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In view of the Mocadoem Roundtable of 26 September 2025, delegations will find attached the "Action file on Egypt".

Introduction / objectives

Within the framework of the continuous policy dialogue and taking into consideration the Union's general interest in building mutually beneficial partnerships with key migratory countries, the aim is to further strengthen and operationalise already established cooperation on migration between Egypt and the EU, with a Team Europe approach and in line with the Action Plan on Egypt presented at the External Migration Working Party of 20 June 2022, as well as with the Joint Declaration of 17 March 2024 establishing a Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership (SCP) between the EU and Egypt. Migration is one of the priorities identified in the new EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021 – 2027 endorsed at the 9th EU-Egypt Association Council in Luxembourg on 19 June 2022, as well as one of the key pillars of the Joint Declaration on a Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership signed on 17 March 2024. The actions outlined in the following Action fiche focus on areas of engagement to address migration-related challenges for the short and long term agreed by the EU and Egypt in the Terms of Reference of the Migration Dialogue and reflect EU priorities, as identified under the Pact on Migration and Asylum.

Against this background, the objective is to develop and further strengthen the Egyptian legal framework for asylum and migration management, as well as Egypt's institutional and technical capacities to address different areas of migration, notably through the following set of actions stemming from the six pillars for managing migration and addressing forced displacement identified in the Action Plan on Egypt:

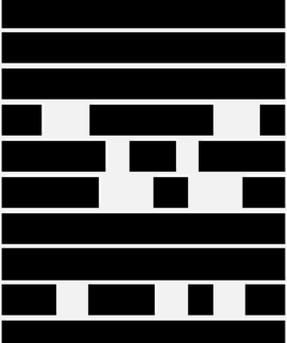
- Provide support to Egypt in the reception of large numbers of migrants and refugees, while ensuring effective and sustainable protection for vulnerable migrant and refugee groups;
- Support Egypt on the establishment of a single, sustainable national asylum system;
- Contribute to securing effective land and sea border management with a view to preventing irregular departures and combating migrant smugglers and human traffickers, while protecting the human rights of migrants;
- Support Egypt in building their capacity to readmit and sustainably reintegrate their own citizens, towards ensuring enhanced cooperation on readmission;
- Contribute to an effective national strategy on returns and readmissions with the aim of improving the effectiveness of readmissions;
- Tackle root causes of migration through skills development, education and improving living conditions, especially for young people, as well as through awareness-raising and information campaigns;
- Implement a mutually beneficial Talent Partnership in line with national competences, building upon pilot projects developed with Egypt in recent years.

Actions

List of actions with objectives following a list identified in the introduction

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Action 1: Support to strengthening Protection and Resilience of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants in Vulnerable Situation in Egypt	In line with the goal on protection and forced displacement under the Action Plan on Egypt, promote the social and economic integration of refugees and asylum seekers, the protection of vulnerable migrants, and developing the child protection system, including through better access to essential services such as (but not limited to) the inclusion of all refugee and asylum-seeking children into the national and health education system,	Commission, EUD Member States.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the end of 2025: Top-up EU support to the Joint UN Programme strengthening protection and resilience of people in need, including host communities, in Egypt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and Resilience of Refugees, Asylum-seekers and Migrants in Vulnerable Situations Phase 1 – EUR 28 million, of which EUR 23 million adopted in 2022 and EUR 5 million top-up adopted in 2023. • Official launch of the Joint UN Programme (UNHCR, IOM, WHO, UNICEF) under the Joint UN-Egypt Platform on Migrants and Refugees, on 30th September 2024. • End of 2023: EU-funded action on protection in Egypt contracted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the end of 2025, the Commission will table its proposal for the Union Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Plan to set out priorities for 2026-2027. • Explore option to further increase support for protection and stabilisation of refugees and migrants in Egypt, including for registration infrastructure and shelters for victims of trafficking, potentially as part of the EUR 200 million foreseen for migration until 2027 under SCP. • Planned EU actions under the current MFF (indicative): Additional funding in the area of protection under AAP

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	<p><i>in close cooperation with relevant strategic partners. Financial assistance to provide protection to those in need will be available under the Multi-Country Migration Programme for the Southern Neighbourhood. Further develop resettlement offers funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.</i></p>				<p><i>2024 as well as AAP 2025-2027 discussion.</i></p>
<p>Action 2: Assistance in establishing a single, sustainable national asylum system</p>	<p><i>In line with the goal on protection and forced displacement under the Action Plan on Egypt, continue to support the development of a legal and technical framework for an effective and sustainable</i></p>	<p>Commission, EUAA: Provide financial assistance under RDPP and the regional UNHCR-led intervention, notably both the protection and development pillars of the regional UNHCR-led intervention “Durable solutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until November 2023: the EUAA Regional Pilot Project for North Africa and Niger. • Until 31 December 2024: the EUAA-Egypt Roadmap for cooperation. • Endorsement of 2nd EUAA-Egypt roadmap for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Durable solutions for Refugees and Unaccompanied and Separated Children (Libya and Egypt) and Family Reunification” project completed. • The EUAA has been implementing a bilateral cooperation roadmap with Egypt from February 2021 to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception phase of the Second Roadmap is concluded, Implementation of 2nd EUAA- Egypt Roadmap for Cooperation is ongoing. • The aim of the roadmap is to enhance the protection space for applicants and beneficiaries of

