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In view of the MOCADEM Roundtable meeting of 28 November 2025 delegations will find attached the "Action file to follow up on the EU Action Plan for the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic routes".

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<i>Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings</i>				
<p>2. Implement the Anti-Smuggling Operational Partnership (ASOP) with Morocco</p>	<p>Member States, Frontex, Europol, CEPOL, Commission, EU Delegation</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start negotiations on the Working Arrangement between Morocco and Europol. Meeting to start negotiations which was planned for July 2024 was cancelled by Morocco. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] Awareness-raising and information campaigns carried out in Morocco on the risks of migrant smuggling, trafficking in human beings and legal alternatives to irregular migration until 30 September 2025 financed by HOME Funds. - Morocco is a priority country under the new AMIF call for proposals "Prevention of irregular migration through awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in selected third countries and within Europe", which was launched in November 2024. See below under Action 3 for more details. - Increased coordination and exchange of information with the Member States. - Development of Moroccan window of anti-smuggling and anti-trafficking project under 	<p><i>The EU and Morocco agreed on an operational anti-smuggling partnership (ASOP) to counter migrant smuggling and human trafficking. Under the ASOP the EU and its Member States enhance cooperation with Morocco to support border management, police cooperation, awareness-raising on the dangers of irregular migration and enhanced cooperation with EU agencies working in the area of migration and home affairs.</i></p> <p><i>- Negotiations on a working arrangement with Europol have not officially started yet [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>- Strengthening cooperation with Frontex: Annual meetings of the Mixed Committee. [REDACTED]</i></p>

			<p>NDICI AAP 2024 (EUR 15 million). [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] This initiative will be carried out in strong synergy with other projects (to be) implemented along the Atlantic route (NETCOP III, Seahorse A, etc.) and will aim at supporting improved cooperation and coordination with West African countries and EU.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p><i>- Information and awareness raising campaign 'SurMaRoute - Informative Campaign in Morocco and Tunisia for the Conscious Design of a Personalized Life Path against Irregular Migration' implemented in Morocco and Tunisia between 2023 and 2025 (total EUR 1.4 million, AMIF). The project aims at offering potential young migrants and migrants the opportunity to design alternative, personalised, and safe life paths. It is implemented by Progettomondo (IT) with CIES (IT), FAMSÍ (ES), and GRDR (FR).</i></p>
<p>3. Adopt and kick off the implementation of a regional programme under NDICI-Global Europe to fight against the smuggling of migrants and the trafficking in human beings (North Africa)</p>	<p>Commission, EEAS, Member States</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		<p><i>As noted above, discussion on Morocco window of regional programme on anti-smuggling and anti-trafficking is underway. The programme will be comprehensive, involving multiple partners and aiming also to foster cooperation between maritime coordination centres along the Atlantic route. A consortium of implementing partners will be led by Spain (FIAP).</i></p>

<p>4. Consolidate counter-smuggling activities with partner countries along the whole route</p>	<p>Member States (in particular ES and FR), Europol, Frontex</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidate synergies within and between the existing Common Operational Partnerships (COPs) and Joint Investigation Team with Mauritania, Senegal, Niger, Nigeria, Côte d’Ivoire, The Gambia, and Guinea, also through the Networking of Common Operational Partnerships (NETCOP). Following the end of the two-year NETCOP II (ISF, EUR 1.9 million) in May 2025, preparations for NETCOP III (NDICI Individual Measure, EUR 8 million) are underway. Timeline: signature planned in December 2025/January 2026 (tentative). - To further strengthen the efforts to prevent and fight irregular migration, counter migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and strengthen regional maritime cooperation along the West Mediterranean and Atlantic routes, the Seahorse A project (NDICI Individual Measure, EUR 3 million) is under preparation, with a view to cover Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia and ensure synergies with other upcoming projects (notably the Morocco anti-smuggling and anti-trafficking project under NDICI AAP 2024). Timeline: signature planned for Q1 2026. <p>Action “Managing migration better in West Africa” foresees complementary initiatives at national level in Ghana, Mauritania, Nigeria, The Gambia, Cote d’Ivoire and Chad. Together with</p>	<p><i>Niger: Cooperation with Niger authorities in bilateral exercises are currently on hold.</i></p> <p><i>ASOP Niger: Between 2017 and May 2023 the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) contributed to identifying 273 smuggling networks and 938 suspected migrant smugglers, out of whom 504 were prosecuted. The III Phase of the JIT was launched with a budget of EUR 13 million for five years (fully funded under NDICI-Global Europe). Following the coup of 26 July 2023, the JIT contract was suspended.</i></p> <p><i>Senegal: continuation of the activities under COP II signed in September 2023 (financed by the NDICI MIP AAP 2022) for EUR 5.7 million -which received a EUR 29.5 million top up from the NDICI Flexible Mechanism.</i></p> <p><i>The Gambia: To complement COP II (EUR 1.4 million ISF), the COMPACT Gambia project (EUR 3 million) was</i></p>

