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- Implementation of the actions under the Task Force Mediterranean and the Justice and Home Affairs Council conclusions of October

Delegations will find attached a scorecard table presented by the Commission on the implementation of the actions under the Task Force Mediterranean and the JHA Council conclusions of 10 October 2014.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTIONS UNDER THE TASK FORCE MEDITERRANEAN &
THE JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS OF OCTOBER 2014**

Actions	Actors	State of play	Earmarked funding	Next operational steps
1. Actions in cooperation with third countries				
<i>Specific actions in transit countries</i>				
1.1	Mobility Partnerships (MP) and Dialogues			
1.1.1	MP with Tunisia	Signed and being implemented	€7M allocated – with €2M from the bilateral envelope (EU Delegation)	The annex of the MP is being finalised. Approval by Council of mandates for the negotiation of the visa facilitation / readmission agreement (expected for end 2014), followed by launch of negotiations (expected for beginning of 2015).
1.1.2	MP with Morocco and implementation of the recommendations in the National Council of Human Rights report	Signed and being implemented. Following the cancellation by Morocco of the (re)launch of the negotiations on the readmission and visa facilitation agreements, scheduled for 20-21 October 2014, as a result of a bilateral issue with one MS, COM is awaiting for the new dates for the launching these negotiations as well as for the confirmation of the high level meeting on the MP.	€15M allocated – with €10M from the so-called SPRING funds	(Re)launch of negotiations on readmission and visa facilitation. Organisation of MP high level meeting.

1.1.3	MP with Jordan		Signed (10 October 2014) and some parts are already being implemented. .		A meeting will be convened to discuss the distribution of the actions included the annex. Presentation to Council of draft mandates for the negotiation of the visa facilitation / readmission agreements.
1.1.4	Dialogues on migration, mobility and security with Lebanon, Egypt, Algeria and Libya		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dialogue with Lebanon will be launched on 10 December 2014. - Preparatory talks with Algeria have begun for the opening of a dialogue. - No progress with Libya due to current unstable political situation and on-going violence. - Due to current political situation in Egypt, including upcoming parliamentary elections, we do not expect Egypt to state a readiness to engage in a policy dialogue with the EU in the very near future. 		Preparation of EU experts missions to Lebanon, following official launch of the MMS Dialogue. Continuation of existing engagement on Integrated Border Management (also within the framework of the enhanced EU support to the Lebanese Armed Forces).
1.2	Dialogue on specific issues with countries of the Northern African and Sahel Region on smuggling and trafficking				
1.2.1	Dialogue with Nigeria		Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility with Nigeria to be signed soon, perhaps in the margins of the upcoming JHA Council in December.		
1.2.2	Dialogue with Ethiopia		Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility with Ethiopia to be signed in the coming months.		Draft CAMM to be finalised with MS in upcoming HLWG and sent to Ethiopia for comments.

1.3	Libya - Comprehensive support to its stabilisation - Development of an integrated border management system (EUBAM, Sahara-Mediterranean project)	MS, Europol, Frontex	No progress due to current unstable political context and on-going violence. On 22 November 2014 EUBAM was downsized to a core team of 17 members.		Re-launch of the Network of the Liaison Officers led by IT under the EMPACT OAP 2015 on Illegal Immigration as soon as the security situation allows
1.4	Turkey (smuggling and trafficking, border surveillance, information exchange, liaison officers)	MS, Europol, Frontex, EU DEL	The ongoing visa liberalisation dialogue is one of the most significant drivers of EU's engagement with Turkey. Through this dialogue, the Commission monitors whether/how Turkey makes progress in fulfilling the requirements set by the "Roadmap towards visa-free regime". The Commission's first implementation report on the visa roadmap was published on 20 October. Practical cooperation within a Network of Liaison Officers deployed or seconded to embassies in TK dedicated to gaining intelligence on illegal immigration continues supported by the UK under the EMPACT OAP 2014 on Illegal Immigration		Further enhancement of the work the Network of Liaison Officer led by the UK under the EMPACT OAP 2015 on Illegal Immigration
1.4.1	Readmission agreement with Turkey		Signed on 16/12/2013 and approved by the EP on 26/02/2014 and ratified by Turkey on 26 June 2014; it entered into force on 1/10/2014. DG Home will monitor its implementation through regular (possibly biannual) meetings of the Readmission Committee. Provisions on readmission of TCN will not apply until 1/10/2017.		
1.5	Policy dialogues and specific migration dialogues with countries of origin in Eastern and Western Africa		Regional dialogue process (Khartoum process – East African migratory route) launched at ministerial meeting in November in Rome. The dialogue will initially focus on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants.		The Khartoum Ministerial held in Rome on 28 November adopted the Political Declaration. A meeting of the steering committee should then be organised in 4-8 weeks to discuss priorities and possible projects.