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	<p><i>national asylum system by implementing the EUAA-Egypt “Roadmap for cooperation 2021-2023” and the EUAA Regional Pilot Project for North Africa and Niger.</i></p>	<p><i>for Refugee Unaccompanied and Separated Children (Libya and Egypt) and Family Reunification”.</i></p> <p>EUAA: <i>Continue implementing the EUAA-Egypt “Roadmap for cooperation 2024-2026” and also the implementation of the EUAA Regional Pilot Project for North Africa and Niger, where Egypt is actively participating. Furthermore, consider deploying staff in the EU Delegation in Egypt to define an approach to support the establishment of a national asylum system in</i></p>	<p><i>cooperation in the margins of the Vienna Migration Conference on 22 October 2024.</i></p>	<p><i>January 2024, aimed at strengthening national authorities to enable them to establish effective asylum procedures. A new roadmap for the period 2024-2026 has been adopted in October 2024.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AT participates in the EUAA project “Regional pilot capacity building project to enhance North-South and South-South knowledge exchanges and co-operation on asylum and reception policies and processes”.</i> • <i>Egypt’s Asylum Law entered into force on 17/12/2024. Thereby, Egypt will transition from UNHCR-led registration to a government led system.</i> 	<p><i>international protection in Egypt, in line with the CEAS and EU standards. In view of the upcoming adoption of the Egypt national asylum legislation, the EUAA could support the national capacity in drafting/development/revision of secondary legislation and internal guidelines, as well as in the subsequent law-implementation phase.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussions with National Council for Motherhood and Childhood (NCCM) Taskforce for possible provision of expertise.</i> • 

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		<p><i>cooperation with UNHCR.</i></p> <p><i>Member States.</i></p>			<p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued implementation of the 2024-2026 Roadmap for Cooperation by EUAA, including the related Workplan for 2025.
<p>Action 3: Measures to combat the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings, as well as to support border management</p>	<p>In line with the goal on migration governance and management under the Action Plan on Egypt, provide support to Egyptian land and sea border management capacities, including through an EU-funded</p>	<p>Commission, EUD: In line with the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership (SCP) launched on 17 March 2024, continue the implementation of the ongoing border management project (IOM and Civipol, in</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Arrangements with Europol and Eurojust were signed in April 2025. Operational capacity of the Egyptian Navy and Egyptian Border Guard to manage migration flows through effective surveillance and search and rescue at land and sea – Present budget of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEPOL: Egypt is a beneficiary country of the regional capacity-building project EUROMED Police; it is also engaged with CEPOL concerning a Working Arrangement Planned EU actions under the current MFF (indicative):

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	<p>action on search and rescue (SAR) and border surveillance (EUR 110 million for an action co-lead by IOM and France, which was signed on 30 October 2022, a while ensuring strong human rights monitoring.</p> <p>European migration liaison officer is deployed to Cairo.</p> <p>Implement since January 2025 the EUR 20 million anti-smuggling project with UNODC and Civipol (France). This project will receive an additional EUR 10 million in Q4 2025.</p> <p>Implement activities in the framework of the Frontex-</p>	<p>cooperation with the Egyptian authorities), advance on the implementation of the EUR 20 million anti-smuggling and anti-trafficking project (in cooperation with UNODC, Civipol and the relevant Egyptian authorities).</p> <p>Frontex: Continue efforts to engage with the Egyptian authorities, particularly through the implementation of the EU4BorderSecurity regional programme. In October 2023, a delegation from the Egyptian</p> <p>Ministry of Interior visited Frontex to familiarise itself with key areas of the Agency's work and to explore areas of common interest. As</p>		<p>EUR 110 million after 2 top-ups since 2022 (last one of EUR 82 million signed in 2024) and implementation ongoing. The programme, implemented by IOM and Civipol, is providing a wide range of border management and SAR-related training as well as equipment, including three new 17-meter search and rescue boats, as well as border surveillance equipment, all of which are of a civilian nature. The procurement of the vessels was finalised in early October 2024, with the delivery of the third SAR boat. Additional assets foreseen over the coming years, notably a 50-meter SAR vessel with increased off-shore capacities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch event of Anti-smuggling project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUR 10 million top-up on anti-smuggling programme (PACSOM) to be signed by end-2025 (2024 budget). • Additional EU-funded actions or extensions of existing ones being explored under the 2025-2027 budget – programming mission is planned end of September 2025 to discuss the priorities shared by the Egyptian authorities through various Notes Verbales addressed to the EU services (DG MENA, DG HOME and EEAS/FPI). • Border management, trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants, organised crime and cooperation with EU JHA agencies to be further discussed during 3rd EU-Egypt Senior Officials Meeting on Security (September 2025)