			<p>the two regional projects (Seahorse A and NETCOP III), the total envelope for the counter-smuggling/counter-trafficking component is EUR 30 million. Timeline: signature in December 2025/Q1 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions to support Common Operational Partnership projects and the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling under the EU Internal Security Fund ongoing (EUR 12 million). - Continue awareness-raising and information campaigns in the EU Delegations to relevant countries on the risks of migrant smuggling and irregular migration. Ongoing campaigns are financed by EU Home Affairs Funds in Niger, Nigeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Senegal, and The Gambia. - A new AMIF call for proposals for “Prevention of irregular migration through awareness raising and information campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in selected third countries and within Europe” was launched in November 2024 with a budget of EUR 10 million. Third countries along the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic Route have been identified as priority countries to be addressed by project proposals, including Algeria, Côte d’Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, and Tunisia. Timeline: Project grant agreements scheduled end of 2025. 	<p><i>validated in May 2024 under NDICI Flexible Mechanism, to provide targeted and advanced support to national authorities in combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings. Upcoming signature (TBC).</i></p> <p><i>Mauritania: COP II (NDICI Flexible Mechanism, EUR 2 million) to be signed in December 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Guinea: COP II component under Réintégrer – Gestion des migrations en Guinée (MIP AAP 2024, EUR 7.85 million out of a total amount of EUR 28 million), implemented by CIVIPOL (November 2024-November 2027).</i></p> <p><i>Côte d’Ivoire: COP Ivory Coast phase II is supported through the Internal Security Fund and implemented by CIVIPOL, for a 3-year duration (February 2023-January 2026). The next two phases are being developed (ISF and NDICI funds),</i></p> <p><i>Nigeria: Ongoing national anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling programme “Support to Migration Governance in Nigeria” (NDICI National MIP 2023, EUR 8 million),</i></p>
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			<p>- Within the framework of the EMPACT Migrant Smuggling Operational Action Plan (OAP) 2024-25 Operational Action (OA) 2.5, Joint Operational Team (JOT) Diunkett is a French led initiative co-led by Spain and in which both Frontex and Europol participate, focused upon combating migrant smuggling along the Western Mediterranean route. This OA has been ongoing for several years and is expected to continue for the next cycle of EMPACT 2026-29.</p>	<p><i>implemented by UNODC and FIAP (January 2025-April 2029). A new COP project implemented by France and Italy started implementation on 1 April 2025, with an EU contribution of EUR 1.35 million through the Migration Partnership Facility.</i></p> <p><i>At Global level, “Promoting Action and Cooperation among countries at global level against Trafficking in Human Beings and the Smuggling of Migrants (PACTS)” NDICI Global Challenges – PEOPLE Annual Action Plan 2023. EUR 5 million –Signed in July 2024 with UNODC (covering Senegal, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Cameroon, Tunisia and other regions). A EUR 15 million “Global Action against the Financial and Digital-based Dimensions of the Smuggling of Migrants” implemented by UNODC was signed in July 2025. Countries covered: Pakistan, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama, Ethiopia, Mauritania, Senegal, Nigeria, Tunisia, Morocco.</i></p>
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				<p><i>HOME-ISF funds for about EUR 1.7 million covering Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia (Niger's leg was put on hold), to foster migration intelligence services cooperation ongoing until 31 December 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Information and awareness raising campaign under the project 'LACE - Learning, Awareness and Counselling for Empowerment in the Central Mediterranean Migration Route': AMIF, EUR 1.4 million, implemented by Seefar (BE, NGO) with PONTES (IT). Implementation from May 2023 – end April 2025. The LACE project implements activities in Nigeria, Niger and Tunisia with a route-based approach.</i></p> <p><i>Information and awareness raising campaign 'INFORMA - INformation, FORMation et Migration en Afrique de l'Ouest': AMIF, EUR 1.4 million, implemented by COSPE (NGO, IT), with Carta di Roma (IT), Seefar, Int. federation of journalists (BE), GRDR (FR), and Open Arms (ES). Implementation period May 2023 –</i></p>
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				<p>end August 2025. INFORMA raises awareness on the risks of irregular migration and promotes legal alternatives, operating in Senegal, Niger and Gambia.</p> <p>The Commission funds (AMIF) a multi-lingual, multi-media online portal InfoMigrants (a website in six languages, various social media accounts, WhatsApp channel) to provide trustworthy information to prospective migrants and counter smugglers disinformation.</p>
Border management				
<p>5. Cooperate with Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia, strengthening their capacities to develop national jointly targeted actions to prevent irregular migration</p>	<p>Member States, Commission, Frontex</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining support for border (land and sea) and migration management and reinforce search and rescue capacity as well as to organise Frontex capacity building activities (e.g. SAR drills). - Build on the expansion of the mandate of the Frontex Liaison Officer (FLO) in Senegal to also cover Mauritania and the Gambia by implementing joint regional and bilateral activities. [REDACTED] - A EUR 25 million project on strengthening management of land and sea borders and search, rescue and protection of migrants at sea and on the coast in Mauritania was signed with Civipol. A land-sea continuum strategy was 	<p>Contracts of the EUR 15 million action in Senegal “Appui à la stabilité et à la sécurité intérieure” were adopted under AAP 2022 – NDICI and including COP II (EUR 5.7 million), implemented by Civipol and FIAP from end 2023. In December the COP II contract received a EUR 29.5 million top up from the NDICI Flexible Mechanism to cover sea and border surveillance and rescue at sea, monitoring on human rights and an awareness raising campaign on irregular migration. The envelope is managed by Civipol and FIAP. First boats delivered in Q3 2025. A project on document fraud is being</p>