<i>Regional approaches</i>					
1.6	Information and awareness raising campaigns to migrants (Ethiopia and Niger)		- UNHCR information campaign "Telling the Real Story" targeting Somalis and Eritreans in Ethiopia and Sudan: negotiations on-going. - IOM information campaign in Niger "Supporting Informed Migration Decisions in Niger": financing granted (award decision on 4/11/2014). Kick-off mission to Niger to take place in mid-January 2015	€1 M / action	
1.6.1	EU immigration portal		Provides up-to-date information on EU and national immigration procedures and policies – is targeted at third-country nationals who wish to migrate to the EU. It describes the risks of unsafe migration and provides contact details of support organisations. Available in EN, FR, ES, PT and AR. Steady increase in number of users (+/- 30.000 per month)		Regular content development, possible development of a new language version Efforts to increase visibility on main internet search engines
1.7	Seahorse Mediterranean network between EU Mediterranean Member States and North African countries	MS (ES, PT, IT, FR, MT, EL, CY), (LY), COM, EEAS	Preparations on Member States side going ahead as planned. Cooperation with Libya currently on hold due to the political and security situation in the country.	External Borders Fund: €2.4M Development Cooperation Instrument: €4.5M	Continue engagement with other North-African countries with a view to their joining to the Seahorse Mediterranean Network.
1.8	ENPI Project "Promoting the participation of Jordan in the work of EASO as well as the participation of Tunisia and Morocco in the work of EASO and Frontex"	EASO, FRONTEX	Launch of project in May 2014	€ 400,000 (ENPI)	
1.9	Involvement of countries of departure in maritime surveillance operations within FRONTEX legal framework	Member States, Frontex,	Depending on the consent of the host Member States, representatives of such third countries' authorities in charge of border control were invited to send observers to the joint operations coordinated by Frontex. Cooperation is gradually developing in the field of risk analysis between Frontex and Turkey.	n.a.	Continue efforts for building trust between Member States and third countries with a view to establish closer operational cooperation.

1.9.1	Dialogues with countries of departure to combat smuggling, improve control of land borders and establish mechanism enabling the safe return of irregular migrants		The issues are addressed within the various dialogues and cooperation frameworks developed under the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility, including e.g. the newly launched Khartoum Process.		
1.9.2	Joint patrolling in third countries territorial seas	MS, third countries concerned	Currently there are no such joint patrolling which would involve Frontex, due to legal, political and security concerns	n.a.	No significant changes could be expected in the short term.
1.10	Capacity building for search and rescue in the North African coastal states		<i>See above</i> EUBAM Libya has developed a draft national SAR concept for Libya and provided some initial training, mentoring and advisory capacity to the naval coastguard. However, it remains to be seen if political and security conditions in Libya will permit further progress in this area.		The Interim Strategic review of the mission, due Dec 14, examines CSDP options for delivery of SAR capacity on a regional basis (i.e possibly involving Libya and/or Tunisia and Egypt).
1.11	Exchange of strategic and tactical data between EU MS and African States (Africa Frontex Intelligence Community-AFIC Network)	Frontex, AFIC countries, Member States	AFIC includes representatives of national authorities responsible for border security of 12 African states, mainly from West Africa, plus DRC and Morocco. Third AFIC Joint Report was published in October 2014.	n.a.	Further developing cooperation among EU and Africa risk analysis experts and AFICs as a repository of knowledge regarding border security and migration. Establishing a web-based platform for information exchange among AFIC members; Building risk analysis capability of AFIC countries.
1.12	Political dialogues and diplomatic initiatives, including <i>joint demarches</i>		no progress		