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	<p>implemented EU4BorderSecurity, including on document fraud.</p> <p>Continue pushing for the implementation of the INTERPOL HIMAYA project, which would enhance connectivity to INTERPOL databases, including to combat document fraud.</p>	<p>a follow-up, two activities are foreseen in Q4 2025, including on document fraud. On 9-10 October 2024, an Egyptian Ministry of Defence delegation has visited Frontex HQ on an EU-funded IOM Study Visit on Integrated Border Management (IBM) & Search and Rescue (SAR) with the Polish Border Guard, the Polish SAR and Frontex.</p> <p>Europol: A Working Arrangement has been signed in April 2025.</p> <p>Member States.</p>		<p>(PACSOM with UNODC and Civipol) in July 2025 involving all relevant line ministries and authorities of Egypt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International police cooperation against migrant smuggling in North Africa - Regional project EUR 5 million adopted in 2022 and implemented by Interpol – further push needed to have the Egypt-dedicated component kick start. • Deployment of European migration Liaison Officer (EMLO) in April 2024 • Deployment of additional staff in EU Delegation dedicated to migration file. • Border management, trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants, organised crime and cooperation with EU JHA agencies discussed during first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the EUR 200 million foreseen for migration until 2027 under the SCP, consider additional support in these areas, in line with Egypt's and the EU and its Member States' needs and priorities. Programming mission foreseen in September 2025 for this purpose. • Operationalisation of the Working Arrangement with Europol. • The ultimate long-term goal is the conclusion of an international Agreement between Europol and Egypt enabling the exchange of personal data, Egypt being covered by a Council mandate to negotiate such an agreement.

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				<p><i>and second Dialogues on security (June 2023 and July 2024) as well as during 4th Migration Dialogue (July 2024).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Invitation of Egypt to the 2nd Global Alliance Conference on 10 December 2025</i> • <i>On April 9, 2025, Europol and Egypt's MOI signed a Working Arrangement which provides a legal framework for regular and structured cooperation including the exchange of information (non-personal data) between the Egyptian authorities and Europol, via Europol's secure information exchange network application, SIENA.</i> 	
<p>Action 4: <i>Enhance Egypt's capacity to readmit and reintegrate their own citizens</i></p>	<p><i>Support Egypt in building their capacity to return, readmit and sustainably</i></p>	<p>Commission, EEAS: <i>Ensure financial support and political outreach towards ensuring enhanced</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ongoing: EURP in EGY active since April 2022. Partner organisation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>At the 4th EU-Egypt-Migration Dialogue in July 2024 both sides agreed to convene a workshop with EU and</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identify bottlenecks on returns and identify processes that could lead to increased return rate, in cooperation</i>

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	<p>reintegrate their own citizens, in need for assistance before and after their return, in line with fundamental rights.</p>	<p>cooperation on readmission.</p> <p>Frontex: Carry out joint return operations with the support of the European Return Liaison Officer (EURLO); continue efforts with a view to concluding a working arrangement with Egypt so to enable structured and enhanced cooperation in all areas covered by the agency's mandate; offer assistance in building capacities with knowledge and skills on different aspects of return, readmission and reintegration (via the Frontex TAP4RRR Strategic Programme); implementation of Reintegration Assistance through</p>	<p>LifeMakers Foundation.</p>	<p>MS on returns, readmission and reintegration including visa issuance and residence permits by MS (early December, tbc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a follow up a workshop on returns, readmission and reintegration was organised in Cairo in December 2024 [back-to-back with a programming workshop and a workshop on legal migration and Talent Partnerships] • Supporting Sustainable Protection, Return and Reintegration – Country-specific Project – EUR 4 million adopted in 2021. 	<p>with Egypt and relevant EU Member States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the need to increase reintegration support for Egyptian returnees. • Both sides agreed on 22 May 2025 at the EU-EGYPT Sub-committee on Justice and Security and Working Group on Migration, Social and Consular Affairs to hold a second workshop on returns, readmission and reintegration after summer with EG MoFA (no date yet). • As part of the EUR 200 million foreseen for migration until 2027 under the SCP, consider additional support in these areas, in line with Egypt's and the EU and its Member States' needs and priorities.