			<p>adopted to prevent dangerous sea departures, involving police, gendarmerie, coast guards, and navy. [REDACTED]. A training program is in place, alongside regulatory frameworks and the setup of the Maritime Rescue and Coordination Centre (MRCC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In May 2025 Mauritania adopted national standard operating procedures to set clear procedures for search and rescue at sea, for disembarkations, and for the subsequent treatment of disembarked migrants in line with international human right laws, including monitoring of human rights and a complaint mechanism. <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Gambia - support to the Gambian Security Sector Reform process for improved Security, Migration and Border management (EUR 2 million). Timeline: project implemented by the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) was implemented until end of August 2025. - Senegal - Budget support which includes a couple of migration-related indicators. [REDACTED] 	<p><i>conceived with the involvement of Frontex, Civipol, FIAP and ICMPD</i></p> <p><i>Frontex continues to engage with countries on the route through regular meeting and capacity building activities (Morocco already referred to; also Mauritania, Senegal and The Gambia in view of a possible conclusion of a Working Arrangement).</i></p> <p><i>Frontex organized an operational awareness session in Senegal (Dakar) for first-line officers at the Airport in Dakar (April 2025).</i></p> <p><i>An action on land and sea borders in Mauritania (EUR 6.37 million) was adopted in October 2023 and is ongoing. This has been complemented with a border management action (EUR 25 million) funded under the Flexible Mechanism contracted end of August 2024, and another Flexible Mechanism action on counter-smuggling (COP) with EUR 2 million.</i></p>
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			management (FIAP-led – EUR 44 million) is getting to its completion before 31 st December 2025.	
6. Foster increased bilateral cooperation between Frontex and Morocco, Mauritania and Senegal	Frontex, Commission	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the negotiations of working arrangements between Frontex and, respectively. Morocco, Mauritania and Senegal. † [REDACTED] - Continue engagement of Frontex with Morocco through the annual holding of Frontex-Morocco Mixed Committee meetings and the implementation of agreed Road Maps. Timeline: confirmation awaited from Moroccan authorities. [REDACTED] - Frontex discussions with Mauritania on the Working Arrangement are ongoing. - Enhanced cooperation between Frontex and Senegal has been relaunched, aiming at the signature of the Working Arrangements. 	<p><i>A Frontex Mixed Committee took place in Morocco in 2023 to launch the negotiation for a working arrangement. Next Committee to be confirmed in 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Frontex continues to engage with Mauritania and Senegal in view of a possible conclusion of a Working Arrangement. [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>Early September 2024, a Frontex mission visited Nouakchott. [REDACTED]</i></p> <p><i>On 16 April 2025 Frontex organised a meeting in Nouadhibou with Coast Guard on operational cooperation in the context of a working arrangement (pre-frontier surveillance).</i></p>

