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## GAMM UPDATE

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

### Part 1- The regional processes

#### (A) THE PRAGUE PROCESS

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

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

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

4 November 2011	Ministerial Conference, Poznan	Adoption Action Plan 2012-2016
5 November 2015	5 <sup>th</sup> Core Group Meeting, Bratislava	
7-8 December 2015	Senior Officials Meeting, Prague	
5 April 2016	6 <sup>th</sup> Core Group Meeting, Warsaw	
15-16 June 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Krakow	Concluding Objective 3 of the Prague Process Targeted Initiative project; presentation and endorsement of PP TI results; 3rd Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd Ministerial Conference in 2016: final draft of the Ministerial document endorsed
5 September 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> Core Group	
19 September 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Bratislava	Last comments to the Ministerial document and its finalisation for endorsement

19-20 September 2016	Ministerial Conference, Bratislava	Adoption of results of PP TI, endorsement of the Ministerial document and agreement on the future of the Prague Process in the coming five years (2017 – 2021)
21 October 2016	7th Prague Process Core Group meeting, Budapest	
24-25 November, 2016	Senior Official Meeting, Vilnius	Discussion on the Action Plan 2017-2021). Note that a no-cost extension of the EU-funded "Prague Process Targeted Initiative" project was signed at the end of 2016, to cover the first six months of 2017. Activities during this period included the organisation of a study visit to Vienna and a training workshop held in Prague.
12 December 2017	Senior Official Meeting, Warsaw	Discussion on future structure and work plan
May 2018 (tbc)	Research Coordination Meeting, Vienna	
5-7 June 2018	Prague Process Training Academy - Effective International Protection - Advanced Training for High-Quality Asylum Procedure, Rome	
2-3 October 2018	Workshop on Gathering, Analysis and Sharing of Migration Data, Skopje	
17-18 December 2018	Senior Officials Meeting, Prague	
5-7 March 2019	Study visit to the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees of Germany, Nuremberg	
10-11 June 2019	Senior Officials Meeting, Bucharest	

**(B) THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL ON MIGRATION, MOBILITY AND INTEGRATED BORDER MANAGEMENT (IBM)**

*The Eastern Partnership is the framework for cooperation between the EU and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The latest Joint Declaration was adopted at the Eastern Partnership Brussels Summit of November 2017.*

*This Joint Declaration inter alia approved a streamlining of the Eastern Partnership architecture: the former Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration and Asylum and Eastern Partnership Panel on Integrated Border Management (IBM) have been brought together in the new Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management (IBM).*

**Recent and upcoming events**

14-15 April 2016	10 <sup>th</sup> Panel on Migration and Asylum, Chisinau	Theme: Illegal migration
2-3 June 2016	Expert meeting, Stockholm	Theme: Resettlement and relocation

27-28 October 2016	Expert meeting, Riga	Theme: Information technology and migration management
7-8 December 2016	11 <sup>th</sup> Panel on Migration and Asylum, Minsk	Theme: migration strategies
23-24 March 2017	Expert Meeting, Budapest	Theme: Border and Migration management in emergency situations
May 2017	12 <sup>th</sup> Panel on Migration and Asylum, Yerevan	Theme: Readmission and reintegration
7 July 2017	Eastern Partnership JHA Ministerial Meeting, Tallinn	Prepare the Summit in the JHA Area regarding deliverables 2020 (corruption, justice reforms and cybercrime), take stock of progress and set agenda for upcoming meetings on JHA issues
17-18 October 2017	Experts Meeting, Kiev	Theme: Preventing facilitation of irregular migration
24 November 2017	Eastern Partnership Summit, Brussels	
14-15 December 2017	13 <sup>th</sup> Panel Meeting on Migration and Asylum, Warsaw	Theme: Economic integration of migrants
26 June 2018	Eastern Partnership Panel on Rule of Law, Paris	
13 July 2018	EU-EaP JHA Ministerial meeting	Theme: promotion of the rule of law and the fight against corruption within security and judicial authorities
27-28 September 2018	Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management (IBM), Odessa	Theme: IBM
11-12 October 2018	Eastern Partnership Panel on Migration, Mobility and Integrated Border Management, Tbilisi	Theme: information campaigns related to visa-free and under the provision of Schengen visa

### **(C) THE BUDAPEST PROCESS**

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

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

19 April 2013	Ministerial Conference, Istanbul	Adoption of the Istanbul Declaration on "A Silk Routes Partnership for Migration"
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15-16 December 2014	Senior Officials Meeting, Istanbul	
17-18 March 2015	Fourth meeting of the Black sea Region working group, Sofia	
14-15 December 2015	Senior Officials Meeting, Budapest	
12 April 2016	Inauguration of Migration Information Centre in Lahore and Islamabad, Pakistan	
18-19 May 2016	8th Silk Route Working Group meeting, Tehran, Iran	Contributed to the implementation of the Istanbul declaration and provided the first opportunity for countries of origin, transit and destination along the Silk Routes to discuss international protection in the light of the current migration and refugee situation.
18-19 October 2016	9th Silk Route Working Group meeting, Belgrade	Discussion on integration and re-integration in the context of the migration
8-9 December 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Baku	
14-15 December 2016	Senior Officials Meeting, Antalya (Turkey) + Donor coordination meeting + Project Steering Committee meeting for the Silk Routes Partnership Project	Discussed the progress achieved in the past year, and decided on the draft work plan for 2017. It also deliberated on the future of the Budapest Process – its dialogue policy component and operational and financial framework for 2017 – 2021.
January 2017	Screening of first episode of TV drama, Pakistan	
2 March 2017	Consultations in view of a Ministerial Conference to be held in 2018	
20-21 September 2017	Drafting Group Meeting	To exchange ideas on the proposed Call for Action on large movements of migrants, and preparations for the Ministerial Conference in 2018.
27-28 November 2017	First Preparatory Meeting on Senior Officials level  Annual meeting of the Budapest Group of Senior Officials  Istanbul, Turkey	First discussion on the content of the zero draft Ministerial Declaration - a Call for Action on large movements of refugees and migrants under the Silk Routes Partnership for Migration
14-15 December 2017	Thematic Joint meeting of the Silk Routes and the Black Sea Working Groups on return and reintegration  Sofia, Bulgaria	To take a specific focus on challenges in the return and reintegration process and formulate draft recommendations.
16-17 April 2018	Second Preparatory Meeting at Senior Officials level	To discuss draft of the Ministerial Declaration

7-8 May 2018	Thematic Joint meeting of the Silk Routes and the Black Sea Working Groups on return and reintegration  Sarajevo	Follow up of the meeting in Sofia, with more forward-looking and concrete approach on return and reintegration process
19-20 November 2018	Third Preparatory Meeting at Senior Officials level, Istanbul, Turkey	To discuss draft of the Ministerial Declaration The purpose of the meeting is to make final revisions to the proposed political declaration – the Istanbul Commitments and the action plan – the Call for Action.
19-20 February 2019	SOM and Budapest Process Ministerial Conference, Istanbul Turkey	Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration "the Istanbul commitments and Action plan its Call to Action. 6 EUMS did not take part in the Declaration but expressed ongoing support to the process

#### **(D) THE AFRICA-EU MIGRATION AND MOBILITY DIALOGUE**

*The Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue is the framework for dialogue and cooperation on migration issues between the EU and all African States. It was launched at the second EU-Africa Summit in December 2007 in Lisbon.*

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

2-3 April 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> EU-Africa Summit, Brussels	Adoption of the next Action Plan 2014-2017 and a Political Declaration on Migration and Mobility
21 April 2015	College-to-College (C2C) meeting, Brussels	Migration was the first point on the agenda, a substantial paragraph on migration is included in the joint Declaration
7 April 2016	College-to-College (C2C) meeting, Addis Ababa	Launching of the project "Support to Africa-EU Migration and Mobility Dialogue"

29/30 November 2017	5 <sup>th</sup> AU-EU Summit, Abidjan	Adoption of the Summit Declaration; Migration and mobility is one of the four strategic priorities, strengthened Continental Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (to replace MMD), creation of AU-UN-EU Taskforce.
23 May 2018	College-to-College (C2C) meeting, Brussels	Migration was an agenda point discussed during both the plenary session and a cluster session.
29 November 2018	Continental Dialogue, Technical meeting between EC/EEAS and AUC	First technical meeting following the 5 <sup>th</sup> AU-EU Summit
21/22 January 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> AU-EU Ministerial Meeting, Brussels	While not a specific agenda point, migration was part of the Joint Communiqué adopted and the discussions.
Probably 1 <sup>st</sup> week of June 2019	Continental Dialogue, Technical meeting between EC/EEAS and AUC	Follow-up meeting to the meeting in November 2018

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

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

### **Recent and upcoming events**

27 November 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, Rome	Adoption of Rome Declaration
15-16 June 2015	Thematic seminar on International protection, Rabat  Steering Committee, Rabat	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners  2 flagship projects were recommended, thematic meetings and proposals for trainings discussed
1-4 December 2015	Thematic meeting on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants, Porto (co-chair Portugal and Niger)  Senior Officials Meeting, Steering Committee, Porto	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners  Follow up to the Valletta Summit, adoption of the Porto Monitoring Plan, confirm thematic meetings and trainings, inform and consult countries outside the Steering Committee about developments.