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		<p><i>the EU Reintegration Programme (EURP).</i></p> <p>Member States</p>			
<p><u>Action 5:</u> Contribute to an effective national strategy on returns and readmissions</p>	<p><i>In line with the goal on return, readmission and reintegration under the Action Plan on Egypt, support Egyptian authorities in enhancing the effectiveness of voluntary returns from Egypt to the countries of origin, in full respect of the principle of non-refoulement.</i></p>	<p>Commission, EEAS: Continue the implementation of the EU and MS-funded Migrant Protection Return and Reintegration Programme.</p> <p>Member States.</p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reflection group led by the European Return Liaison Officer and IOM established to work more proactively on the draft Egyptian Strategy on Sustainable returns and reintegration.</i> • <i>During Csr Johansson’s mission to Egypt in September 2024 both sides discussed issues related to facilitating the dignified and sustainable return, readmission and reintegration of Egyptian citizens irregularly staying in the EU. They also discussed how to increase support to voluntary returns of irregular migrants from Egypt to their countries of origin.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Planned EU action under current MFF</i> • <i>Migrant Protection Return and Reintegration Programme – Regional Project – EUR 47 million was adopted in 2021, topped up in 2023 (EUR 21 million of which EUR 8 million dedicated specifically to EG) and currently ongoing.</i>

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Action 6: Tackle root causes of irregular migration	In line with the goal on root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement under the Action Plan on Egypt, address the root causes of migration by identifying ways to mainstream migration across all areas of EU-Egypt cooperation, including through creation of economic opportunities, education, community development, as well as through awareness-raising and information campaigns that explain the dangers of illegal migration and the opportunities for legal migration and professional	Commission, EEAS: In line with the Economic and Investment Plan for the Southern Neighbourhood, continue implementing actions to support the post-pandemic socioeconomic recovery and address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement. Member States.	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic and Investment Plan for the Southern Neighbourhood adopted. First key projects under way. At the EU-Egypt Investment Conference on 29 June 2024 in Cairo over 20 deals between European companies and Egyptian partners were concluded, worth over €40 billion, in sectors ranging from hydrogen to water management, from construction to chemicals, from shipping to aviation and automotive. Furthermore, the EU and Egypt signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a Macro-Financial Assistance operation of €1 billion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of actions under the MIP 2021 – 2024 (adopted in June 2022) also designed to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the pandemic and addressing root causes. The 2024 EUR 75 million Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2024 entitled “EU support to the implementation of socio-economic reforms at local level” is to be adopted at the NDICI Committee on 26 September 2024. The aim of the proposed Action is to accompany the implementation of the reform agenda Egypt is undertaking to improve its macro- and socio-economic situation. The Action will focus on enhancing access to quality services, and on complementing social

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	development in Egypt, etc.				safety nets through increased economic opportunities. The Action will contribute to Pillar 6 (demography and human capital) of the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership.
Action 7: Legal pathways for migration	While respecting national competences and in line with the goal on legal migration under the Action Plan on Egypt, agree with the Egyptian authorities, on a way forward for a Talent Partnership, building on lessons learned from cooperation with neighbouring countries and pilot projects developed with Egypt in recent years.	Commission, EEAS: In coordination with EU Member States, including in the context of the EU-Member States technical roundtable to be held in Q4, pursue deeper cooperation with Egypt on legal migration; support Member States in the identification of common sectors and activities of interest; provide information on funding opportunities, under MPF (Migration Partnership Facility) and NDICI; EUDEL to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations for the operationalisation of the Talent Partnerships are ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted EU actions under the current MFF • Towards a Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility (THAMM) Phase 3 – EUR 5 million adopted in 2021. • From EU support to legal migration, mobility and skills partnerships with North African countries – Regional project (new multi-country legal migration programme) EUR 18M adopted in 2022 and contracted • Financing agreement of the EU funded programme “EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise joint roadmap (Talent Partnership Action Plan) • 2nd TP Roundtable is expected to take place in November or December 2025(tbc). • [REDACTED]