1.12.1	Frontex coordinated operations to facilitate return process	MS, Frontex	More than 1800 irregular immigrants were returned in 36 joint return operations coordinated by Frontex (until mid-November)	€9.5 million of the operational budget of Frontex	Frontex continue coordinating and co-financing joint return operations.
	Comprehensive debate on migration with African States				
1.13.1	EU-Africa Summit in April 2014		The separate declaration on migration and mobility adopted at the Summit highlighted the need for a comprehensive approach to tackle the serious social and human impact of irregular migration, and reiterated the Heads of State and Government's shared commitment to fight irregular migration and to address all its relevant aspects. The declaration is underpinned by an Action Plan 2014-17, and financial resources under the Pan-African Program (€17.5 M for 2014-17)..		
1.13.2	Euro-African ministerial conference on Migration and Development (Rabat process)		The Ministerial Conference on 27 November will adopt a programme 2015-2017 with concrete actions. It will launch a new phase of cooperation where dialogue continues but emphasis progressively shifts towards more concrete initiatives and projects focused on the priority axes of strengthening the link between migration and development and the prevention and fight against irregular migration and related crimes.		
1.13.3	EUROMED Migration & Police				Director General Conference to be held on 19/12/2014 in Rome

1.13.4	Bilateral and regional dialogues with countries in the Sub-Saharan Africa		In the framework of the ACP-EU Dialogue on migration and development an expert meeting on Trafficking in Human Being and Smuggling of Migrants was organised on the 9-10 July 2014 in Brussels		Follow-up on the conclusion stemming from the expert meeting.
	Support the establishment of police cooperation and AFRIPOL to coordinate national police information and investigation capacities		-		
	Return of irregular migrants				
1.15.1	Increased financial and technical assistance to support the social and economic reintegration of returnees		Implementation of projects under AMIF (on-going)		
1.15.2	Ensuring an effective system for non-voluntary return		In October 2014 COM consulted MS on a draft Return Handbook, aiming at providing guidance relating to the performance of duties of national authorities competent for carrying out return related tasks, including police, border guards, migration authorities, staff of detention facilities and monitoring bodies, in view of enhancing more harmonised and efficient return procedures in full compliance with fundamental rights		The adoption of the Return Handbook planned for the 3 rd quarter of 2015.

1.15.3	Pilot initiatives on return		<p>The aim of the pilot initiative on return is to mobilise all possible means and tools to encourage selected pilot countries to comply with international obligations to readmit their own nationals living irregularly in the EU.</p> <p>The preparatory stage of the pilot is close to finalisation. Third countries proposed for consideration for this initiative are Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ghana and Nigeria.</p>		<p>Further discussions in the geographical working groups COASI and COAFR took place in the week of 3 November (following discussions in September and lastly on 1 October). The advice resulting from those discussions was to start the initiative with Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nigeria (giving first priority to Pakistan). SCIFA on 13-14 November confirmed this approach for launching the overall initiative, which will be endorsed by COREPER on 3 December. Accordingly, the Commission and EEAS will first convene a preparatory meeting with the MS on Pakistan (17 December 2014 tbc) and on that basis Pakistan will be approached in the appropriate form.</p>
	Cooperation/exchange of information and synergies on Assisted Voluntary Return Programmes including reintegration measures		<p>The EMN REG was set up beginning of 2014. 5 meetings already took place. It has produced a EU directory of all the persons involved in voluntary return in Europe and a list of all the existing programmes. It has produced an EMN inform providing an overview of the in-kind and in cash assistance provided across the EU. Discussion about return to Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh took place.</p>		