				<i>A Frontex technical mission to Senegal took place in February 2025 and a training on document fraud detection at Dakar airport in April 2025. Regular technical contacts and dialogue continues.</i>
<i>Return, readmission and reintegration</i>				
7. Enhance the ongoing engagement to improve practical cooperation on readmission	MS, Commission, EEAS	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conclude the EU–Nigeria Readmission Agreement as soon as possible. The next high-level meetings could reaffirm this message. - SOM Nigeria to be scheduled in next months. - Ministerial Nigeria (in next months). - Follow-up to the 11th EU-Algeria Sub-committee on Justice and Home Affairs (20 June 2023) as well as an EU-Algeria Informal Dialogue on Migration (13 July 2023). The next EU-Algeria informal Dialogue on Migration is tentatively planned for 2025 (feedback on the date awaited from Algeria). - Regular monitoring of the implementation of the readmission annex to the ‘Document partagé entre les représentants du Gouvernement Guinéen et de l’Union Européenne portant sur la coopération en matière de migration irrégulière’, (the EU readmission arrangement with Guinea), next Joint Working Group to be held in Q1 2026. 	<p><i>Engagement continues in Brussels and Abuja. Text of the agreement presented to MS in IMEX in May 2024. Nigeria’s feedback after internal consultations on the draft text is pending. COM next steps to be defined based on eventual feedback. HRVP met with Nigerian MFA Tuggar on 21 May 2025, in the margins of the EU-AU Ministerial, and raised the need to conclude the Readmission Agreement.</i></p> <p><i>The EU Delegation in Algeria has supported the follow-up to the informal dialogue on migration and mobility that took place in Brussels on 13-14 July 2023.</i></p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular monitoring of the implementation of the readmission arrangement with Cote d'Ivoire, next Joint Working Group to be held in Q3 2026. - The Gambia - Regular monitoring of the implementation of the readmission arrangement [Good practices] and Operational Conclusions on modalities for return operations. Readmission-related indicator in the budget support programme aiming at production of internal manual on readmission processing for the Gambian authorities and diplomatic missions and an action plan to reduce the backlog of readmission cases. - [REDACTED] 	<p><i>Monitoring of the Document partagé's implementation in biannual Joint Working Groups, next one to be held in Brussels in Q1 2026.</i></p> <p><i>On 9 April 2025 in Brussels, Frontex, jointly with COM/DG HOME, organised a consular workshop with Côte d'Ivoire to agree on the operational arrangements regarding the extension of the support for identification provided by the CIV Security Attachés already deployed in Belgium, France, Germany and Italy to all other Member States.</i></p> <p><i>Monitoring of readmission framework at biannual Joint Working Group meetings (latest May 2024 and January 2025), and regular exchanges with the focal point on readmission in The Gambia's Embassy to Brussels.</i></p>
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<p>8. Support protection and voluntary return operations</p>	<p>MS, Frontex, COM</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisted voluntary returns from Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Algeria to countries of origin continue through the Migrant Return and Reintegration programme (MPRR North of Africa). A top-up of EUR 56 million will support expanding operations. - The Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration programme for Sub-Saharan Africa (MPRR-SSA, EUR 333.8 million). Timeline: Contract signed in July 2023, retroactivity as of August 2022. Current MPRR contract with IOM covers for assisted voluntary returns until December 2025. 	<p><i>As regards the action Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration (MPRR) for Sub-Saharan Africa, 37,709 migrants (80,74% of the total caseload) have returned from Niger between August 2022 and August 2025 under the MPRR-SSA. Top nationalities for assisted voluntary returns in Sub-Saharan Africa: Guineans (11,765), Nigerians (10,738), Mali (9,713). IOM continues operations in Niger.</i></p> <p><i>Enhance coordinating with EU Delegations and liaison officers with various mandates in priority countries.</i></p> <p><i>Between January 2023 and February 2025, a total of 45,694 people have been returned from North Africa to their country of origin, including 25,364 from Libya; 9,580 from Algeria; 7,037 from Tunisia; and 2,449 from Morocco.</i></p> <p><i>Three trilateral meetings between the EU, IOM and the Algerian authorities took place in December</i></p>
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				2023, June 2024, January 2025 to follow-up on the request to scale-up the assisted voluntary returns programme with IOM.
9. Enhance the sustainable reintegration of returnees in their countries of origin	Member States, Commission, Frontex,	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions supporting migration governance including reintegration have been adopted in Ghana (EUR 6 million of which 1.5 million for reintegration -October 2022), Côte d'Ivoire (AAP 2023, with EUR 5.4 million for reintegration), Guinea (AAP 2024, with EUR 19.8 million for reintegration), and in Nigeria (EUR 20 million, April 2023 of which EUR 12 million for reintegration). Budget support in Senegal (EUR 70 million signed in December 2022) includes indicators on reintegration. Actions on reintegration under the Flexible Mechanism for Migration and Forced Displacement have been adopted in Côte d'Ivoire (EUR 10 million, 2024) and in The Gambia (EUR 8 million, 2024). - The Action “Managing migration better in West Africa 2025” (Individual Measure NDICI) foresees to build and/or reinforce national reintegration systems to ensure nationally-owned referral systems for returnees, and enhance social cohesion measures in receiving communities in Chad, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, The Gambia and Senegal, Sierra Leone (EUR 70 million). - Senegal - action included as a specific indicator under budget support. Fixed tranche (EUR 10 million) was paid in July 2023. Five variable 	<p><i>First steps in cooperation between Morocco and Western Balkans on returns with support of IOM.</i></p> <p><i>Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration (MPRR, funded under NDICI) for Sub-Saharan Africa signed in July 2023 – retroactivity of costs ensured since August 2022. Since then, until August 2025, more than 106,404 migrants (including those returning from North Africa, 54% of total caseload) have received post-arrival assistance and 91,617 migrants (including returnees from North Africa, 53% of total caseload) have received reintegration assistance under the MPRR-SSA.</i></p> <p><i>NDICI actions at country level with components relevant for reintegration adopted/upcoming in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco, Sierra Leone, Chad and The Gambia.</i></p>

			<p>tranches on migration (including readmission) indicators (4 of EUR 1.6 million and 1 indicator linked to EUR 2.5 million).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Gambia - specific indicators on migration, readmission and reintegration addressed, amounting EUR 5 million out of a total EU contribution of EUR 40 million were included under the AAP 2023. A fixed and variable Tranche 2025 is scheduled to be paid by the end of the year. - Morocco - ongoing programme with GIZ (EUR 6 million) to support sustainable reintegration of Moroccan returnees. - <u>Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration (MPRR)</u> regional RIP for Sub-Saharan Africa 2021-2027 implemented by IOM (total budget for MPRR Sub-Saharan Africa and North of Africa combined - EUR 419.5 million): this programme is the successor of the EU-IOM Joint Initiative and since August 2022 focuses on the protection of vulnerable migrants within SSA, and support of assisted voluntary return and sustainable reintegration for returnees in the region, through a rights-based and comprehensive approach. 	<p><i>Since May 2023, IOM intensified outreach activities to Moroccan migrants in the Serbian reception centres for the purpose of facilitating communication and implementation of assisted voluntary return and reintegration (AVRR) of Moroccan nationals currently residing in Serbia.</i></p> <p><i>There is a regional Danish-led project with IOM and a regional Dutch-led project with ICMPD which provide capacity-building measures on return and readmission to Western Balkan partners and the implementation of country working groups regarding the main target groups (Morocco, Pakistan, Bangladesh).</i></p> <p><i>Aiming to ensure coordination between GIZ, IOM and Frontex programme in Morocco.</i></p>
Protection and legal pathways				
10. Foster the quick and effective implementation of	EEAS, Commission, Member States, EUAA	Ongoing	- Implementation of the Phase 7 projects of the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) in North Africa and Mauritania (EU contribution EUR 45.8 million)	<i>As part of the EU's support on protection for Morocco with NDICI funding, a EUR 5 million project with UNHCR is being implemented.</i>