21-22 June 2016	Valletta Action Plan stock taking event	Taking stock of the actions, recommendations to the members of the respective processes in preparation of the 2017 SOM
29-30 November 2016	Thematic meeting on visa facilitation, Cape Verde	Joint thematic meeting of Rabat and Khartoum Process member countries
7 December 2016	Comité de Pilotage, Brussels	
9 January 2017	Réunion Comité de rédaction	Préparation du rapport en vue du SOM de la Valette
13 January 2017	Réunion Comité de rédaction	Préparation du rapport en vue du SOM de la Valette
17 January 2017	Comité de Pilotage, Bruxelles	
8-9 February 2017	Malta, Senior Officials Meeting - Rabat and Khartoum processes on Valletta follow-up	Focusing on Rabat and Khartoum Process (and MMD) reporting on the state of play on the implementation of the joint Valletta Action Plan.
21 March 2017	Comité de Pilotage, Bruxelles	Discussion on the preparation of the Ministerial Conference 2018, stocktaking of activities, the role of the Rabat Process in other international frameworks
2-3 May 2017	Comité de Pilotage and Senior Officials Meeting, Bruxelles	Discussion on the preparation of the Ministerial Conference 2018, implementation of the Rome Programme and discussion on the new multiannual Programme
4-5 July 2017	CoPil, Brussels	Continuation of exchanges from the last CoPil, presentation of first drafts
6-7 July	Khartoum Process thematic meeting	BE Presidency of the Rabat Process participated
3-4 October	Steering Committee, Rabat	Drafting of the Ministerial Declaration and the Action Plan, SOM preparations
23 October	Steering Committee, Accra, Ghana	SOM preparation
24-45 October 2017	SOM, Accra, Ghana	Preparation of the Ministerial Conference 2018
8-9 November 2017	Trilateral thematic meeting involving the Khartoum Process, the Rabat Process and the AU-Horn of Africa Initiative, on Smuggling and Trafficking with a specific focus on Minors, Luxor Egypt	
25 January 2018	Steering Committee in Brussels	
30 April 2018	Steering Committee in Marrakech	



1 May 2018	SOM, Marrakech	Preparation of the Ministerial Conference
2 May 2018	Ministerial Conference Marrakech	Adoption of a ministerial declaration and a new Action Plan for 2018-2020
25 June 2018	Steering Committee, Brussels	Preparations for Valletta SOM
date to be confirmed (initially scheduled for 26-27 June but postponed)	Thematic meeting on root causes of migration, Paris	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners
11 September 2018	Enlarged Steering Committee, Brussels	To discuss the Rabat Process Analysis Report in view of Valletta SOM
24 September 2018	Steering Committee, Paris	
23-24 October 2018	Thematic meeting on root causes of migration, Paris	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners
23 January 2019	Steering Committee, Brussels	Prepare the SOM of 12-13 February
11 February 2019	Steering Committee, Ouagadougou	Prepare the SOM of 12-13 February
12-13 February 2019	SOM, Ouagadougou	Define a work programme for the implementation of the Marrakech Action Plan
3 June 2019	Steering Committee, Brussels	Handover of presidency from Burkina Faso to France
1-2 July 2019	Thematic Meeting on Border Management, Madrid	Exchange of information and good practice among the Rabat Process partners
November	Workshop on remittances	Belgium in the lead

## **(F) THE KHARTOUM PROCESS**

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

### **Recent and upcoming events**

28 November 2014	Ministerial Conference, Rome	Launch of the Khartoum Process and adoption of the Rome Declaration
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23-24 April 2015	First meeting of the Steering Committee, Sharm el Sheik, Egypt	The Action Plan was adopted. Participating MS presented over 40 projects for implementation
23-24 November 2015	Steering Committee Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting, London	
25 February 2016	Informal working group meeting, Paris	
24-25 May 2016	Thematic meeting on people smuggling, Khartoum	First thematic meeting within the Khartoum Process
21-22 June 2016	Valletta Action Plan stock taking event	Taking stock of the actions, recommendations to the members of the respective processes in preparation of the 2017 SOM
8 July 2016	Informal Working Group of the Khartoum Process, Rome	Progress in implementation of the projects and monitoring of Valetta.
19-20 October 2016	Thematic Meeting on Legal Migration and Mobility, Addis Ababa	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thematic meeting of Khartoum Process
30 November – 01 December 2016	Thematic meeting on visa facilitation, Cape Verde	Joint thematic meeting of Rabat and Khartoum Process member countries
15-16 December 2016	Steering Committee Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting, Addis Ababa	
19th January 2017	Steering Committee, Brussels	To consider KP reporting to the Malta SOM
8-9 February 2017	Malta, Senior Officials Meeting - Rabat and Khartoum processes on Valletta follow-up	Ethiopia appointed as new Chair
5-6 April 2017	Steering Committee Meeting and Senior Officials Meeting, Addis Ababa	Finalise annual action plan and reflect on Valetta SOM outcomes
18-19 May 2017	Thematic Meeting on International Protection, Berlin	
5-6 July 2017	Thematic Meeting on Border Management (in a broad sense, not as a technical workshop) - hosted by the UK	
8-9 November 2017	Trilateral thematic meeting involving the Khartoum Process, the Rabat Process and the AU-Horn of Africa Initiative, on Smuggling and Trafficking with a specific focus on Minors, Luxor, Egypt	
22-23 November 2017 Sudan	Thematic Meeting in the area of development benefits of migration and addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement, Khartoum	
6 and 7 December 2017	Steering Committee and Senior Official Meeting, Italy	Italy takes over the Chairmanship of the Khartoum Process
8 May 2018	Steering Committee and Senior Officials Meeting on Valletta follow-up, thematic meeting, Nairobi	Discussion on the Valletta SOM input; discussion on the African chair for 2019

9 May 2018	Thematic Meeting on Data collection and data management	
19-20 2018 June	Thematic Meeting on Awareness raising campaigns, The Hague	
10-11 July 2018	Thematic Meeting on Law enforcement and Capacity Building, Cairo	
18-19 September 2018	Thematic Meeting on the protection of Women and girls on the Move, Stockholm	
6-7 March, 2019	Steering Committee and Senior Officials Meeting, (Asmara)	Eritrea takes over the chairmanship of the Khartoum Process
September 2019	Thematic Meeting on legal migration, Cairo (TBC)	
23-24 October, 2019	Thematic Meeting on remittances, Asmara	
January 2020 (TBC)	Thematic Meeting on reintegration, London (TBC)	

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

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

*A series of expert meetings took place to this effect, both at expert and Senior Official / Ambassador level. A joint report including recommendations on remittances, visas and readmission was adopted in June 2012 at the ACP-EU Joint Council of Vanuatu. Joint Visa subgroup meeting, technical workshop on return and readmission and experts' seminar on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants took place in 2014.*

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

9 April 2015	Second Visa working group meeting, Brussels (meets on biannual basis)	Discuss visa-related practices and legislation, including the implementation of the Visa Code
28-29 May 2015	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Brussels	The JMC adopted the recommendations on trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants
28-29 September 2015	Second expert seminar on return and readmission in West African States, Brussels	Continuation of the established dialogue in line with conclusions of the previous workshop and the Vanuatu recommendations
28-29 April 2016	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Dakar	

13 July 2016	Seminar on Remittances, Brussels	Exchange of information, practices and policies in line with the recommendations on remittances endorsed by the ACP-EU Joint Council in June 2012
22-23 November 2016 , Brussels	Seminar on Trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants	Follow-up to the 2014 Seminar and the recommendations adopted by the Joint EU-ACP Council in 2015
30 May-1 June 2017	Seminar on visa facilitation back to back with a Seminar on return, readmission and reintegration in Brussels	Continuation of the established dialogue
5 May 2017	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Brussels	
19-21 June 2017	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Malta	
19-21 July 2017	Regional meeting of Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Port Vila, Vanuatu	
18-20 December 2017	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Haiti	
31 May – 1 June 2018	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Lomé	
18-20 June 2018	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels	
19-20 June 2018	Seminar on trafficking in human beings in Brussels - Women and Children	Follow-up to 2014 and 2016 Seminars and presentation of 2017 Communication on THB.
3-5 December 2018	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Benin	
19-21 February 2019	Regional Thematic Meeting on Remittances, Accra, Ghana	
12-14 March 2019	Regional Thematic Meeting on Trafficking in Human Beings and Smuggling of Migrants, Georgetown, Guyana	
18-20 March 2019	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Romania	
3-5 April 2019	Regional Thematic Meeting on Visas and Cooperation on Mobility, Port Vila, Vanuatu	
12 April 2019	ACP-EU Committee of Ambassadors	Migration is on the agenda
23-24 May 2019	Joint ACP-EU Council of Ministers, Brussels	Migration is on the agenda
11 July 2019	ACP-EU Migration Action – Final Event, Brussels	

