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Romania will update the other Member States on the implementation of the pilot project in the area of asylum, returns, border management and international cooperation launched with the European Commission as a follow-up to the letter of the President of the European Commission of 26 January, the Western Balkans Action Plan and the European Council Conclusions of 9 February 2023.

To address the current migration challenges, the Commission President's letter of 26 January and the European Council of 9 February 2023 called for implementing key operational actions in the area of border protection, asylum and return. One of the targeted operational actions foresees setting up pilot projects in interested Member States for fast asylum and return procedures.

Following close cooperation between the European Commission and the Romanian authorities, an agreement was reached on launching a pilot project in Romania on 17 March 2023.

The pilot project is meant, first and foremost, to showcase Romania's best practices in the areas of asylum, return, border management and international cooperation.

It is based on EU and applicable Romanian legislation, as well as on Romania's very good cooperation with neighbouring countries and EU agencies. It will be implemented for a period of 6 months.

This is a concrete important deliverable of Romania's high-level commitment and support for sustainable migration management solution at EU-level based on its strong track-record in managing migration. Romania, in its strategic geographical position, bordering Serbia, Ukraine and Moldova, plays a key role in securing our common external border, effectively contributing to managing migration and ensuring a high level of security.