<p>protection mechanisms in partner countries</p>			<p>with relevant partners like IOM, UNHCR etc. Timeline: implementation Jan 2025 - Dec 2027.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The EUAA is implementing a new Regional Protection Project for the Southern Neighbourhood (Nov 2024 – Nov 2029). This new regional initiative targets Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, and potentially Mauritania, in close collaboration with EU Member States. 	<p><i>Additionally, three contracts with civil society organisations have been signed in 2024 for a total of approximately EUR 12 million and have started in 2025.</i></p> <p><i>Under the protection package for Mauritania, contract signed with IOM and UNHCR for EUR 1.5 and EUR 1.9 million for protection of migrant children and refugees. Additional funding under the Flexible Mechanism has been contracted (EUR 28 million for the refugee crisis in the eastern border with Mali)</i> [REDACTED]</p>
<p>11.Promote and support legal pathways to protection in the EU</p>	<p>Member States, Commission</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The implementation of the ad-hoc EU-funded resettlement and humanitarian admission scheme for 2024-2025 is ongoing. - Following the adoption of the Union Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Framework Regulation, the Commission convened two High-Level Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Committee meetings (7 November 2024 and 17 March 2025) to launch discussion about the priorities for the future Union efforts to be reflected in the first- 	<p><i>The EUAA is ready to explore if and how the Agency could support Member States with their resettlement efforts, including in the context of the implementation of the EU Action Plan for the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic Routes.</i></p> <p><i>Under the ad hoc EU-funded resettlement and humanitarian admission scheme for 2024-2025, Member States provided almost</i></p>

			<p>ever Union Resettlement and humanitarian admission plan (2026-2027).</p>	<p><i>61,000 pledges for resettlement and humanitarian admission.</i></p> <p><i>In May 2024, the new Union Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Framework Regulation was adopted as part of the Pact on Migration and Asylum. The new Framework will bring more predictability and efficiency to the Union's resettlement and humanitarian admission efforts. The first step towards the operationalisation of the Regulation was the first meeting of the High-Level Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Committee that took place on 7 November 2024 [REDACTED]. A second meeting took place on 17 March 2025. The Commission adopted a proposal for the 2026-2027 Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Plan in November 2025.</i></p>
<i>Labour migration and partnerships</i>				
<p>12. Advance on the operationalisation of the Talent Partnerships with Morocco</p>	<p>Member States, Commission</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>- First Talent Partnership Roundtable was held on 26 April 2023. A follow-up technical meeting took place in November 2023 to identify the priority sectors of common interest and discuss a roadmap on the concrete steps to take the process forward. The second Roundtable meeting was held on 21 October 2024 and</p>	<p><i>New phase of THAMM includes mobility schemes between Morocco and Italy and Morocco and Germany. MPF project with BE launched, more mobility projects under preparation</i></p>

