
20 October 2015	HRVP visit to Addis – first High Level Dialogue on Migration with Ethiopia	Migration was on the agenda of the HRVP for meetings with PM and MFA. Technical discussions took place at the margins of the visit to agree on a text for the CAMM.
11 November 2015	Signature of CAMM by EC and Council Pdt, HRVP and ETH PM, in Valletta	
13 January 2016	Visit of Ethiopian MFA to Brussels – second High Level Dialogue on Migration with HRVP and Csr Avramopoulos	Migration high on the agenda, particularly EUTF projects and returns and readmission
2-4 February 2016	CAMM implementation technical mission, Addis Ababa	Joint mission COM-EEAS and EU MS to discuss CAMM annex, particularly on return. Encouraging commitments, effective cooperation to be monitored in the coming weeks
7 April 2016	HRVP visit, Addis Ababa	Migration high on the bilateral agenda, at the margins of the Commission-to-Commission meetings
29-30 May 2016	HOME-EEAS senior officials mission on returns, Addis Ababa	

14-16 June 2016	Signature of Joint Declaration "Towards an EU-Ethiopia Strategic Engagement at the margins of the European Development Days. Bilateral meetings between Ethiopian PM, accompanied by his State Minister in charge of Migration, with EU interlocutors, with a strong focus on migration and returns	PM Hailemariam met President Juncker; President Tusk; HRVP accompanied by Csr Stylianides; VP Katainen; Csr Avramopoulos.
20 September 2016	Bilateral meeting HRVP-PM at the margins of the Obama Summit on refugees	Migration high on the agenda.
6-7 October 2016	EEAS-HOME-DEVCO Joint Senior Officials Compact Mission to Addis Ababa	
11 October	Visit by MS (DE Chancellor)	Migration on the agenda
20 October 2016	Thematic meeting on returns, readmission and reintegration of the Khartoum Process, Addis Ababa	Opportunity to arrange for bilateral technical discussions on migration with Ethiopia.

## Mali

*Mali is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. High-Level Dialogue on migration launched. Rabat Process Steering Committee member.*

### Recent and upcoming events

14-17 April 2016	Mission/HLD by NL Presidency on behalf of the EU - NL Minister Foreign Affairs, EEAS (MD Africa), HOME, DEVCO – Return and reintegration	
26-27 April 2016	Technical mission	
27-28 July 2016	Senior level mission led by DG HOME	
25-30 September 2016	Technical mission	
29 Sep – 01 Oct 2016	Commissioner Mimica visit	
10 Nov 2016	Joint mission with IT MFA	Meeting with MFA and other Gvt authorities
9-10 October	MS visit (DE Chancellor)	Migration on the agenda
10-11 November	MS visit (IT MFA)	Migration on the agenda
10-11 December	MS visit (NL MFA)	Migration on the agenda
13 January 2017	Commissioner Mimica visit	Migration on the agenda

## Niger

*Niger is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration.*

*High-Level Dialogue on migration launched on 18 September 2015. The EUCAP Sahel Niger mission was enlarged in July 2015 including a new objective on migration. The EUCAP field office in Agadez opened April 2016 and will reach full operational capability early next year and will be reinforced by two additional staff from DG DEVCO/EEAS.*

*Definition of the Action Plan in the Agadez region and short – medium term assistance. EUMLO and Frontex L.O. to be deployed in the short term period*

### Recent and upcoming events

18 September 2015	Launch of High-Level Dialogue on migration by HRVP	
2-5 May 2016	EU Visit to Niamey and Agades	

14-15 July 2016	Visit by Commissioner Stylianides	
4-5-6 October 2016	Technical mission on migration and 1 <sup>st</sup> Cadre de Concertation	
10 October	MS visit (DE Chancellor)	Migration on the agenda
10 Nov 2016	Joint mission with IT MFA	Meeting with the Pdt, the PM and other Gvt authorities
8 December 2016	Sherpas on migration from DE IT FR ES and EU	Identification of the migration management priorities