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		<p><i>facilitate the involvement of the Egyptian authorities and relevant stakeholders; continue the work with Egyptian authorities on the THAMM programme.</i></p> <p>Member States.</p>		<p><i>Support to Youth Employability and Skills (EU4YES)" (EUR 25 million, adopted in 2023) was signed at the Investment Conference on 30 June 2024 in Cairo and the implementation of the programme can start shortly. The action will focus on improving the provision of quality driven technical education and training programme to be widely available in line with identified labour market needs and the future of work, including the green and digital transitions. In addition, it will support the establishment and the implementation of mechanisms that identify needs, recognise competence and match them with demand for technical education qualifications.</i></p>	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A Talent Partnership with Egypt was launched on 7 June 2023 in the occasion of the 1st Talent Partnership Roundtable, which identified the key sectors and occupations of interest: ICT, construction, tourism, agriculture, transportation and energy. DE and IT are active members of the Partnership, EL recently confirmed its participation too.</i> <li>• <i>As agreed at the 4th Migration Dialogue in July 24 in Cairo a technical workshop on legal migration and Talent Partnerships was organised in Cairo in December 2024 to jointly work on the draft joint roadmap (Talent Partnership Action Plan) currently under finalisation. [back-to-</i> 	

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				<p><i>back with workshops on programming and on returns, readmission and reintegration]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>THAMM+ activities were officially launched in Egypt in February 2025.</i> 	
<p>Action 8: <i>Horizontal activities</i></p>	<p><i>Continue in strong political engagement between the EU and Egypt on both high-level and technical level as well as encourage Egypt to maintain its prominent role in international, Arab and African affairs on migration-related issues, as well as to reinforce its cooperation with other countries along the Central Mediterranean route. Enhance dialogue via the Khartoum Process, which aims to</i></p>	<p>Commission, EEAS: <i>Foster political and technical engagement through the EU-Egypt Migration Dialogue, Senior Official Missions and local coordination, notably in the context of the EU-Member States Migration Roundtable. Ensure a regional perspective in the political and technical dialogue with Egypt in the area of migration, as well as in the planning of financial assistance, building on a Team Europe approach.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>10th EU-Egypt Association Council meeting: Joint press statement by Egypt and the European Union on 23 January 2024</i> • <i>Joint Declaration of the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership signed on 17 March 2024</i> • <i>4th EU-Egypt-Migration and 2nd Security Dialogues on July 24</i> • <i>Joint Press Statement on the occasion of the official visit of Commissioner for Home Affairs Ylva Johansson to Egypt on 10 September 2024</i> • <i>Three workshops, in December (tbc), as</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Second phase of CONMIGO project dedicated to migration governance support is foreseen to be signed before end of 2025.,</i> • <i>Programming mission of DG MENA on migration end of September 2025 in Cairo.</i> • <i>Senior Officials Meeting on Security planned end of September 2025 in Cairo.</i> • <i>9th EU-Egypt Association Committee, 24 September 2025, Cairo</i> • <i>EU-Egypt summit (Brussels, 22 October 2025)</i>

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	<p><i>establish continuous dialogue for enhanced cooperation on migration and mobility amongst the countries along the migration route between the Horn of Africa and Europe.</i></p>	<p>Member States.</p>		<p><i>agreed during the 4th Migration Dialogue</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>○ on the programming of the EUR 200 million dedicated to migration in the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership,</i> <i>○ on legal migration and mobility/Talent Partnership,</i> <i>○ on returns, readmission and reintegration as well as visa challenges and residency permits with the presence of the EU Member States,</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>● 9th meeting of Sub-committee on Justice and Security & Working Group on Migration,</i> 	

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				<i>Social and Consular Affairs in May 2025</i>	

ANNEX I: Member States actions

- Description of the action with the following details (content of the action – indication of the link to the Action file objectives, overall budget, timeframe, key implementors)

Action	Objective	Budget	Timeframe
<p>AT:</p> <p>IOM Information Campaign RDPP North Africa - Aware Migrant</p>	<p>Action 6: Tackle root causes of irregular migration</p> <p>Information campaign to combat misinformation about realities and dangers of illegal migration, expectations of life and perspectives in Europe.</p>	<p>EUR 45.000 via national Budget; Region: EG, DZ MR, NE.</p>	<p>Status: completed; Timeframe: 1 March 2022 until 31 December 2022.</p>
<p>DE:</p> <p>A centre for migration and development in Cairo</p>	<p>Action 4: Enhance Egypt's capacity to readmit and reintegrate their own citizens</p> <p>Germany has set up and is running a centre for migration and development in Cairo, that, together with national and international partners supports the sustainable reintegration of returnees, IDPs and the local population especially with counselling, qualification and support in finding employment or founding an existence. Furthermore, the centre provides capacity building to Egyptian authorities and civil society organisations in that regard.</p>		
<p>DE:</p> <p>Support regular migration for work and</p>	<p>Action 6: Tackle root causes of irregular migration</p> <p>With the centre for migration and development Germany intends to support regular migration for work and training purposes. The main focus is on achieving development impact and ensuring that</p>		