2-4 December 2019	ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Kigali, Rwanda	
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## **(H) THE VALLETTA SUMMIT FOLLOW-UP**

<p>The Valletta Summit enabled African and EU leaders to establish a frank dialogue and the framework for cooperation on migration including the principles, the language and a comprehensive action plan.</p> <p>At the Summit it was decided that the existing mechanisms of the Rabat Process, the Khartoum Process and of the Joint EU-Africa Strategy would be used to monitor implementation of the action plan.</p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
11-12 November 2015	The Valletta Summit, Malta	
21-22 June 2016	Meeting on the state of play of the implementation of the Valletta Action Plan, Brussels.	Members of the steering committees of the Rabat and Khartoum Processes prepared the work to be done ahead of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM).
8-9 February 2017	Joint Valletta Action Plan Senior Officials Meeting: (SOM), Malta	Focusing on Rabat and Khartoum Process (and MMD) reporting on the state of play on the implementation of the joint Valletta Action Plan.
25 October	Consultation with civil society organization	
6 November	6th Organising Committee Meeting for the 2018 Valletta SOM	
7 November	Plenary Meeting with Ambassadors and REPER in Brussels in preparation of the SOM	
14-15 November 2018	Senior Officials Meeting – Rabat and Khartoum Processes on Valletta follow-up, Ethiopia	Important that Libyan officials are integrated in the process

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

<p><i>The EU and Latin America and the Caribbean countries (CELAC) Structured and Comprehensive Dialogue on Migration was launched in June 2009 following the mandate of the EU- LAC Lima Summit. The EU-CELAC Action Plan, adopted at the 2010 Madrid Summit, called for further developing this Dialogue. This commitment was renewed during the last EU-CELAC Summit held in Brussels in June 2015, thus including Migration as Chapter 4 of the EU-CELAC Action Plan.</i></p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>
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26-27 January 2013	EU-CELAC Summit, Santiago	
26-27 November 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	Seminar on new migration trends between the two regions
4 November 2014	Brussels-based meeting	Preparations for the High level Meeting
13 November 2014	9 <sup>th</sup> EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration, Brussels	
10-11 June 2015	EU-CELAC Summit, Brussels	
10-11 November 2016	10 <sup>th</sup> EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration	Outcome: commitment from CELAC side to produce a joint Statistical Compendium and a Roadmap.
28 November 2018	EU-CELAC Technical Committee	
23-24 January 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> EU-CELAC citizen security workshop, Belize	The proposal for the future EU-CELAC dialogue on citizen security will be submitted to the EU-CELAC SOM. A proposal will be elaborated by the EU and the CELAC chapter coordinators.
19 June	EU-CELAC Coordination and Cooperation Mechanism on Drugs	Suriname
End of 2019 (tbc)	EU-CELAC High Level Meeting on Migration	

## Part 2 – The bilateral dialogues

### **(A) TURKEY**

#### **Turkey**

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

*The meeting of Heads of State or Government with Turkey on 29 November 2015 activated the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan on Migration in order to step up cooperation for the support of Syrian refugees under temporary protection and their host communities in Turkey and to strengthen cooperation to prevent irregular migration flows to the EU. A comprehensive cooperation based on shared responsibility, mutual commitments and delivery between the European Union and Turkey was agreed within the framework of the 18 March 2016 EU-Turkey Statement.*

*In response to the call from EU Member States for significant additional funding to support refugees in Turkey, the Commission established on 24 November 2015 the Facility for Refugees in Turkey. The Facility is a mechanism that coordinates the mobilisation of resources made available under both the EU budget, and additional contributions from Member States integrated into the EU budget as external assigned revenue. Contributions amount to a total of EUR 6 billion, with EUR 3 billion committed for the years 2016-2017 and a further EUR 3 billion committed for 2018-2019. Since 2011, the EU and*

*Member States mobilised collectively almost EUR 10.4 billion in response to the Syrian crisis; of which EUR 4.8 billion from the EU Budget.*

*The continued implementation of the 18 March 2016 EU-Turkey Statement, which reduces irregular and dangerous crossings and saves lives in the Aegean Sea, plays a key role in ensuring that the migration challenge is addressed effectively and jointly by the EU and Turkey, is in the interest of both sides and remains crucial with a view to bringing irregular migration to a halt.*

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

23 June 2014	52nd meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council, Luxembourg	
18 May 2015	53th meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council, Brussels	
24 November 2015	Establishment of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey	
29 November 2015	EU-Turkey Summit	
14 December 2015	Meeting between Turkish authorities and Commission services, Brussels	Verification of progress in implementing the visa liberalisation roadmap and the joint action plan
17 January 2016	Meeting between Turkish authorities and Commission services, Ankara	Verification of progress in implementing the visa liberalisation roadmap and the joint action plan
18 January 2016	EU-Turkey Joint Readmission Committee meeting, Ankara	
8 March 2016	Second Commission's report on the implementation by Turkey of the Visa liberalisation roadmap	
8 March 2016	EU-Turkey Summit	
18 March 2016	EU-Turkey Summit / EU-Turkey Statement	
4 May 2016	Third Commission report on the implementation by Turkey of the Visa liberalisation roadmap, and legislative proposal to enable the European Parliament and Council to take the necessary decisions to allow Turkish citizens to travel without a visa for short stays in the Schengen area, once all the requirements have been met by Turkey.	
1-3 June 2016	Technical mission to Ankara	
15 June 2016	Commission's second progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
24-26 August 2016	Technical mission to Ankara	
1 September 2016	Visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos to Ankara	
8-9 September 2016	EU-Turkey High Level Political Dialogue (Ankara)	

28 September 2016	Commission's third progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
8 December 2016	Commission's fourth progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
2 March 2017	Commission's fifth progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
13 June 2017	Commission's sixth progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
25 July 2017	EU-Turkey High Level Political Dialogue (Brussels)	
6 September 2017	Commission's seventh progress report on the implementation of the 18 March EU-Turkey Statement	
27 November 2017	Visit by Commissioner Avramopoulos to Ankara	
9 March 2018	9 <sup>th</sup> FRiT Steering Committee Meeting	
14 March 2018	Commission's second annual report on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey	
16-18 May 2018	Meeting between Turkish authorities and Commission services, Ankara	
18 June 2018	10 <sup>th</sup> FRiT Steering Committee Meeting	
22 November 2018	EU-Turkey High Level Political Dialogue (Ankara)	
30 November 2018	11 <sup>th</sup> FRiT Steering Committee Meeting	
6-8 January 2019	Visit of Commissioner Stylianides to Turkey	
15 March 2019	54 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EU-Turkey Association Council	
April/May	Commission's third annual report on the Facility for Refugees in Turkey	
17 May 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> FRiT Steering Committee Meeting	



## **(B) SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES**

### **Morocco**

The EU-Morocco Association Agreement entered into force in 2000. Since 2008 Morocco has an Advanced Status, under which the EU-Morocco Social Affairs and Migration Working Group met once a year. On 13 October 2011 a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security was launched. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2013. The COM has a mandate to negotiate a readmission agreement since 2000 and, following the signature of the Mobility partnership, also a mandate to negotiate a visa facilitation agreement. A single round of negotiations on both agreements took place in January 2015.

Following the European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruling of December 2015 on the Agriculture Agreement, EU-Morocco political relations came to a standstill. Even if the formal dialogue structures (including migration) have been suspended since 2015, the improvement of our relations was confirmed by the positive EP votes on the Agriculture and Fisheries Agreements, in January and February 2019. Contacts on cooperation on migration have been re-established. Commissioner Avramopoulos visited Morocco in November 2017, May 2018 and December 2018, when he conveyed that the EU is ready to fully revitalize the dialogue on migration, including by resuming the negotiations on the readmission and visa facilitation agreement and the holding of a Subcommittee on Migration. As part of the relaunch of EU-Morocco relations a high-level brainstorming will be held on 3 and 4 June in Morocco, where cooperation on mobility and migration will be discussed. The upcoming EU-Morocco Association Council (27 June) will adopt a joint political declaration that will include references to cooperation on mobility and migration as a priority for the future of the bilateral relations.