2. Regional protection, resettlement and reinforced legal avenues to Europe					
2.1	Regional Development and Protection Programmes (RDPPs)	EU, MS, Associated Countries			
2.1.1	RDPP in North Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt)		There are currently two EU funded Regional Protection Programmes in North Africa (Libya, Egypt and Tunisia) and in the Horn of Africa (now Djibouti and Kenya) implemented on the ground by the UNHCR and which are to expire by the end of 2014.	DG HOME: €8M (indicative) for 2015	Second meeting of the "Friends of RDPPs" to take place in January 2015 to discuss concrete expressions of interest received from Member States and Associated Countries.
2.1.2	RDPP in the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Sudan)		The need for a reinforced and expanded Regional (Development) Protection Programmes (R(D)PPs) in these regions was identified under the TFM in order to address the current migratory pressure and the need for a more coordinated approach with other policy such as development action. On 24 November 2014, the first meeting of "Friends of RDPPs" took place to discuss with MSs and Associated countries the scope of actions, financing and planning. The COM invited interested MS to indicate their intention to contribute financially or in kind to the future RDPPs.	DG HOME: €2M (indicative) for 2015	
2.1.3	RDPP Middle East (Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq)	EU MS (DK, NL, UK, IE, CZ)	Implementation of the RDPP by DANIDA (Danish Development Agency) through a delegation agreement. The target group of the programme are the refugees from Syria as well as the local communities hosting an estimated 1.8 million refugees. Programme was signed on July 2014 with DEVCO, and the first actions are programmed for end of 2014. The project's total duration is of 36 months.	Total: €26,17M (EU: €12,3M; DK: €10M; IE: €2,4M; NL: €0,481M; UK: €0,481M; CZ: €0,36M).	

2.2	Increasing MS current commitment on resettlement and encouraging MS to engage in resettlement	MS	Following UNHCR's call in 2013 for 130.000 resettlement / humanitarian admission places for Syrians, EU MSs pledged some 34.000 resettlement/ humanitarian places While the decision whether to resettle, and if so, how many persons to resettle, rests with the authorities of the Member States, a Union Resettlement Programme was established under AMIF: the Member States are invited to make written pledges for resettlement (and relocation) for two-year periods, starting in 2014-2015, as part of their national programmes (draft national programmes received and being discussed with MSs).	Under Union Resettlement Programme (AMIF): €6.000-10,000 per resettled person	In a follow-up to the Second Resettlement and Relocation Forum held on 25 November 2014, the Commission will elaborate further on a possible pilot project on resettlement involving all Member States.
2.3	Pledging conference on resettlement of Syrians	UNHCR MS, COM	Conference planned for 9 December 2014 in Geneva (organised by UNHCR). The EU, represented by Commissioner Avramopoulos, will participate.		
2.4	Protected entry in the EU				
2.4.1	Guidelines on a common approach to humanitarian permits/visas		In addition to resettlement, other legal avenues to the EU, such as humanitarian/asylum visas, were discussed at the Second Resettlement and Relocation Forum (25 November 2014). MS are not in favour of a Union approach, and prefer the issue to remain a national decision. An agreement was reached among Member States that further works should focus on resettlement rather than exploring additional legal avenues.		Based on the conclusions reached at the Resettlement and Relocation Forum, the Commission will now elaborate further on the issues raised, in particular as regards relocation and resettlement. <i>See also under 2.2</i>