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<i>training purposes</i>	<p><i>training and knowledge transfer, for example, benefit the countries of origin just as much as the destination countries and the migrants themselves.</i></p> <p><i>With THAMM+, Germany promotes - in cooperation with the Commission - the fair and development-oriented recruitment of trainees and qualified professionals from Egypt.</i></p>		
<p><i>DK:</i></p> <p><i>Support for the EU Regional Development and Protection Programme (EUAA RDPP) for North-Africa</i></p>	<p>Action 2: Assistance in establishing a single, sustainable national asylum system</p> <p><i>Denmark supports the EU Regional Development and Protection Programme (EUAA RDPP) for North-Africa, strengthening the institutional capacities of Egypt, among others, to provide international protection and manage mixed migration flows. Additionally, Denmark also supports the EUAA-Egypt Roadmap for Cooperation strengthening support to the Egyptian authorities in the area of international protection and asylum, and prevention of and fight against irregular migration, migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, by supporting i.e. the establishment of asylum-related legislation, institutions and systems in Egypt.</i></p>		
<p><i>FR:</i></p> <p><i>Resettlement operations for refugees under the protection of UNHCR in Egypt.</i></p>	<p>Action 1: Support to strengthening Protection and Resilience of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants in Vulnerable Situation in Egypt.</p> <p><i>In the framework of its cooperation with UNHCR in the field of asylum and refugee protection, FR has for several years been carrying out resettlement operations for refugees under the protection of the UNHCR in Egypt. Under this programme funded by the AMIF, FR has so far hosted nearly 700 Syrian and sub-</i></p>		<p><i>This cooperation should continue in the future.</i></p>

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	<p><i>Saharan refugees from Egypt and is expecting to welcome nearly 200 other refugees from Egypt by the end of the year.</i></p>		
<p><i>IT: Regional Development and Protection Program (RDPP) for North Africa</i></p>	<p>Action 1: <i>Support to strengthening Protection and Resilience of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants in Vulnerable Situation in Egypt.</i></p> <p><i>Since 2016, the Italian Ministry of the Interior has been coordinating the Regional Development and Protection Program (RDPP) for North Africa (Algeria, Chad, Libya, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger and Tunisia) financed 90 % with AMIF funds, which provides, among other, capacity building actions for governments and local stakeholders, actions on the management of migratory flows, the international protection of asylum seekers and refugees, victims of trafficking, unaccompanied and separated minors, as well as reception activities, resilience, social services health and education services for migrants / refugees in transit countries. Ongoing project “Ensure protection of asylum-seekers and refugees through Registration and Refugee Status Determination (RSD)” implemented by UNHCR. The project aims to contribute to improving the access and quality of procedures for determining international protection by maintaining and strengthening the resources assigned to the aforementioned procedures. A follow-up project is planned from January 2023. Ongoing project “Protecting and Empowering UASC in Cairo, Egypt” implemented by Save the Children and Caritas. Ongoing project on Strengthening Protection for Egypt’s Most Vulnerable Refugees and Migrants Through Legal Assistance, Educational Training, Psychosocial Support, and Medical Care by Saint Andrews’ Refugee Services (StARS). Planned project with Save the Children to ensure that unaccompanied refugee children,</i></p>		

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	<i>adolescents and young vulnerable migrants have access to protective services starting in January 2023.</i>		
<p>IT: Capacity building activities on the establishment of a national asylum system.</p>	<p>Action 2: Assistance in establishing a single, sustainable national asylum system</p> <p><i>Among the components of the Regional Development and Protection Program (RDPP) for North Africa, Italy, through UNHCR, is implementing capacity building activities on the establishment of a national asylum system.</i></p>		
<p>IT: Action to Support the National Coordinating Committee on Combating and Preventing Trafficking in Persons to Create a Safe and Secure Environment in Egypt.</p>	<p>Action 3: Measures to combat the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings, as well as to support border management</p> <p><i>Project implemented by IOM.</i></p>		<p>Ongoing</p> <p><i>Phase II. Planned project on Enhancing the access to protection for victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants in Egypt starting in January 2023.</i></p>
<p>IT: Second edition of the ITEPA project</p>	<p>Action 5: Contribute to an effective national strategy on returns and readmissions</p> <p><i>Italy is ready to start the second edition of the ITEPA project, co-financed by the EU (Italian-Egyptian project, which consists in carrying out training courses on border management and immigration held at the Cairo Police Academy and destined to</i></p>		