			<p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Flexible Mechanism (NDICI) could potentially be used to support relevant activities, identified in Team Europe approach, contributing to Talent Partnerships in Nigeria and Senegal, depending on Member States' interests and identified potential for sustainable labour migration as well as progress on readmission and returns. [REDACTED]- The Migration Partnership Facility (HOME) supported mobility project "Digital Explorers II" between Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, and Nigeria, Kenya and Armenia started in March 2023.- Project launched in October 2023 under the Migration Partnership Facility on a Skills Partnerships between Senegal/Ghana and Germany for about EUR 4.3 million.	
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<p>14. Encourage the contribution of the diaspora of third country nationals' in the development of their countries of origin</p>	<p>MS, Commission</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foster their involvement in legal migration/mobility scheme projects. Reflection on the implementation ongoing; participation of Member States is essential. - Action “Unleashing the potential of youth in West Africa” (NDICI Individual Measure) foresees to facilitate diaspora investments in the creation or growth of green, circular and low-carbon formal and informal enterprises in West Africa, with focus on Ghana, Cote d’Ivoire, Senegal, Mali, The Gambia (EUR 25 million). Timeline: signature planned for Q4 2025. 	<p><i>The FMM II regional action (NDICI) covers West Africa and includes work on the contribution of the diasporas in the region, together with ECOWAS.</i></p> <p><i>South-South action (NDICI), involving diasporas established in Morocco from several Sub-Saharan African countries (including Senegal) was adopted in June 2024.</i></p> <p><i>The EU Global Diaspora Facility (EUDiF) II (NDICI) is an ongoing global action that supports diaspora engagement for development. Contract for Phase II was signed in December 2023. Currently, EUDiF is building capacities of 8 public entities and 11 diaspora associations through grant projects.</i></p> <p><i>As a supplement to the FMM II programme, Denmark is currently in the process of approving an additional grant to the component by ICMPD on the implementation of the Free Movement Protocol to be expanded to all ECOWAS-countries. The support will also</i></p>
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				<i>cover a secondment to the ECOWAS Department of Mobility.</i>
15. Identify, through a Frontex targeted assessment of the situation in the Atlantic and Western Mediterranean, needs for reinforced support to partner countries	Member States, Frontex		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of priorities and deployments completed. - Consider support through joint operations, surveillance, capacity building and situational awareness. - Need to finalise the Commission green light on Annex 1 on data protection. - For West Africa need to identify resources for a more active involvement from Frontex and more advocacy at the higher political level. 	
16. Enhance returns from EU Member States to partner countries	Member States, Frontex, Commission, EU Return Coordinator	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue Frontex return operations and post-return services under EU Reintegration Programme (EURP). - Expansion of Frontex EURP to cover Senegal on hold. - Follow-up of the High-Level Network for Returns meeting held in October. - See remark on Guinea (Document partagé) in action 7. 	<p>██████████</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████████████████</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████████████</p> <p>████████████████████████</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>██████████ :</p>

				<p><i>As part of follow up to the 6th JWG meeting, Frontex-organised technical consular workshop with Cote d'Ivoire, on 9 April 2025.</i></p> <p>████████████████████ ████████████████████ ████████████████████ ████████████████████ ████████████████████ ████████████████████ ████████████████████</p> <p><i>The 4th technical dialogue EU-Senegal on readmission (back-to-back with meetings on border management and anti-smuggling cooperation) took place on 19 September 2024. A 5th technical dialogue on readmission cooperation is envisaged (timeline tbc), possibly back-to-back with discussions on cooperation on prevention of irregular migration.</i></p>
17. Link up the reintegration of voluntary returnees with Member States/European Commission	Member States		- Explore projects of European companies in countries of origin and transit that could be linked to the reintegration of voluntary returnees in key economic sectors. Timeline: reflection on the implementation on-going; participation of Member States is essential.	

companies' investments				
18. Achieve more efficient and quicker relocations	Member States, EUAA, Commission	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make use of the Solidarity Platform in order to enhance coordination between beneficiary and pledging Member States. 	<p><i>Participating countries agreed in May 2023 to continue implementation until full implementation of the pledges. The Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism can remain in place until the entry into application of the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation (AMMR), in 2026.</i></p> <p><i>The Commission holds coordinating meetings with participating countries, EUAA and IOM to facilitate the implementation of relocation procedures beyond supporting the process financially.</i></p>

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
<i>Title of the action</i>	<i>Link to the Action file objectives</i>	<i>Indicative budget</i>	<i>Foreseen timetable</i>
BE Côte d'Ivoire: The MIGRET project	<p>Action 9: Enhance the sustainable reintegration of returnees in their countries of origin</p> <p>The MIGRET project (2024-2028) financed by the NDICI funds, including a combination of MIP and Flexible Mechanism for Migration governance, focuses on supporting reintegration systems in Côte d'Ivoire. The project started in mid-2024 and is implemented in partnership between Expertise France, IOM and Enabel. The main national partners are the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in particular the Directorate in charge of Ivorians living abroad, and the Ministries of Social Action, Civil Service and Vocational Training/Employment.</p> <p>Enabel is specifically responsible for the territorialisation of migration policies in areas of the country that are particularly sensitive in respect of issues of migration and reintegration. The work involves capacity building for local stakeholders (elected representatives, technical services of the municipalities, associations, private sector, etc.), and for employment, entrepreneurship and vocational training in decentralised services and direct support for socio-economic reintegration at community level in the regions of Daloa, Bouaké and Abidjan.</p>		2024–2028

<p>BE</p> <p>Guinea: The AMIS project</p>	<p>Action 9: Enhance the sustainable reintegration of returnees in their countries of origin</p> <p>The AMIS project (2024-2028), funded by the EU through NDICI funds, focuses on supporting migration governance, including supporting sustainable approaches to reintegration, and started at the end of 2024. Enabel is leader of the consortium which also includes Expertise France. The main national partners are Ministry of Foreign Affairs, particularly the Directorate responsible for Guineans based abroad, as well as the Ministries of Youth, Vocational Training and Employment.</p> <p>Enabel is specifically responsible for supporting the territorialisation of migration policies and socio-economic reintegration programmes in 3 regions of the country, as well as supporting local actors in charge of the identification of international mobility opportunities, including to the EU (without implementing mobility schemes).</p>		<p>2024–2028</p>
<p>BE</p> <p>Bilateral programme with Senegal</p>	<p>Action 9: Enhance the sustainable reintegration of returnees in their countries of origin</p> <p>In the context of the bilateral programme between Belgium and Senegal (2024-2028), BE is developing a system promoting entrepreneurship and human mobility involving diaspora engagement, reintegration and short-term mobility opportunities for Senegalese entrepreneurs and supporting the Secretariat of State for Senegalese based abroad and promoting good migration management.</p>		<p>2024-2028</p>