2.4.2	Feasibility study on possible joint processing of protection claims outside of the EU		Possible study on legal avenues from third countries to seek international protection in the EU (which could cover this issue)	Indicative €0.3M under AMIF (Union actions)	
2.5	Legal migration				
2.5.1	Seasonal workers' directive	MS, COM	The Seasonal Workers' Directive was adopted on 26 February 2014 and entered into force on 29 March 2014.		Directive to be transposed by Member States by 30 September 2016.
2.5.2	Exploring other channels of legal migration (e.g. Directive on students, researchers, etc).	COM, MS, EP	The proposal for a recast of the students and researchers Directives, covering students, researchers, trainees, volunteers, school pupils and au-pairs was adopted by the Commission in March 2013. EP adopted its position in February 2014, negotiations among MSs are ongoing to develop a common Council position.		Continue discussions with MSs at JHA counsellors level so that a common Council position can be established asap and inter-institutional negotiations start.
3. Fight against trafficking, smuggling and organised crime					
3.1	Europol coordination of actions in the field of smuggling of human beings and fight against organised crime		In December, Europol is expected to put forward a proposal to reinforce the Focal Point Checkpoint on Illegal Immigration by four seconded national experts.		
3.2	EMPACT operational action plans (OAP) on illegal immigration and trafficking (EU MS and EU Agencies)		The implementation of the OAPs 2014 is on-going with number of joint operations carried out in the course of 2014. The draft OAPs 2015 have been presented to the Council for comments and approval.		Implementation of the actions foreseen under OAPs 2015 with a particular focus on joint investigative operation aiming at detecting and disrupting the organised crime groups involved in trafficking and smuggling.
3.3	EU comprehensive plan on smuggling	COM	Under preparation: consultative meetings at expert level with MS, Europol, Frontex and other EU services are ongoing.		Plan is foreseen for the adoption in the 3 rd quarter of 2015

3.3.1	More effective use of operational cooperation between MS and third countries (liaison officers and joint operations)		First discussion on the strategic use of Immigration Liaison Officers took place at the Council (SCIFA on 19 September) with a view to establish well-functioning ILO networks in the priority countries and regions, ensure close cooperation between ILO networks and EU Delegations and to improve reporting process.		An expert meeting with MS will be organised in the 1 st quarter of 2015 to discuss the concrete operational steps to enhance the effectiveness of the ILO Network.
3.4	Encouraging information exchange between MS and Europol		Europol put forward a proposal for a Joint Operation Team MARE (included in OAP 2014) to ensure the availability of data relating to large scale ship facilitations in Mediterranean and subsequent secondary movements. So far very limited response received from MS, while the success of this initiative depends on the involvement of the MS.		The implementation of JOT MARE (included also for OAP 2015) is planned to start in December.
3.4.1	Operational agreement between Frontex and Europol	Frontex, Europol	An operation agreement at working level is under negotiation between the two agencies. The signature of the Draft Working Arrangement has been achieved on the 14 th of November 2014. agreement is planned for December.	n.a.	The Draft has to be submitted by Frontex for prior approval to the European Data Protection Supervisor and by Europol to its Joint Supervisory Body (in December, following the endorsement of the Draft by their respective Management Boards. Application of the agreement, followed up by ensuring full compliance with data exchange requirements.
3.5	Europol and EASO pilot project with MS to learn more about smuggling and trafficking routes	EASO	The Italian and Maltese authorities have completed the collection of information which might be relevant to learn about the <i>modi operandi</i> of facilitators. EASO is currently analysing the information provided.		EASO will report on findings of the pilot and consider proposing a possible broader use of the methodology.
3.6	Regional Conference under the Joint EU-Africa strategy in trafficking and smuggling (see also 1.5.)		The Regional Conference on Trafficking and Smuggling organised under the auspices of the African Union took place on 13-16 October in Khartoum.		