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	Police Forces of several African countries), [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]		
IT: The “Aware migrants’ campaign” on the risks of irregular migration	Action 6: Tackle root causes of irregular migration The “Aware migrants’ campaign” on the risks of irregular migration has been realised by Italy since 2016 in Egypt, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia. The main objectives are helping migrants taking informed decisions and making them aware of the traffickers’ unscrupulous behaviour as well as informing public opinion, families, friends and all those who might influence the decision to leave on the risks of irregular migration.	A total costs of EUR 1.4 mil. was deployed for Algeria, Egypt, Niger and Mauritania.	For 2021-2022 activities
NL: The PROSPECTS partnership in Egypt	Action 1: Support to strengthening Protection and Resilience of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants in Vulnerable Situation in Egypt.	EUR 35 million being implemented by IFC, ILO, UNHCR and UNICEF	Between 2020-2023.
NL: The COMPASS partnership with IOM	Action 3: Measures to combat the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings, as well as to support border management The Netherlands funds the COMPASS partnership with IOM. The partnership is focused on direct protection and assistance, including MHPSS and voluntary return and reintegration services to vulnerable migrants, with a focus on victims of trafficking, women and children, awareness-raising and capacity-building to counter trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.	The Netherlands funds the COMPASS partnership with IOM with a total budget of EUR 55 mil. in 14 countries. In Egypt: EUR 950.000 in 2021, EUR 1.2 mil. in 2022, budget for 2023 tbc. The Netherlands funds UNODC (2019-2022) with a total budget of EUR 2 mil. for Egypt, Algeria and Morocco focused on combating	

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		<i>money laundering from TIP and SoM.</i>	
<i>NL: Implementation of the NL-EGY Declaration of Intent on broad migration cooperation</i>	<i>Horizontal activities</i>		<i>Several exchanges will be planned.</i>
<i>RO: Sustainable solutions represented by the external relocation.</i>	Action 1: <i>Support to strengthening Protection and Resilience of Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants in Vulnerable Situation in Egypt.</i> <i>In accordance with national legislation, Romania will continue to contribute to the implementation of the sustainable solutions represented by the external relocation.</i>		<i>Romania plans to relocate, in the period 2022-2023, a quota of 200 Syrian refugees temporarily located in Türkiye, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt.</i>

ANNEX II: Common messages

[General support]

- Recall the long-standing and close partnership between the EU and Egypt and express the EU's commitment to continue and deepen the six pillars of the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership launched with the signature of the Joint Declaration on 17 March 2024.
- Express the commitment to maintain and further strengthen the EU-Egypt bilateral relations as confirmed during the 10th Association Council on 23 January 2024 in Brussels.
- Highlight that the **first EU-Egypt Leaders' Summit** will take place in Brussels on 22 October, marking an important milestone in the delivery of the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership.
- The EU remains committed to ensuring that democratic values, respect for human rights and the rule of law remain an integral part of the ongoing relationship, as reflected in the newly signed Joint Declaration on 17 March 2024. In this regard, the EU is committed to give new impetus to the EU-Egypt political dialogue on human rights.
- Emphasise the EU's political commitment to strengthening its relationship with the entire southern neighbourhood, particularly with regard to migration, in the context of the implementation of the new Agenda for the Mediterranean.

[Socio-economic support]

- Ensure the EU's willingness to cooperate in advancing socio-economic goals guided by Egypt's "Sustainable Development Strategy – Vision 2030" and the new Technical Education Strategy 2.0, and to continue to support addressing the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement and the support to Egypt through skills-development and education, especially for young people.
- Implement actions sustained by the funds available under the approved Multi-Annual Indicative Program (MIP) 2021-2027, with a first tranche of EUR 240 M available for the period 2021-2024 and develop new actions for 2024-2027 in line with the priorities of the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership.
- Confirm EU's awareness of the challenges related to the domestic socio-economic situation resulting from the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and its impact on increased food insecurity globally, as well as on global supply chains and energy and commodity price hikes.
- Acknowledge and express support to Egypt in light of the challenges stemming from conflicts in the region, especially the war in Sudan, and the country's important role in hosting an increased number of refugees and asylum seekers, putting additional strain on Egypt's resources.
- In this regard, emphasize the commitment to continue providing support in the hosting of vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, as well as to mitigate the negative impacts of Russia's blockage of the supply channels and counter possible pro-Russian disinformation narratives positioning EU as the actor responsible for these disruptions.

[Priorities in the field of migration management]

- Underline the importance of adopting a comprehensive approach to migration governance, which entails tackling the root causes of irregular migration, providing protection support, combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons, including through enhanced controls at borders, enhanced opportunities for legal migration and labour mobilities towards the EU ensuring dignified and sustainable return and reintegration, and other aspect of migration and mobility.
- Commend Egypt's efforts in fighting irregular departures via sea and in hosting large numbers of refugees.