DK	Actions 10-11: Protection and legal pathways	EUR 1,34 million	2023-2025
Enhanced Protection and Health Assistance for Migrants in Vulnerable Situations in Algeria	The objective is to improve the protection and well-being of unaccompanied and separated migrant children and young migrants (up to 25 years of age) in Algeria by providing quality health services and assisted voluntary return and reintegration.		
DK	Actions 7-9: Return, readmission and reintegration	EUR 2,68 million	2024-2025
Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration programme for Sub-Saharan Africa	Contribute to the protection of stranded and vulnerable migrants within Sub-Saharan Africa, and support assisted voluntary return and sustainable reintegration for returnees in the region		
DK	Actions 7-9: Return, readmission and reintegration	EUR 2,68 million	2024-2025
Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration in Northern Africa (MPRR-NA)	Contribute to vulnerable and stranded migrants from North Africa safely and voluntarily return to and from North Africa, and that returnees sustainably reintegrate into their countries of origin.		
DK	Actions 7-11: Protection and legal pathways + Return, readmission and reintegration)	EUR 2,4 million	2025-2029
Youth Empowerment and Reintegration Project (YERP) in Nigeria (part of CAPACITY programme)	The Youth Empowerment and Reintegration Project (YERP) is an initiative designed to address rural youth unemployment, reintegration of returnees and migration in Nigeria.		

DK	Actions 10-11: Protection and legal pathways	EUR 1,34 million	2023-2025
Assistance and protection of unaccompanied and separated migrant children in Morocco (phase III).	The project contributes to improving the assistance and protection provided to unaccompanied and separated migrant children in different Moroccan regions.		
DK	Actions 10-11: Protection and legal pathways	EUR 47,5 million	2024-2029
Pathways to Protection (P2P).	Has a route-based approach and addresses risks across entire migration journeys, adapting interventions in real time to meet evolving needs. Offers rights-based services, builds local capacity, and promotes sustainable migration pathways, reducing reliance on dangerous routes.		
DK	The project is to enhance the knowledge base on mixed migration, contribute to a more nuanced understanding of mixed migration, positively influence global and regional policy processes leading to improved policy making on mixed migration globally and regionally, and contribute to evidence-based programmatic responses leading to better outcomes for refugees and migrants on the move.	EUR 4 million	2023-2025
Support to Mixed Migration Center (MMC)			
DK	Actions 10-11: Protection and legal pathways	EUR 4 million	2023-2028
Strengthening Mobility in West Africa	Support mobility and migration in West Africa by strengthening ECOWAS and supporting the implementation of relevant protocols at country-level.		
DK	Actions 2-4: Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings	EUR 670,000	2023-2028

<p>Combating Human Trafficking, Media Coalition and Awareness to Halt Human Trafficking</p>	<p>Awareness campaigns targeting groups that are at risk of becoming or that have been victims of human trafficking. The engagement also supports MeCAHT's collaboration with Nigerian authorities and their work to combat human trafficking.</p>		
<p>DK</p> <p>Support to voluntary return and monitoring of migration flows in Niger</p>	<p>Actions 7-9: Return, readmission and reintegration</p> <p>Main objective of the project is to provide assistance by offering basic services to migrants stranded in Niger who have chosen to return voluntarily to their country of origin, including help with socio-economic reintegration. The project is in line with Denmark's political priority of combating irregular migration and providing more effective assistance to a greater number of vulnerable and distressed migrants along the main migration routes, as set out in the Danish development strategy "The World We Share".</p>	<p>EUR 13,4 million</p>	<p>2023-2026</p>
<p>DK</p> <p>Training Institute on Migration Capacity Partnership for the Mediterranean (phase II)</p>	<p>Actions 2-4: Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings</p> <p>The overall objective of the project is to contribute to more effective administration of the movement of persons and goods by building migration capacity partnerships through the establishment of a permanent and accredited regional training institute offering quality-assured, bespoke learning and coaching experiences that result in certification for migration actors.</p>	<p>EUR 1,95 million</p>	<p>2023-2025</p>
<p>DK</p>	<p>Support to the Migration Multi Partner Trust Fund. The MPTF is the only funding mechanism fully dedicated to supporting</p>	<p>EUR 4 million</p>	<p>2023-2025</p>