3.7	Evaluation of the EU <i>acquis</i> on facilitating unauthorised entry, transit and residence				The conformity assessment of Facilitators Package (Dir. 2002/90/EC and FD 2002/946/JHA) is on-going. On the basis of this analysis, an impact assessment preparatory study for the revision of the <i>acquis</i> will be launched in December 2014.
4. Reinforced border surveillance contributing to enhancing maritime situational picture and to the protection and saving of lives of migrants in the Mediterranean					
4.1	Enhancing Frontex capacities to control EU external borders				
4.1.1	Comprehensive and coordinated approach to border surveillance operations led by Frontex in the Mediterranean in the framework of the European Patrol's Network (EPN)	Frontex, MS	Maritime Joint Operations carried out in the Mediterranean form part of the European Patrol Network encompassing also the maritime border surveillance activities carried out at national level by the Member States		Further enhancement of complementarity between joint operations coordinated by Frontex and measures taken by the Member States.
4.1.2	Reinforcement of Frontex led border surveillance operation (Triton)	Frontex + 21 MS	Launched 1 November 2014 , being implemented initially until 31 January 2015	€2,7-2,9 M / month	Continuous assessment of the situation in the operational area, adjustment and possible extension of the operation in accordance with the risk assessment
4.2	Strengthening the financial resources of Frontex in order to foster its operational capabilities	COM, Council, EP	COM has provided for €3.9 million via direct transfer using funds available under the ISF Borders 2014 budget. EP proposed creating a 20 MEUR reserve on the top of the operational budget proposed by the COM	Subject to the ongoing and forthcoming decisions of the budget authority of the EU.	Decision of the budget authority on the suggested reserve for 2015; Consideration of the possibility of sustainable reinforcement of the Agency's budget for 2016 and beyond within the overall ceiling of the Multi-annual Financial Framework

4.3	Proposal for a regulation establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by Frontex	COM, Council, EP, Member States	Regulation (EU) No 656/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing rules for the surveillance of the external sea borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union, OJ L 189 27.6.2014, p. 93 (entry into force on 17 July 2014).	n.a.	Implementation of the maritime joint operations coordinated by Frontex in full compliance with the Regulation
4.4	EASO's role in identifying and screening of asylum seekers in mixed flows	EASO + Frontex	EASO cooperates with Frontex to explore the synergies in border management and identification of needs in international protection.		The EASO Working Programme 2015 foresees further cooperation with Frontex in this respect.
		EASO	In the field screening of Asylum seekers, EASO is pursuing projects on identification of persons seeking international protection with special needs (workshops and trainings for experts).		The identification of persons seeking international protection with special needs is a priority action for EASO's 2015 Working Programme.
4.5	EUROSUR	Member States, Frontex, COM	EUROSUR regulation adopted in October 2013 and in force as of 02/12/2103. The National Coordination Centers (NCC) have been set up in the 19 countries at Southern and Eastern Borders that joined Eurosur in 2013. NCCs in the remaining countries should be established as from 1 December 2014. NCCs are establishing coordination and cooperation links and setting up information exchange among all relevant national authorities as well as with other NCCs and Frontex.	Member States can allocate resources in their national programmes under ISF Borders to the development of their border surveillance system and Eurosur NCC.	Further implementation of the requirements of Eurosur regulation, including adoption of Eurosur Handbook by the Commission in 2015.

4.6	Call by appropriate (national) authorities to comply with international law (provide assistance to boats in distress)				
4.7	Enhancing cooperation between EEAS and Frontex	Frontex, EEAS, DG HOME	EEAS has received letter from Frontex as the first step of concluding a working arrangement via exchange of letters. EoL covers three domains: CSDP cooperation, information sharing and cooperation with EU Delegations. During the preparation phase, mapping exercise was carried out identifying concrete activities and modalities for cooperation.		Finalise exchange of letters, joint EEAS-Frontex-HOME meeting to identify specific priorities / opportunities for cooperation. Regular staff to staff talks to be initiated on (semi-) annual cooperation activities.
5. Assistance and solidarity with Member States dealing with high migration pressure					
5.1	Emergency support				
5.1.1	Emergency funding (past and future funding under AMIF/ISF borders)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Past: a total of € 66.830.218 committed to emergency assistance under the SOLID funds ; - €6.8 million EUR allocated to Emergency Assistance under the indicative budget available under ISF/Borders. - €25 million allocated to emergency assistance under AMIF per year 		Decision by the Commission on a number of requests for emergency support 2014.
5.1.2	EASO support to asylum systems	EASO	<p>[EASO offers two kinds of specific support to Member States: '<i>special support</i>' (tailor-made assistance, capacity building, facilitation and coordination of relocation, specific support and special quality control tools) and '<i>emergency support</i>' (organising solidarity for Member States subject to particular pressures by providing temporary support and assistance to repair or rebuild asylum and reception systems)].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Cyprus</i>: a Special Support Plan on 5 June 2014 which provides for EASO support until July 2015. - <i>Italy</i>: Special Support Plan signed with EASO on 4 June 2013; EASO has been discussing with the 	Support for MS under particular pressure (EASO's 2014 budget): €2,047,000.	