- Stress the need for Egypt to make further efforts to counter criminal networks engaged in migrant smuggling and human trafficking, given the recent increase in migratory flows from the country towards the EU via Libya.
- Emphasise the importance of and the EU's support to the transition from a UNHCR-led registration system to a national asylum system autonomously managed by Egypt, in close cooperation with UNHCR and possibly also EUAA. Reassure the EU's readiness to support the implementation of the Asylum Law adopted in December 2024 and strengthen Egyptian capacity to safeguard migrant's rights, to provide protection, in line with international standards, and access to basic services, such as health and education, including for refugees, migrants and asylum-seekers.
- Underline the support provided by the EU and its MSs to the work of establishing a single national asylum system, in particular by rolling out the 2nd EU-Egypt "Roadmap for cooperation 2024-2026" and the EU Regional Pilot Project for North Africa and Niger.
- Promote further cooperation in the spirit of the political declaration of the Valletta Summit and the Joint Valletta Action Plan.
- Stress the importance of a co-construction with the Egyptian authorities of actions to address challenges along the Central Mediterranean route in the framework of the dedicated Team Europe Initiative.

[Strengthening capacities in the area of asylum and international protection]

- Underline the EU's readiness to support in strengthening access to international protection and enhance the efficiency of asylum procedures, including accelerated procedures, and safe country lists where applicable.
- Reassure that the EU is willing to support the Egyptian authorities in strengthening registration and reception capacities and improving reception conditions for asylum seekers and persons in need of international protection, ensuring efficient access to adequate support to vulnerable groups including refugees from Sudan.
- Emphasise the support by ensuring stronger engagement of relevant EU agencies, international and non-governmental organisations, promoting a whole-of-route and whole-of-government approach.
- [REDACTED] Offer support for enhanced Egyptian registration infrastructure, as well as the hosting of refugees and asylum seekers including access to basic services.

[Border management]

- Recall the commitment to enhance operational cooperation in areas relating to security and counterterrorism, including the capacity to prevent and fight trans-national organised crime such as migrant smuggling, and human trafficking, including child trafficking.
- Underline the EU's support to Egyptian land and sea border management capacities, including through an ongoing EU-funded action on search and rescue (SAR) and border surveillance worth EUR 110 million.
- Recall the EU's offer to foster cooperation and engagement with Frontex, preferably through development and negotiation of working arrangements.
- Thank the Egyptian authorities for the efforts to prevent irregular departures from Egypt's coasts and thus prevent the loss of human lives at sea, as well as for the search and rescue operations carried out in their maritime SAR zone. Underline the importance of the Egyptian Navy in conducting SAR operations in the northwest area of the Egyptian SAR zone, through which some migrants cross on their journey from eastern Libya to Crete.
- Underline the need for enhanced land border control at Egypt's western border with Libya, notably in order to counter smugglers' new modus operandi of providing counterfeited labour permits to EG nationals that use them to cross freely into Eastern Libya.

[Fight against smuggling]

- The EU is supporting Egypt's efforts to investigate and prosecute the criminal organisations engaging in migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings through the new EUR 20 million anti-smuggling project implemented by UNODC and France. This project will soon receive an additional EUR 10 million.
- It is our hope that the anti-smuggling project will also support cooperation with Member States in combatting migrant smuggling. The EU also encourages cooperation with Europol, with whom a Working Arrangement has recently been signed.

[Return and readmission]

- Recall that the EU as whole remains committed to effective and uniform cooperation on readmission: welcome the quality of the relationship developed with some Member States and call for the agreement of similarly robust arrangements for all Member States.
- Acknowledge the importance of reintegration measures for sustainable returns.
- Reassure that the EU is willing to foster and facilitate cooperation on identification, return, including on assisted voluntary return, readmission and sustainable reintegration of irregular migrants to their country of origin.
- Underline the EU's readiness to assist in building capacities with knowledge and skills on different aspects of return, readmission and reintegration and express the wish to conclude a working arrangement with Egypt in order to fully exploit the Frontex mandate in this area.
- Emphasise the support to Egyptian authorities in enhancing the effectiveness of voluntary returns from Egypt to the countries of origin, in full respect of the principle of non-refoulement.

[Legal migration]

- The EU supports Egypt in the field of labour migration with programmes that aim at the upskilling and re-skilling of the Egyptian labour force in order to serve the Egyptian labour market, as well as to spur mobility towards the EU, in line with EU and Egypt's interests.
- *'Towards and Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility in North of Africa'*, also known as THAMM, is the biggest regional programme in the field of labour migration currently ongoing.
- Present the Talent Partnerships mechanism, which will build upon EUMS' positive bilateral experiences and effective EU-funded THAMM Programme and allow - while respecting national competences, and according to mutual needs - to strengthen the initiatives of several Member States in the field of legal migration and to enhance skills and employability of Egyptian participants. We are working with Egyptian counterparts to build a joint roadmap for engagement in collaboration with other EU services and the EU Delegation in Cairo.
- Express EU and MS interest to soon organise a second TP Roundtable.