<b>Nigeria</b>		
<i>Nigeria is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. Under the umbrella of the EU-Nigeria Ministerial meetings, several political dialogues session on migration have taken place in the last few years. A Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM) was signed on 12 March 2015.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
12 March 2015	Signature of CAMM at the side of the JHA Council	
8-9 July 2015	Local dialogue on migration issues in Abuja	Identify priorities for CAMM implementation
3 February 2016	Nigerian president addressed EP plenary in Strasburg and met with Pres. Juncker, Commissioner Avramopoulos and Stylianides and President Schulz 15 March: HRVP Mogherini held Ministerial Dialogue with Nigerian MFA in Brussels, including migration as discussion point. MFA was accompanied by Minister of Interior	
7-9 March 2016	Technical mission to Abuja led by DG HOME participants: COM, EEAS, Frontex, DE, AU, NL, ES	Prepare the ministerial dialogue focus on return and readmission
14 March 2016	Csr. Avramopulos held Migration Dialogue with Nigerian Minister of Interior in Brussels	A list of priorities for the swift implementation of the CAMM was agreed covering: capacity to collect and analyse information and statistics, return and readmission, combating smuggling and trafficking of human beings, protection and assistance of internally displaced persons, cooperation with Frontex on border management, regular migration and addressing the root causes of irregular migration. It was agreed to take the necessary steps to launch negotiations for an EU-Nigeria readmission agreement and to: (i) establish direct exchange for the confirmation of the nationality of the returnees where there is no Nigerian Diplomatic Mission, (ii) ensure timely issuance of emergency travel documents, (iii)
15 March 2016	HRVP Mogherini held Ministerial Dialogue with Nigerian MFA in Brussels, including migration as discussion point. MFA was accompanied by Minister of Interior	

		further explore the conditions of use of the EU Travel Document and (iv) organise joint identification missions under the auspices of Frontex.
10 October	MS visit (DE MFA)	Migration on the agenda
25-26 October	Technical mission HOME - Launching negotiations of a readmission agreement and other thematic meetings on activities under CAMM priorities	Launching negotiations of a readmission agreement and other thematic meetings on activities under CAMM priorities
31 January / 1 February 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> round of negotiations on the readmission agreement, Abuja	
2 February 2017	Commissioner/VP Ansip visit	Migration on the agenda

<b>Senegal</b>		
<i>Senegal is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. Partnership compact launched by visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos in Dakar on 26 July 2016. Rabat Process Steering Committee member.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
26 July 2016	Partnership compact launched by visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos in Dakar	
27 July 2016	Technical mission (directly following the Commissioner's visit)	
24-28 October	Technical mission by DEVCO	Identify projects on civil registry/biometrics
25 October 2016	International Conference on Migration in Dakar. Csr Mimica	
11 Nov 2016	Joint mission with IT MFA	Meeting with MFA and MOI
5-6 December	HRVP and MS visit (FR MoD)	For a multilateral event, migration also to be discussed bilaterally.

<b>South Africa</b>		
<i>South Africa and the EU entered into a Strategic Partnership in 2007. An EU migration mission visited South Africa in September 2008. Since then, in the frame of the Joint Cooperation Council, a Migration Dialogue Forum is organised.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
25 November 2014	Migration dialogue	Discussion on border management, Khartoum Process, Rabat Process; GAMM and CAMM and EU visa policy
26 November 2014	EU/SA Joint Cooperation Council	
23 November 2016	Migration Dialogue , Pretoria	

## (F) ASIAN COUNTRIES

### China

*The EU-China comprehensive strategic partnership came into force in 2003. China signed an Approved Destination Status Agreement in 2004, facilitating the entry of Chinese tourists into EU Member States and including provisions on readmission. Formal negotiation of an EU readmission agreement, based on 2002 negotiating directives, has not started yet. Negotiation of a PCA, including an article on readmission and visa cooperation, started in 2007.*