From a financial point of view, in 2018 the EU stepped-up its overall support to Morocco's border surveillance capacities by EUR 144m. This includes: 1) a regional programme of EUR 55m (30m for Morocco) adopted by the EUTF Committee in July which is now under implementation by ICMPD; 2) a budget support action worth EUR 70m for Morocco to fight against smuggling and trafficking of migrants, including through a reinforcement of border control capacities, adopted in November (30m disbursed in December 2018; 40m will be disbursed in 2019); 3) a EUR 44m programme focused on equipment on border management adopted by the EUTF Committee on 13 December, for which the contract with FIIAPP for implementation in 2019 as signed last April.

Regarding the EU Trust Fund for Africa, there are also currently four additional projects in Morocco for improved migration management (EUR 25.3 million).

### **Recent and upcoming events**

4 October 2013	Adoption by the Commission of the draft negotiating directives for an EU-Morocco Visa Facilitation Agreement	
5 December 2013	Adoption by the Council of the negotiation mandate on visa facilitation	
1-2 April 2014	Commission mission to Rabat	Preliminary talks on the visa facilitation and readmission agreement and technical review of the annexes to the Mobility Partnership
19 January 2015	Opening of the negotiations on the EU-Morocco Visa Facilitation Agreement, Brussels	
20 January 2015	Resumption of the negotiations on the EU-Morocco Readmission Agreement, Brussels	

20 April 2015	High-level Meeting on the Mobility Partnership + Review of the Mobility Partnership scoreboard	
23 November 2017	Commissioner Avramopoulos' visit to Morocco, meeting Mol, MoFA to relaunch the dialogue and discuss the EU support on border management	Agreement on the principle, but despite several invitations to Moroccans, no substantial follow-up to relaunch the dialogue.
6 September 2018	Technical ICMPD and DG HOME mission to Rabat to discuss implementation of EUTF border management regional programme	No agreement with MOR, who requested further clarifications on future financing and cooperation
17-18 October 2018	DG NEAR and DG HOME mission to Rabat to discuss implementation of EUTF border management regional programme and further support to border management	
5-7 December 2018	XI Forum on Migration and Development, Marrakech	
10-11 December 2018	Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, Marrakech. Commissioner Avramopoulos represented the EU, but had no bilateral meetings	
13 December 2018	EUTF Committee approves EUR 40m programme implemented by FIIAPP	
16 January 2019	Positive EP vote on Agriculture Agreement and HRVP visit to Rabat to mark the relaunch of relations	Expected resumption of regular meetings under Association Agreement in the coming months
12 February 2019	Positive EP vote on Fisheries Agreement	
25 April 2019	Visit by Head of Cabinet Csr Avramopoulos to Rabat to meet senior officials and prepare future visit by Mol Laftit	Agreement to hold a follow-up senior official meeting in the coming months
3-4 June 2019	High-level brainstorming on the future partnership	Including discussions on migration and mobility
27 June 2019	EU-Morocco Association Council	Joint political declaration to include references to cooperation on migration and mobility

<p><b>Tunisia</b>  <i>The EU-Tunisia Association Agreement entered into force in 1998. Meetings of the EU-Tunisia Social Affairs and Migration Working Group take place once per year.</i></p> <p><i>A Dialogue on migration, mobility and security was launched on 6 October 2011. A Mobility Partnership was signed on 3 March 2014. A Visa Facilitation and a Readmission Agreement between the EU and Tunisia (currently under negotiation) are part of this partnership.</i></p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
19 June 2013	EU-Tunisia Association Committee	

28-29 April 2014	Discussions on the Document implementing the Mobility Partnership Declaration ("the Annex"), Tunis	
30 July 2014	Adoption by the Commission of the draft negotiating directives for an EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and for an EU-Tunisia readmission agreement	
December 2014	Adoption by the Council of the 19 negotiating directives for an EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and for an EU-Tunisia readmission agreement	
21-22 April 2015	High-level Meeting on the Mobility Partnership + Review of the Mobility Partnership scoreboard	
12/13/14 October 2016	Opening of the negotiations on the EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement + Meeting on the Mobility Partnership, + Sub-committee on Migration and Social affairs, Tunis	
1 March 2017	EEAS/HOME/NEAR High level mission on migration to Tunisia and Libya	
12 November 2017	Bilateral meeting Csr Avramopoulos – Mol TU to the side of the Bern contact group.	
27-29 November 2017	Negotiations on the EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement + Meeting on the Mobility Partnership, + Sub-committee on Migration and Social affairs.	
17-18 April 2018	Third round of the negotiations on the EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement took place in Tunis on 17-18 April 2018.	
14 September 2018	Bilateral meeting Csr. Avramopoulos-new Mol Hichem Fourati in the margins of the Vienna Conference on Security and Migration – Promoting Partnership and Resilience"	Agreement to address jointly migration and security challenges in the Mediterranean
September 2018	Fourth round of negotiations on the EU-Tunisia Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement	
24 October 2018	COM/EUMS/TUN expert meeting on mobility of service providers (synergies VFA/ DCFTA), Brussels	Meeting chaired by DDG HOME S. Mordue on COM side
8-9 November 2018	EU-Tunisia Sub-committee on Migration and Social affairs + Mobility Partnership Steering Committee, Tunis	Steering Committee chaired by DDG HOME S. Mordue on the EU side

22-23 January 2019 (tbc)	Next round for Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement	
11 April 2019	EU-Tunisia Association Committee	Migration and Mobility on the agenda
17 May 2019	EU-Tunisia Association Council	Migration and mobility in the agenda
25-26 June 2019	Next round of readmission/VFA negotiations	Dates agreed by Tunisia

<p><b>Algeria</b>  <i>The EU-Algeria Association Agreement entered into force on 1 September 2005. The Commission received a mandate to negotiate a readmission agreement with Algeria in November 2002. No negotiation has so far taken place. In line with the mandate of the European Council conclusions of June and October 2015, Algeria will be one of the priority countries to be considered for the establishment of a High Level Dialogue on Migration. Migration and mobility is one of the 5 Partnership priorities adopted in March 2017.</i></p>		
<p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
10 September 2015	Information session on a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security between the EU and Algeria	Information session addressed to all Algerian Ministries concerned by migration in order to help Algeria confirm its readiness to engage in a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security with the EU.
19 April 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> informal session on a Dialogue on migration, mobility and security between the EU and Algeria	Information session addressed to all Algerian Ministries concerned by migration in order to discuss topics where practical cooperation could be envisaged.
13 March 2017	Association Council- Adoption of the partnership priorities	Contains a chapter on migration, including wording to have an exchange on visa facilitation and readmission
21 February 2017	7 <sup>ème</sup> Sous-comité justice et affaires intérieures UE-Algérie – accord sur le principe d'un possible dialogue formel sur la migration à partir de septembre 2017	
16 May 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> session on the informal Dialogue on migration and mobility between the EU and Algeria, (Algiers)	Dep. DGs Modue (HOME) and Popowski (NEAR) attended
28 February 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> session on the informal Dialogue on migration and mobility between the EU and Algeria (Brussels)	Chaired by Dir. Cygan (HOME) Agreement to improve exchange of information.
14 May 2018	Association Council (Brussels)	Exchanges within the dialogue on migration and mobility
12 November 2018	HRVP visit to Algeria	Migration among the topics in bilateral meeting with MFA

20 February 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> session of the Algeria-EU informal Dialogue on migration and mobility (Algiers)	Chaired by HOME Director Marta Cygan
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<p><b>Egypt</b>  <i>Relations between the EU and Egypt are governed by an Association Agreement since 2004. The EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities were adopted on 25 July 2017 and include a chapter on the strengthening of bilateral co-operation on migration and mobility. On 16 December 2017, Commissioner Avramopoulos and Egyptian FM Shoukry launched the EU-Egypt Migration Dialogue.</i></p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
8 April 2014	Meeting between Ambassador for Egypt and Director General of DG HOME	Ambassador informs that Egypt is prepared to engage in dialogue with the EU on migration-related issues
22 May 2014	Follow-up to above meeting at technical level	Informal exchange on possible topics to be included in the dialogue, and next steps to be taken.
21 January 2016	Migration and Social Affairs Sub-committee, Cairo.	
23 May 2016	EU-Egypt Association Committee	
11-12 October 2016	Visit by Commissioner Hahn	Migration was discussed in the meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs
14 November 2016	Visit by Commissioner Avramopoulos	Discussion with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Affairs on EU-Egypt cooperation in the domain of migration
22-23 January 2017	Joint EEAS DG NEAR-DG HOME Senior Official mission on migration to Cairo.	One of the outcomes of the mission was the agreement to set up a formal high level migration dialogue between Egypt and the EU. The draft ToRs for the dialogue were shared with the Egyptians on 2 March 2017.
20-21 February 2017	DG NEAR migration technical mission to Cairo to look at EU support to Egypt under the North Africa window of the EU Emergency Trust Fund.	
10-13 April 2017	DG NEAR visit to Egypt	Migration was among the topics discussed with the Egyptian authorities notably in the meeting with the representatives of the EG Foreign Affairs Ministry
25 July 2017	Meeting of the 7th EU-Egypt Association Council, Brussels, + Adoption of the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2017-2020	Migration was included on the agenda of the EU-Egypt Association Council (AC) meeting. The Partnership Priorities adopted during the AC include a chapter on the strengthening of bilateral co-operation on migration and mobility.