			<p>Italian Government concerning the continuation of the support and its nature beyond 2014. EASO and Italy will continue its operational cooperation during 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Greece</i>: Following a request made by the Greek government in February 2011, EASO first phase of support to Greece ended in March 2013. Following a request made by the Greek government in early 2013 for further support, EASO continues to support Greece until December 2014. EASO and Greece will continue this operational cooperation during 2015. - <i>Bulgaria</i>: EASO and Bulgaria signed on 17 October 2013 an Operating Plan which provides for EASO support to Bulgaria, until September 2014. EASO has been discussing with the Bulgarian Government concerning the continuation of the support and its nature beyond 2014. A Special Support Plan will be signed in the margins of the JHA Council on 5 December 2014. - <i>Luxembourg</i>: On 11 January 2012, the Executive Director of EASO pledged Asylum Support Teams to Luxembourg. On 26 January 2012 the operating plan on the Deployment of Asylum Support Teams to Luxembourg was signed. EASO Asylum Support Teams were deployed in Luxembourg from 30 January to 8 February 2012 - <i>Sweden</i>: Special Support Plan signed with EASO on 21 December 2012. Support was rendered from December 2012 to February 2013. 		
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5.1.3	Identification, registration and fingerprinting of migrants		Following an EMN query relating to MS practices with regard to their practices in cases of migrants refusing to cooperate with being identified and registered (in particular fingerprinted) as required by EU legislation, COM drafted a best practice paper setting out 3 possible phases in the process, with the possibility of using detention as a last resort measure resort in order to ensure that the fingerprints are taken. The COM non-paper was discussed in SCIFA 13-14/11/2014 and was generally appreciated by MS.		The COM non-paper was discussed in SCIFA 13-14/11/2014 and was generally appreciated by MS. Further discussions on the paper will follow at the next Asylum Working Group on 26/11/2014. Further monitoring and support to Member States failing to fully comply with the legal obligation to identify and register migrants to be continued.
5.2	Intra-EU relocation	MS	60 places pledged for 2014-2015 (30 places by PT and 30 places by RO)	€0,360M for 2014-2015	Second Annual Resettlement and Relocation Forum 25 November 2014
5.3	Contingency planning and crisis management				
5.3.1	- by the European Commission		Expert meeting on contingency planning organised by EASO took place on 24 October 2014, with participation from MSs	See under 5.1.1	
5.3.2	- by Member States		-		

5.4	EASO supported processing of asylum applications	EASO	<p>EASO conducted <i>8 preliminary joint processing pilot projects</i> with the involvement of 12 Member States and Norway. Results from these pilot projects are expected by the end of 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unaccompanied Minors – CY & SE; - Country of Origin Information – HU & AT; - Dublin – IT & NL, RO, SE / AT & DE - Registration and Case Management – SE& DK; - Vulnerability assessment – UK & NO & SL - Registration and Case Management – FR & BE / BE & NL (planned) 		<p>EASO will conduct 3 more joint processing pilots (October-December) on asylum application (postponed to January 2015), asylum determination and vulnerability assessment (Dec 2014, prep meeting in UK);</p>
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