*At the 14<sup>th</sup> EU-China Summit in February 2012 both sides agreed to explore the possibilities of facilitating mobility for Chinese and EU citizens, and strengthen cooperation on illegal immigration, as well as to pay special attention to the question of mutual visa exemption for holders of diplomatic passports. At the 16<sup>th</sup> EU-China Summit (20-21 November 2013), shared commitments were taken to reinforce the objectives in the 2020 Agenda. Following that, a Roadmap, which consists of a two-stage approach, was finalised during the 2nd meeting of the EU-China Migration and Mobility Dialogue (Beijing, 9 April 2015). The first stage of the Roadmap, which comprises the signature of the EU-China short stay visa waiver for holders of diplomatic passports, the permission for EU Member States to open Visa Application Centres in 15 Chinese cities and the first Expert meeting held in Beijing on 5 November 2015, is considered finalised. The implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the roadmap is currently on-going.*

### Recent and upcoming events

14 October 2013	1st EU-China Migration and Mobility Dialogue , Brussels	Provided basis for general information exchange and discussed broad parameters of cooperation package on visa-readmission.
20-21 November 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> EU-China Summit	Negotiations did not result in the consolidation of above cooperation package. Reply to EU letter on outcome of October HLD was received in September 2014, proposing different parameters than those suggested by the EU. Further exchanges with China are ongoing.
9 April 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the EU-China Migration and Mobility Dialogue, Beijing	Some progress achieved with two outstanding issues on visa application centres and return cooperation
29 June 2015	17 <sup>th</sup> EU-China Summit	The package on the visa, mobility and readmission cooperation was finalised in the form of the joint minutes of the MMD and endorsed by the Summit.
5 November 2015	Meeting on irregular migration, Beijing	
17 May 2016	3rd EU – China High Level Dialogue on Mobility and Migration	Took stock of the successful finalisation of the 1st phase and launched the 2nd phase of the roadmap between EU and China.
25 October 2016	Meeting on irregular migration, Brussels	
May 2017 (TBC)	4th EU – China High Level Dialogue on Mobility and Migration, Beijing	

<b>India</b>		
<i>The EU-India Co-operation Agreement entered into force in 1994. In 2004 the EU and India entered into a Strategic Partnership. The EU-India Joint Action Plan was agreed in 2005 at the Summit in The Hague and revised in 2008 at the eighth EU-India Summit in Marseille. This plan aims to promote among others people-to-people contacts and cultural exchanges. After the first EU-India migration dialogue meeting held in 2006, the December 2010 EU-India Summit emphasised the importance of movement of people, and agreed to deepen cooperation by establishing a regular, comprehensive and structured dialogue on migration issues.</i>		
<i>The 12<sup>th</sup> EU-India Summit discussed possible ways to facilitate mobility – a recurring Indian request – in parallel with preventing and combating irregular migration. CAMM was signed and subsequently endorsed at the 2016 EU-India Summit.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
10 February 2012	12 <sup>th</sup> EU-India Summit, India, Delhi	
2 July 2012	EU-India High Level Dialogue Meeting on Migration and Mobility, Delhi	Possible ways to strengthen cooperation with India were discussed, including the establishment of a EU-India working group on migration and mobility and of a CAMM.
30 January 2013	EU-India Ministerial Meeting	
4 February 2013	22 <sup>nd</sup> EU-India Joint Commission	Discussions on EU-India "non-political" cooperation, including on migration and mobility.
2 April 2013	Transmission of draft CAMM political declaration to India	Reply received in May 2015 and exploratory talks took place on 22-23 June.
16 October 2015	EU-India Subcommittee on economic cooperation	India was encouraged to revert to EU including on proposal to continue technical talks that could re-launch CAMM negotiations.
30 March 2016	13 <sup>th</sup> EU-India Summit - as a key deliverable – the establishment of the EU-India Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM), signed on 29 March 2016.	EU-India Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM), signed.
February / March 2017 (date tbc)	EU-India High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility, Brussels	To launch and provide a strategic steer to the implementation of the CAMM.