29-30 October 2017	Visit by Commissioner Hahn in Cairo	Signature of the Financing Agreement on €60M programme 'Enhancing Response to Migration Challenges in Egypt' under the EU Trust Fund for Africa.
16-17 December 2017	Visit by Commissioner Avramopoulos and launch of the EU-Egypt Migration Dialogue in Cairo followed by Senior Officials meeting on migration in Cairo	
15 March 2018	Meeting of the EU-Egypt Stability Cluster, Cairo	The meeting also covered migration and asylum, as well as consular issues, as follow-up on the 1st meeting of the EU-Egypt Migration Dialogue.
18 April 2018	EU and Egypt co-chaired to the Global Counterterrorism Forum's East Africa Working Group and Plenary in Cairo.	Security and cooperation on counterterrorism were discussed at the Forum.
22 May 2018 (and subsequently 30 July 2018)	EASO visits to Egypt.	Definition of the areas of cooperation with the Egyptian authorities. Concept note on training cycle of Egyptian Officials on the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), international protection and trafficking in human beings.
24 May 2018	Meeting on online terrorist propaganda and strategic communications held in Brussels in the framework of the CT package.	Egypt's requested the EU to further assess provision of new technology in Small Arms and Light weapons.
25-26 June 2018	FRONTEX Executive Director visit to Egypt	The meeting led to further collaboration focused on capacity building and appointment of a FRONTEX liaison officer to Cairo.
17 October 2018	Visit by Minister of Investment and International Cooperation Nasr to Brussels	Signature of the final version of the Financing Agreement on €60M programme 'Enhancing Response to Migration Challenges in Egypt' under the EU Trust Fund for Africa.
8 November 2018	EU-Egypt Association Committee	Exchanges within the framework of the review of the work of the Working Group on migration, social and consular affairs under the Association Agreement.
20 December 2018	8 <sup>th</sup> EU-Egypt Association Council	Migration discussed during the meeting. Statement by the European Union covered cooperation on migration.

25 June 2019 (tbc)	Visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos for the second round of the Migration Dialogue	Main purpose to ensure political continuity to the Migration Dialogue and discussion on Security.
10 July	Senior Officials meeting on migration in Cairo	To follow up on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of the Migration Dialogue at the technical level

### **Jordan**

*Relations between the EU and Jordan are governed by an Association Agreement which entered into force in 2002. On 12 December 2012, the EU and Jordan launched a Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security. On 9 October 2014 the EU and Jordan signed a Mobility Partnership.*

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

8-9 November 2016	Informal discussions and exchange of views on draft text of VFA and RA	
20 December 2016	The EU and Jordan adopted the Partnership Priorities for the coming four years as well as a Compact	Cooperation in migration and mobility, via the mobility partnership, is a cross-cutting priority
15 February 2018	Mobility Partnership was on the agenda (as a side item point) of the EU-Jordan security cluster meeting.	Jordan was encouraged to explore all the opportunities provided by the partnership. Jordan took note.
18 April 2018	Communications event in Brussels with Jordanian Government and EU officials (EEAS-HOME-NEAR).	"Turning Agreements into action: lessons learnt from supporting the implementation of the EU-Jordan Mobility Partnership (JEMPAS)
10 June 2018	Jordan raised Mobility Partnership in meeting in Amman with HRVP.	Jordan proposed to delink visa facilitation and readmission negotiations under the Mobility Partnership. EU declined.
4 December 2018	Mobility Partnership was on the agenda of the Association Committee meeting.	EU again encouraged Jordan to actively explore all opportunities to implement the Mobility Partnership. Jordan expressed appreciation for JEMPAS project.
17 June 2019	Association Council to take place	

### **Lebanon**

*Relations between the EU and Lebanon are governed by an Association Agreement signed in June 2002 (entered into force in April 2006).*

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

10 December 2014	Launch of EU-Lebanon Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security	
11 November 2016	The EU and Lebanon adopted the Partnership Priorities for the years 2016 - 2020 as well as a Compact	Migration and mobility is one of the priorities.

Static	Negotiations on the Joint Declaration for a Mobility Partnership with Lebanon have stalled due to a combination of lack of interest on Lebanon's side and political events in Lebanon	No immediate perspective for re-starting negotiations.
2 March 2018	Country Team Meeting for Lebanon with all Commission Services discussed a draft Action Plan on EU Economic Diplomacy and prepared the EU-Lebanon Economic Subcommittee Cluster of 7-9 March.	The issue of possible future initiatives to tap into the potential of Lebanese migrants living abroad and investing inside Lebanon was discussed and included in the Action Plan,
2 and 3 October respectively	EU - Lebanon Human Rights, Democracy and Governance Cluster and Justice and Security Cluster	Migration (asylum), firearms, drug policy , CT roadmap and CBRN on the agenda
11 September	President Aoun address EP in Strasbourg plenary + held bilateral meetings including with Commissioner Avramopoulos	Main message passed – return of Syrian refugees from Lebanon regardless of final political solution on Syria

### (C) EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

<p><b>Armenia</b>  <i>EU relations with Armenia are currently governed by the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA), which entered into force in 1999. The PCA will be replaced by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA), signed in November 2017 but yet to enter into force.</i></p> <p><i>The declaration of the Eastern Partnership 2017 Brussels Summit includes a reference to consider in due course, if conditions allow, the opening of a Visa Liberalisation Dialogue with Armenia, provided that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility are in place, including the effective implementation of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements.</i></p> <p><i>A Mobility Partnership was signed on 27 October 2011. The first EU-Armenia Mobility Partnership High Level Meeting took place in January 2018.</i></p> <p><i>The Visa Facilitation Agreement was signed on 17 December 2012 and the Readmission Agreement on 19 April 2013. Both agreements entered into force on 1 January 2014.</i></p> <p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
9 December 2014	EU-Armenia Cooperation Committee, Brussels	
20 January 2015	EU-Armenia Cooperation Council, Brussels	
29 April 2015	2 <sup>nd</sup> EU-Armenia Joint Visa and Readmission Committee, Brussels	
17 July 2015	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Brussels	
9 December 2015	Mobility Partnership, High Level Meeting	
18 March 2016	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Yerevan	



30 May 2017	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Brussels	
23-24 January 2018	EU-Armenia Mobility Partnership High Level Meeting (23 January) and meetings of the Joint Visa Facilitation and Joint Readmission Committees (24 January), Brussels	Armenia presented its self-assessment on preparedness for a visa liberalisation dialogue during the High Level Meeting. For the second year in a row, the Joint Committees consider that the Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements are being fully implemented.
17 May 2018	JLS Subcommittee with Armenia, Yerevan	

### **Azerbaijan**

*EU relations with Azerbaijan are governed by the EU-Azerbaijan PCA which entered into force in 1999. New negotiations on a framework agreement to replace the PCA started in February 2017. The last round of negotiations took place in Brussels on 27-28 November, after the Eastern Partnership Summit of 24 November.*

*The declaration of the Eastern Partnership 2017 Brussels Summit includes a reference to consider in due course, if conditions allow, the opening of a Visa Liberalisation Dialogue with Azerbaijan, provided that conditions for well-managed and secure mobility are in place, including the effective implementation of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements.*

*These agreements entered into force on 1 September 2014 and Azerbaijan is consistently repeating its request to go beyond the Visa Facilitation agreement. A Mobility Partnership with Azerbaijan was signed on 5 December 2013 and the first High-Level Meeting was organised in February 2017.*

### **Recent and upcoming events**

22 June 2016	Steering Committee of the MOBILAZE project (Support to the Mobility Partnership with Azerbaijan)	
12 October 2016	5 <sup>th</sup> JLS Subcommittee with Azerbaijan, Baku	
23 February 2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Mobility Partnership High-Level Meeting, Brussels	
31 May 2017	15 <sup>th</sup> Cooperation Committee with Azerbaijan, Baku	
5 July 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> EU-Azerbaijan Joint Visa and Re-admission Committee, Baku	
16 October 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> JLS Subcommittee with Azerbaijan, Brussels	
9 February 2018	15 <sup>th</sup> EU-Azerbaijan Cooperation Council	
5 February 2019	7 <sup>th</sup> EU –Azerbaijan JLS Subcommittee, Baku	

**Belarus**

On 28 February 2011 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations on a Visa Facilitation Agreement and a Readmission Agreement with Belarus. The Commission submitted a formal invitation to the Belarusian authorities in June 2011 which was accepted in January 2014.