Support to UN Multi-Partner Migration Trust Fund (MPTF)	collective action on migration and ensuring that such trust, determination and solidarity amongst States and with other stakeholders can be fostered to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration.		
DK Regional pilot capacity building project to enhance knowledge exchanges and cooperation on asylum and reception policies and processes	Actions 10-11: Protection and legal pathways The project aims at providing a concrete opportunity for the EU/DG HOME to enhance EU involvement in the implementation of the RDPP NA as a strategic programme in North Africa.	EUR 550 000	2020-2025
DK Cooperation on strengthening capacities in the field of migration	Actions 2-4: Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings To provide sustainable, quality assured, and effective professional migration vocational education and training systems in Algeria through capacity partnerships that recognise and promote Algerian vocational expertise and competence.	EUR 2,14 million	2025-2029
DK IOM – Denmark Migration Management Programme Nigeria component	Actions 2-4: Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings The project focuses on supporting the Federal Government in improving migration management through technical assessment, capacity development, infrastructure improvements and policy development, including in the form of support to the foreigners’ registration system and issuance	EUR 124,457	2025-2029

	of identity documents and through expansion of the Migration Information and Data Analysis System.		
DK GI-TOC: Political Economy Analysis of Irregular Migration from Africa to Europe	Actions 2-4: Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings Support to sustain the GI-TOC and further its existing research effort along various African hotspots and routes to develop granular political economy analysis of human smuggling and trafficking trends and irregular migratory flows leading to the Mediterranean	EUR 2,68 million	2024-2029
ES MAURITANIA SPAIN- GECCO Circular migration	Action: Labour migration and partnerships Address the root causes of irregular migration and promote legal/labour migration pathways. 50 workers to be recruited for the agricultural sector.	Financed by private sector	April to November 2025
ES MAURITANIA SPAIN- TIERRA FIRME Vocational training program for youth	Action: Labour migration and partnerships Address the root causes of irregular migration and promote legal/labour migration pathways.	EUR 400 000 for 2025	October 2024- May 2025
ES MAURITANIA -SPAIN- JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM	Actions 2-4: Prevent irregular migration by combatting smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings Fight against smuggling of migrants.	EUR 108 000 /year	Indefinite (started 2008)

	6 members of Policía Nacional and 6 of Mauritanian police forces		
ES SENEGAL GECCO - Circular migration	Action: Labour migration and partnerships Address the root causes of irregular migration and promote legal/labour migration pathways	Financed by private sector	Next edition April to November 2025
ES SENEGAL- TIERRA FIRME Vocational training program for youth	Action: Labour migration and partnerships Address the root causes of irregular migration and promote legal/labour migration pathways	EUR 400 000 for 2025	3rd edition: October 2024- May 2025
SE Development cooperation project (UNHCR) "Protecting Lives, Strengthening Systems: Operationalizing a route-based approach to manage mixed movements along the West Atlantic Route"	Action 10: Foster the quick and effective implementation of protection mechanisms in partner countries	EUR 4,5 million	2025

ANNEX II – Common messages

- The EU has stepped up its action to prevent irregular departures and loss of life, to reduce pressure on EU borders and on reception capacities, to fight against smugglers and to increase returns. This is done by intensifying cooperation with countries of origin and transit, notably through mutually beneficial partnerships.
- EU and Member States' engagement with countries of origin and transit is intensified in a coordinated manner, including through high-level contacts, with the objective of strengthening their capacity for border management, preventing irregular flows, breaking the business model of smugglers, including through strategic information campaigns, and increasing returns.
- To this end, the EU and Member States make the best possible use of consultations in cooperation forums with third countries, as well as of funding under NDICI Global Europe and under other relevant instruments. The EU continues to support partners in addressing root causes of irregular migration and regarding safe, regular and orderly migration.
- This approach is reflected in the EU's Action Plan on the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic migration routes, which aims to address the worryingly high level of irregular arrivals through a whole-of-route approach and in an operational way. It is based on strengthening engagement with Morocco and West African countries in a balanced, coherent and comprehensive manner, guided by the principles of solidarity, partnership and shared responsibility, as well as the respect of human rights. The EU works in full coordination with Member States and a Team Europe initiative covering this route is under implementation.
- Combating smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings along the route and preventing irregular migration are key priorities of the EU's support, which includes its Anti-Smuggling Operational Partnership with Morocco, as well as several Common Operational Partnerships in West Africa (Mauritania, Senegal, The Gambia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Nigeria).
- The EU also works with key partners such as Morocco, Mauritania and Senegal to strengthen their border management capacities, including search and rescue, in full respect of fundamental rights and international obligations.
- The EU is also stepping up its engagement with partners along the route to facilitate return, readmission, and sustainable reintegration. This implies practical cooperation to ensure full implementation of relevant readmission agreements and arrangements, including the readmission provisions of the Samoa agreement. Support is also provided for the voluntary return of migrants stranded in North Africa and Sahel countries and to enhance the sustainable reintegration of returnees in countries of origin through an integrated approach which embeds reintegration into social and economic inclusion initiatives (where feasible).

- Fostering effective protection mechanisms in the region and supporting legal pathways to protection in the EU are also essential elements of the Action Plan's comprehensive approach. The EU is supporting a Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa and Mauritania that aims to enhance protection for refugees and vulnerable migrants while supporting host communities through development-oriented approaches, including access to basic services, livelihoods, and legal pathways.
- The EU is also committed to enhance labour migration opportunities, including Talent Partnerships. A Talent Partnership with Morocco is under implementation to promote international labour mobility and skills development in a mutually beneficial way. The EU is also committed to continuing its support to diaspora investment and contributions to development in their origin countries.