## (G) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Relations between the EU and the US have been formalised in 1990 in the Transatlantic Declaration, and further developed in the New Transatlantic Agenda which outlined a new framework for cooperation including a number of areas for joint action. An EU-US Joint Statement endorsed by the EU-US JHA Ministerial Troika in October 2009 (the so-called "Washington Statement") sets out common values and foundations of EU-US cooperation in the JHA area until 2014 and includes a commitment to enhance both political and operational cooperation in various JHA issues.*

*Further to this commitment cooperation has been developed on migration and asylum issues in the context of the EU-US Cooperation Platform on Migration and Refugee issues, launched in 2010. Activities include areas such as unaccompanied minors, biometrics, refugee resettlement, trafficking in human beings, development of capacity building for migration management in third countries and contribution of the Diaspora to the development of countries of origin of migration.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

1-2 June 2016	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Amsterdam	Focus on migration, including management of the external border, interoperability of databases, visa reciprocity, other topics included counterterrorism, data protection Joint EU US statement issued – both EU and US expressed the willingness to coordinate/work together in the run up to the UNGA High Level meeting on refugees and the so-called Obama summit on refugees in September, New York
8-9 September 2016	EU-US Senior Officials Meeting, Bratislava	Follow up to the June Ministerial, preparation of the Ministerial in November
5-6 December 2016	EU-US JHA Ministerial Meeting, Washington D.C	Agenda not decided yet

## (H) BRAZIL

*In the framework of the EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership, established in 2007, Brazil has expressed an interest in enhancing cooperation with the EU on migration and migration related issues, in particular on trafficking in human beings. Following technical exchanges with Brazil, the EU presented a draft Joint Declaration establishing a CAMM to the Brazilian authorities in January 2015. The Joint Declaration is yet to be agreed.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

20 January 2015	Transmission of a draft text of an EU-Brazil Joint Declaration establishing a CAMM with Brazil.	
19 November 2015	Reception of Brazilian comments to the EU Joint Declaration document proposal	
28 April 2015	Transmission to BR of EU comments on BR proposal	

## Part 3 - The global processes

### GLOBAL FORUM FOR MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

*The GFMD is an initiative of the UN Member States to address the migration and development nexus in practical and action-oriented ways. It is an informal, non-binding, voluntary and government-led process.*

*The process emerged after the UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development on 14-15 September 2006. The second High-level Dialogue on 3-4 October 2013 confirmed the GFMD as a valuable forum for holding frank and open discussions, which has helped to build trust among participating stakeholders.*

*The 8<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit came immediately after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes migration as a recognised development enabler. During Turkey Chairmanship, an important feature was the insertion of forced displacement and refugees on the agenda, not the least due to the Syrian refugee crisis.*

*In December 2016, the 2016 Chair, Bangladesh, formally handed over the chairmanship to Germany and Morocco, who will jointly lead the process during 2017-2018.*

#### Recent and upcoming events

14-16 October 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Istanbul	Theme: Strengthening Partnerships: Human Mobility for Sustainable Development
10-12 December 2016	9 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Dhaka	Theme: Migration that works for sustainable development for all: towards a transformative migration agenda
28-30 June 2017	10 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Berlin	Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development

### UNITED NATIONS

*The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2015 recognizes that migration contributes to circular growth and development. It calls on UN Member States to increase international cooperation by facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people. In this respect, the EU counts on a long-standing strategic partnership with the UN. The EU welcomes and will strongly support the implementation of the New York Declaration adopted at the UNGA High Level Plenary Meeting on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants on 19/09/2016. In particular, the EU plans to play a strong role in the preparation processes for a Global Compact on Refugees and a Global Compact on Migrants.*

#### Recent and upcoming events

23-24 May 2016	World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul	
15 June 2016	Launch of 'Migrants in Countries in Crisis' (MICIC) Guidelines	MICIC is supported by the Commission through a 5 million euros project
19 September 2016	UNGA Summit on large movements of refugees and migrants, New York	
2017-2018	Inter-governmental negotiations on the Global Compact on Migration	

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