After 5 years of negotiations of the EU-Belarus Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements, a deal on the text of both agreements was reached at the last round of talks in October 2018. Compromise was found on the main outstanding issue in the visa facilitation agreement. Pending confirmation from Belarus on the last minor outstanding issue the Parties are ready to launch the necessary internal adoption procedures leading to the signature and conclusion of both the Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements., The European Neighbourhood Instrument is funding a programme titled "Helping Belarus address the phenomenon of increasing numbers of irregular migrants" to support Belarus in migration management, including the smooth implementation of the future Readmission Agreement

Belarus and the EU signed on 13 October 2016 in the margins of the JHA Council the Joint Declaration on a Mobility Partnership. The kick off meeting took place 10 November 2017.

**Recent and upcoming events**

30 January 2014	Political launch of EU-Belarus Visa Facilitation/Readmission Agreement negotiations, Brussels	
11-12 March 2015	Third technical round of VFA/RA negotiations, Minsk	
6 March 2015	Endorsement by Council of the draft Joint Declaration of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership	
26 March 2015	First round of consultations on MP Declaration, Minsk	MP Declaration was agreed by both sides on 1 June 2015
13 October 2016	Signing of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership	7 MS signatories / Ceremony in Luxembourg with DG Home Commissioner
10 November 2017	First High Level Meeting of the EU-Belarus Mobility Partnership, Brussels	
7 June 2018	Mobility Partnership launching event in Minsk	
11 October 2018	5th round of negotiations on the visa facilitation and readmission agreements	
18 December 2018	6th meeting of the EU-Belarus Coordination Group	

**Georgia**

The EU - Georgia Association Agreement, including a Deep and Comprehensive Trade Agreement, (succeeding the PCA of 1999), was signed on 26 June 2014 in Brussels and entered into force in July 2016.

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

Georgia has successfully implemented the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan (VLAP). Visa Liberalisation for Georgia entered into force on 28 March 2017.

**Recent and upcoming events**

20 December 2017	First Report under the Visa Suspension Mechanism	
5 February 2018	EU-Georgia Association Council	
24 April 2018	JLS Subcommittee with Georgia, Brussels	
26 June 2018	EU-Georgia Association Committee, Brussels	
19 December 2018	Second report under the Visa Suspension Mechanism	
5 March 2019	EU-Georgia Association Council, Brussels	
22 May 2019	JLS Subcommittee with Georgia, Tbilisi	

### **Republic of Moldova**

*The EU-Republic of Moldova (hereinafter Moldova) Association Agreement, including a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, (succeeding the PCA of 1994), was signed on 27 June 2014 and entered into force on 1 July 2016.*

*The EU-Moldova Visa Facilitation Agreement and Readmission Agreement entered into force in January 2008. An amended Visa Facilitation Agreement entered into force in July 2013. A Mobility Partnership was signed in June 2008.*

*In June 2010 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Moldovan citizens to the EU. Moldova was granted visa-free travel to the Schengen area on 28 April 2014. According to figures provided by Frontex and Moldova, between 28 April 2014 and 23 April 2018 more almost 1.5 million Moldovans travelled visa-free to the Schengen area.*

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

### **Recent and upcoming events**

15 December 2017	10 <sup>th</sup> Mobility Partnership, High-Level Meeting, Brussels	
20 December 2017	First Report under the Visa Suspension Mechanism	
3 May 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> EU-Moldova Association Council	
20 June 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> EU-Moldova FSJ Subcommittee, Brussels	
12 June 2018	Mobility Partnership, Extended Local Cooperation Platform, Chisinau	
20 June 2018	JLS Subcommittee with Moldova, Brussels	
6 September 2018	Joint Readmission Committee Meeting, Chisinau	
29 November 2018	EU-Moldova Association Committee	
19 December 2018	Second Report under the Visa Suspension Mechanism	

## Ukraine

The PCA entered into force in 1998. Negotiations on an EU-Ukraine Association Agreement started in September 2008 and initialled in 2012. Ukraine and the EU parliament simultaneously ratified the economic and political parts of the Association Agreement that will on 16 September 2014. The Readmission and Visa Facilitation agreements were concluded in 2008. An amended version of the Visa Facilitation agreement with Ukraine entered into force in July 2013. In 2008 a visa dialogue was opened, examining conditions for visa-free travel of Ukrainian citizens to the EU. A VLAP was endorsed by the Council on 10 November 2010 and presented by the EU to Ukraine at the EU-Ukraine Summit on 22 November 2010. The sixth and final progress report, which was adopted on 18 December 2015, concluded that based on the commitments taken by the Ukrainian leadership, all the measures identified in the fifth progress report had been taken by Ukraine and that all the benchmarks of the VLAP had been met. As of the 11 June 2017, Ukrainian citizens, holders of biometric passports can travel visa-free to the Schengen area. Since visa liberalisation Ukrainians made around 2 million visa-free visits to EU. On 19 December 2018, the Commission published the second report under the visa suspension mechanism. The report follows up on the Commission's obligation under the strengthened visa suspension mechanism, to monitor the continuous fulfilment of visa liberalisation requirements by third countries, including Ukraine. The report confirms that the visa liberalisation benchmarks continue to be fulfilled by Ukraine. The country continued to take measures to address irregular migration challenges and made some progress to safeguard anti-corruption measures introduced with previous reforms.

1 June 2018	JHA Subcommittee, Brussels	
9 July 2018	EU-Ukraine Summit	
29 September 2018	EU-Ukraine Joint Readmission Committee	
17 December 2018	EU-Ukraine Association Council	
19 December 2018	Second report under the visa suspension Mechanism	
22 March 2019	JHA Subcommittee, Kiev	

## (D) RUSSIA

### Russia

The EU-Russia PCA came into force in 1997. Ministerial meetings for Freedom, Security and Justice area (PPC) were organised regularly until the Ukraine crisis. The Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements entered into force on 1 June 2007. On 11 April 2011 the Council adopted the mandate for the renegotiation of the Visa Facilitation Agreement.

However further cooperation with Russia in the Home Affairs area was affected by introduction of Crimea sanctions against Russia in March 2014. Meetings at ministerial (JHA PPC) and senior officials (JHA SOM, Visa Dialogue SOM and Migration Dialogue SOM) level were suspended and all negotiations on new home affairs agreements, namely on visa liberalisation, upgraded Visa Facilitation Agreement (VFA), Europol and Eurojust, have been suspended.

Today, the collaboration with Russia continues mainly at expert level, (such as VFA and Readmission Agreement (RA) Joint Committees, Drugs expert meetings, CT meetings and Migration Dialogues).

<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
17 December 2014	11th meeting of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee between the EU and Russia	
12-13 February 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> expert meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Helsinki	Legal/labour migration
3 July 2015	15th EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee	
17-18 March 2016	9 <sup>th</sup> expert meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Moscow	International protection
28 July 2016	15th EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee, Moscow	
9 December 2016	12 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee between the EU and Russia (Moscow)	
4 October 2017	16th EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee, Brussels	
4-5 April 2018	10 <sup>th</sup> expert meeting of the Migration Dialogue, Sofia, BG	Irregular migration.
24 April 2018	13th meeting of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee between the EU and Russia (Brussels)	
6 December 2018	14 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Joint Visa Facilitation Committee between EU and Russia, Moscow	
10 December 2018	18 <sup>th</sup> EU-Russia Joint Readmission Committee	

## **(E) AFRICAN COUNTRIES**

<b>Cabo Verde</b>		
<i>In 2007 the EU and Cabo Verde agreed on a Special Partnership Agreement. An EU migration mission visited Cape Verde in May 2007. The Mobility Partnership with Cabo Verde was signed in 2007. Cabo Verde ratified visa facilitation and readmission agreements in October 2014. They entered into force on 1 December 2014.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
6-7 June 2011	Political dialogue meeting at Ministerial level, Praia	
8 April 2014	Political Dialogue Meeting at Ministerial Level	Explore possible ways to strengthen MP
5 October 2015	Joint Committees on visa facilitation and readmission	

13 October 2015	Political Dialogue Meeting at Ministerial level, Luxembourg	Ministers welcomed entry into force of Visa Facilitation and Readmission Agreements. Cabo Verde asked for EU assistance to conclude similar visa facilitation agreements with European States associated to Schengen and with EU MS to which the Agreement does not apply. Parties underlined need to define new priorities to maintain the dynamism of the Partnership.
19 October 2016	Joint Committees on visa facilitation and readmission	
30 November – 1 December	In the margins of the Rabat Process thematic meeting on Visa facilitation - Bilateral meetings with CV authorities and MS HoMs on migration related issues	
May 2017	High Level Meeting on the Mobility Partnership	Take stock and discuss future priorities
July 2017	Political Dialogue meeting at Ministerial level, Brussels	Agreement to deepen the priorities under Special Partnership and on the Mobility Partnership. On migration and mobility, it was agreed to continue to encourage the development of the CCV, and to further developing joint cooperation on migration and mobility, among others on issues like border management including document security at airports. On the basis of the Mobility Partnership, the future development of this process may also include a consideration of further mobility facilitations.
December 2018	Political Dialogue meeting at Ministerial level, Praia	Continue to explore possible ways to strengthen MP

<p><b>Ethiopia</b>  <i>Ethiopia is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. The Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM) was signed by the EU and Ethiopia on 12/11/2015 aside the Valletta Summit. A Joint Declaration "Towards an EU-Ethiopia Strategic Engagement", including a sectoral dialogue on migration, was also signed on 14 June 2016 at the margins of the European Development Days. Procedures for identification and returns of Ethiopian irregular migrants from Europe are now being finalised as they were approved by the Council on 29 January 2018.</i></p>		
<p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
20 October 2015	HRVP visit to Addis – first High Level Dialogue on Migration with Ethiopia	Migration was on the agenda of the HRVP for meetings with PM and MFA. Technical discussions took place at the margins of the

		visit to agree on a text for the CAMM.
11 November 2015	Signature of CAMM by EC and Council Pdt, HRVP and ETH PM, in Valletta	
13 January 2016	Visit of Ethiopian MFA to Brussels – second High Level Dialogue on Migration with HRVP and Csr Avramopoulos	Migration high on the agenda, particularly EUTF projects and returns and readmission
2-4 February 2016	CAMM implementation technical mission, Addis Ababa	Joint mission COM-EEAS and EU MS to discuss CAMM annex, particularly on return. Encouraging commitments, effective cooperation to be monitored in the coming weeks
7 April 2016	HRVP visit, Addis Ababa	Migration high on the bilateral agenda, at the margins of the Commission-to-Commission meetings
29-30 May 2016	HOME-EEAS senior officials mission on returns, Addis Ababa	
14-16 June 2016	Signature of Joint Declaration "Towards an EU-Ethiopia Strategic Engagement at the margins of the European Development Days. Bilateral meetings between Ethiopian PM, accompanied by his State Minister in charge of Migration, with EU interlocutors, with a strong focus on migration and returns	PM Hailemariam met President Juncker; President Tusk; HRVP accompanied by Csr Stylianides; VP Katainen; Csr Avramopoulos.
20 September 2016	Bilateral meeting HRVP-PM at the margins of the Obama Summit on refugees	Migration high on the agenda.
30 September 2016	Slovakia MFA visit to Addis Ababa	Meeting with the PM and MFA including a focus on migration
6-7 October 2016	EEAS-HOME-DEVCO Joint Senior Officials Compact Mission to Addis Ababa	
11 October 2016	Visit by MS (DE Chancellor)	Migration on the agenda
20 October 2016	Thematic meeting on returns, readmission and reintegration of the Khartoum Process, Addis Ababa	Opportunity to arrange for bilateral technical discussions on migration with Ethiopia.
7-9 December 2016	Visit of IT Special Envoy	
13-14 December 2016	Visit of UK Special Envoy	
18 January 2017	Short EEAS-DEVCO mission	Technical mission on migration
18 February 2017	Bilateral meeting HRVP – Ethiopian MFA	Migration on the agenda
20-21 February 2017	Visit of new Ethiopian MFA to Brussels	Bilateral meetings with HRVP, DEVCO and ECHO, focus on migration
17 March 2017	Visit of HRVP to Addis Ababa	Migration on the agenda with PM
4-6 April 2017	Visit of EUSR for Human Rights Stavros Lambrinidis – sectoral dialogue on human rights	Launching of EU-Ethiopia sectoral dialogue on governance and human rights with migration as one of the priority areas.

5-6 April 2017	Steering Committee and SOM of the Khartoum Process in Addis Ababa	
18 April 2017	Visit DK Minister for Immigration and Integration	
24-25 April 2017	Visit of LUX MFA Asselborn	
15 May 2017	Bilateral HRVP-PM at the margins of the Somalia conference in London	
6-7 June 2017	Joint Senior EEAS-HOME mission to Addis to discuss procedure for effective identification/return of Ethiopian irregular migrants from Europe.	Agreement on the need for a written procedure including deadlines. First round of negotiations – to be followed by exchanges by email.
29 September 2017	Bilateral meeting HRVP – Ethiopian Foreign Minister at the margins of the informal IGAD Ministerial.	Strong message passed by HRVP on returns.
12-13 October 2017	Joint senior EEAS-HOME negotiation mission on text for procedures for returns.	Agreement at technical level, validation by Ethiopian political authorities through NV on 02/11.
December 2017	First effective forced returns to Ethiopia	From DK and NL
30 January 2018	Returns procedures validated by Council	NV sent to Ethiopian authorities on 05/02, bringing the agreement into force as per Section 6 (1) of the procedures.

<b>Mali</b>		
<i>Mali is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. High-Level Dialogue on migration launched. Rabat Process Steering Committee member.</i>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
14-17 April 2016	Mission/HLD by NL Presidency on behalf of the EU - NL Minister Foreign Affairs, EEAS (MD Africa), HOME, DEVCO – Return and reintegration	
26-27 April 2016	Technical mission	
27-28 July 2016	Senior level mission led by DG HOME	
25-30 September 2016	Technical mission	
29 Sep – 01 Oct 2016	Commissioner Mimica visit	
10 Nov 2016	Joint mission with IT MFA	Meeting with MFA and other Gvt authorities
9-10 October	MS visit (DE Chancellor)	Migration on the agenda
10-11 November	MS visit (IT MFA)	Migration on the agenda
10-11 December	MS visit (NL MFA)	Migration on the agenda
13 January 2017	Commissioner Mimica visit	Migration on the agenda
End of March/April (tbc)	Technical inter-service mission	Focusing on smuggling and awareness raising
5 June 2017	Meeting of Minister of Malians abroad with HRVP and DGHOME	Focusing on smuggling and awareness raising
28 June 2018	Meeting HRVP-PM, Brussels	Migration on the agenda



<p><b>Niger</b>  <i>Niger is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. High-Level Dialogue on migration launched on 18 September 2015. The EUCAP Sahel Niger mission was enlarged in July 2015 including a new objective on migration. The EUCAP field office in Agadez opened April 2016.</i>  <i>EMLO and Frontex L.O. deployed</i></p>		
<p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
18 September 2015	Launch of High-Level Dialogue on migration by HRVP	
2-5 May 2016	EU Visit to Niamey and Agades	
14-15 July 2016	Visit by Commissioner Stylianides	
4-5-6 October 2016	Technical mission on migration nd 1 <sup>st</sup> Cadre de Concertation	
10 October	MS visit (DE Chancellor)	Migration on the agenda
10 Nov 2016	Joint mission with IT MFA	Meeting with the Pdt, the PM and other Gvt authorities
8 December 2016	Sherpas on migration from DE IT FR ES and EU	Identification of the migration management priorities
28 February 2017	Frontex Executive Director and EU Special Representative for the Sahel visit to Niger	Meetings with Minister of Interior BAZOUM and Minister of Justice AMADOU, Agadez authorities
1-2 March 2017	Africa Frontex Intelligence Community (AFIC) regional meeting	Discussion on terrorism and migratory flows in the West Africa region
13 March 2017	ES and FR Interior Ministers visit to Niger	
27-28 March 2017	Sherpas visit to Niger	Discuss cooperation on migration management
16 May 2017	The first session of the <i>Plateforme conjointe d'échange et d'analyse de donnée sur le flux migratoires</i> , Niamey	Discussion on available sources, collection and analysis of data related to migratory flows
1 June 2017	Cadre de Concertation, Niamey	Discuss the National Strategy to fight Irregular Migration, follow up to the Valletta Action Plan, state of play of implemented activities
25 July 2017	Deployment of The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) liaison officer	
19-20 September	Sherpa visit	Confirm and maintain excellent cooperation with Nigerien authorities
16 March 2018	REUNION DE COORDINATION DE LA LUTTE CONTRE LE TRAFIC ILLICITE DE MIGRANTS ET LA TRAITE DES ETRES HUMAINS	Ministerial Conference attended by Commissioner Avramopoulos and DE, FR, ES, IT + G5 Sahel + Libya + Senegal + Cote d'Ivoire + International Organisations

January 2019	Sherpa visit to Niger	Visit to the border with Algeria and meetings with the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Plan as well as implementing partners and local authorities.
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<p><b>Nigeria</b>  <i>Nigeria is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. Under the umbrella of the EU-Nigeria Ministerial meetings, several political dialogues session on migration have taken place in the last few years. A Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM) was signed on 12 March 2015. 5 rounds of the EU Readmission Agreement negotiations took place; no new date has been fixed yet. EMLO deployed.</i></p>		
<p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
12 March 2015	Signature of CAMM at the side of the JHA Council	
8-9 July 2015	Local dialogue on migration issues in Abuja	Identify priorities for CAMM implementation
3 February 2016	Nigerian president addressed EP plenary in Strasburg and met with Pres. Juncker, Commissioner Avramopoulos and Stylianides and President Schulz	
15 March 2016	HRVP Mogherini held Ministerial Dialogue with Nigerian MFA in Brussels.	Including migration as discussion point.
7-9 March 2016	Technical mission to Abuja led by DG HOME participants: COM, EEAS, Frontex, DE, AU, NL, ES.	To prepare the ministerial dialogue focus on return and readmission
14 March 2016	Csr. Avramopulos held Migration Dialogue with Nigerian Minister of Interior in Brussels	A list of priorities for the swift implementation of the CAMM was agreed, including on readmission.
15 March 2016	HRVP Mogherini held Ministerial Dialogue with Nigerian MFA in Brussels	Including migration as discussion point.
10 October	• MS visit (DE MFA)	Migration on the agenda
25-26 October	• Technical mission HOME - Launching negotiations of a readmission agreement and other thematic meetings on activities under CAMM priorities	Launching negotiations of a readmission agreement and other thematic meetings on activities under CAMM priorities
2 February 2017	• Commissioner/VP Ansip visit	Migration on the agenda
14 November 2017	• Sherpa visit to Nigeria	Advocate to resume readmission agreement negotiations
5-6 February 2017	• Joint Mission EEAS-HOME- DEVCO-EAC-CNECT	Discussion on Migration and Mobility (including growth and investment, legal migration, Erasmus + ,smuggling, THB, border security management, digital identity) and resumption of the Readmission Agreement

		negotiations (1 full day of negotiations on the text)
11-12 June 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of Nigerian Delegation to Brussels</li> </ul>	Discussion on Migration and Mobility package (including growth and investment, legal migration, Erasmus + ,smuggling, THB, border security management, digital identity) and continuation of the Readmission Agreement negotiations.
13-14 September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission to Abuja</li> </ul>	Continuation of the Readmission Agreement negotiations
19-20 November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit of Nigerian Delegation to Brussels</li> </ul>	Continuation of the Readmission Agreement negotiations (5 <sup>th</sup> round of negotiations)

<p><b>Senegal</b>  <i>Senegal is one of the five priority countries identified under the Partnership Framework on migration. Partnership compact launched by visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos in Dakar on 26 July 2016. Rabat Process Steering Committee member and crucial and constructive actor in the Valletta process.</i></p>		
<p><b>Recent and upcoming events</b></p>		
26 July 2016	Partnership compact launched by visit of Commissioner Avramopoulos in Dakar, followed by technical mission.	
24-28 October	Technical mission by DEVCO	Identify projects on civil registry/biometrics
11 Nov 2016	Joint mission with IT MFA	Meeting with MFA and MOI
5-6 December 2016	HRVP and MS visit (FR MoD)	High profile multilateral event. Migration was also discussed bilaterally with President Sall.
20-22 December 2016	Technical mission from SN to IT	Humanitarian/identification mission to hotspots in Sicily
13-17 January 2017	Technical mission by BE	Prepare identification mission
20-22 March 2017	Technical mission from SN to BE	Humanitarian/identification mission to BE
6 April 2017	HRVP and Commissioner Avramopoulos meetings with the Senegalese Minister of Foreign Affairs M. Mankeur Ndiaye	Discuss further more structured and dynamic cooperation
6-13 May 2017	Technical mission from SN to DE	Humanitarian/identification mission to DE
7 June 2017	President Tusk, President Juncker, HRVP Mogherini, Commissioner Avramopoulos meeting with President Sall, Brussels	Partnership Framework discussion
28-30 November 2017	AU-EU Summit	Bilateral meeting HR/VP Mogherini and President Sall

2-23 January 2018	DE delegation visited Dakar, headed by the Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Co-operation and Development	Discussions on migration, inauguration of a SN-DE centre for employment and migration, funded by GIZ
13-14 March 2018	AFIC-FRONTEX workshop in Dakar	Amendment of draft agreement between DGPN and FRONTEX to take into account sensitivity of returns.
28 June 2018	Exchange of views between EU Ambassador and Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad	Discussion of anti-migration stance in Europe, Senegal's lack of cooperation on returns. Senegal organised identification missions in Niger, Tunisia and Algeria
25-29 June 2018	Identification Mission to France	40 out of 44 auditioned migrants identified as Senegalese
2-7 July 2018	Identification Mission in Germany	
29 August 2018	Chancellor Merkel's visit	Discussions on migration cooperation

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

#### EU-Côte d'Ivoire relations on migration

More than two years after the launch of the migration dialogue (April 2016) and one year after the submission of the SoP proposal to the authorities (June 2017), it was finally possible to obtain an Ivorian agreement on the identification and return (SoP) during a negotiation in Abidjan on 29-30 May 2018. The SOP procedure was officially validated by the Ivorian government in October 2018, marking the entry into force of the procedure. The launch by the EC of the visa restriction procedure certainly played a role in the Ivorian party finally accepting a negotiation. As foreseen in the SOPs, technical support to set up a system of comparison of the fingerprints and remote consultation of the databases will be provided (a joint technical mission CE - France with financial support from the EC, to identify the needs and the technical specifications should take place at the end of November). This project, whose implementation would make the return procedures more efficient and its technical difficulty should not be underestimated

## (F) ASIAN COUNTRIES

### China

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

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

### Recent and upcoming events

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

	the parallel negotiations, Beijing	technical level: a visa facilitation agreement (VFA) and an agreement on <i>cooperation in combating illegal migration</i> .
11 July 2017	First round of technical negotiations on a visa facilitation agreement, Brussels	
1 December 2017	First round of technical negotiations on an agreement on cooperation in combatting illegal migration, Brussels	
September 2018	Second round of parallel negotiations on each agreement, Beijing..	
9 April 2019	EU-China Summit	
<p><b>India</b></p> <p><i>The EU-India Co-operation Agreement entered into force in 1994. In 2004 the EU and India established a Strategic Partnership. The EU-India Joint Action Plan was agreed in 2005 at the Summit in The Hague and revised in 2008 at the eighth EU-India Summit in Marseille. This plan aims to promote among others people-to-people contacts and cultural exchanges. After the first EU-India migration dialogue meeting held in 2006, the December 2010 EU-India Summit emphasised the importance of movement of people, and agreed to deepen cooperation by establishing a regular, comprehensive and structured dialogue on migration issues.</i></p> <p><i>The 2012 EU-India Summit discussed possible ways to facilitate mobility – a recurring Indian request – in parallel with preventing and combating irregular migration. CAMM was signed and subsequently endorsed at the 2016 EU-India Summit. CAMM implementation is referred to in the EU-India Agenda for Action-2020, also endorsed at 2016 Summit.</i></p>		
<b>Recent and upcoming events</b>		
10 February 2012	12 <sup>th</sup> EU-India Summit, India, Delhi	
2 July 2012	EU-India High Level Dialogue Meeting on Migration and Mobility, Delhi	Possible ways to strengthen cooperation with India were discussed, including the establishment of a EU-India working group on migration and mobility and of a CAMM.
30 January 2013	EU-India Ministerial Meeting	
4 February 2013	22 <sup>nd</sup> EU-India Joint Commission	Discussions on EU-India "non-political" cooperation, including on migration and mobility.
2 April 2013	Transmission of draft CAMM political declaration to India	Reply received in May 2015 and exploratory talks took place on 22-23 June.
30 March 2016	13 <sup>th</sup> EU-India Summit - as a key deliverable – the establishment of the EU-India Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM), signed on 29 March 2016.	EU-India Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM), signed.
4 April 2017	EU-India High Level Dialogue (HLDMM) on Migration and Mobility, Brussels	To launch and provide a strategic steer to the implementation of the CAMM.

26 September 2017	Stakeholder event in New Delhi to support the implementation of the CAMM and its support project	Hosted by ILO and ICMPD, the event informed stakeholders of the ongoing collaborations between India and EU and seek their views.
6 October 2017	14 <sup>th</sup> EU-India Summit	
1 June 2018	1 <sup>st</sup> Project Advisory Committee of the EU-funded CAMM/HLDMM support project	
Week of 8-11 July 2019 (tbc)	EU-India High Level Dialogue on Migration and Mobility (HLDMM), India, New Delhi	
Week of 8-11 July (tbc)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Project Advisory Committee of the CAMM/HLDMM support project	
Week of 8-11 July ( tbc)	Migration governance seminar	

#### BANGLADESH

- **2<sup>nd</sup> EU-Bangladesh Joint Working Group on the Standard Operating Procedures for return, 25 April 2018, Dhaka**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> EU – Bangladesh Joint Working Group on the Standard Operation Procedures for return, 4 - 5 April 2019 (tbc)**
- **Sub-group human rights and governance on 26/05/2019 in Dhaka (including a point on Rohingya)**
- **Sub-group development on 27/05/2019 in Dhaka (including points on migration and forced displacement)**
- **Joint Commission on 30/06/2019 in Dhaka (including points on migration and Rohingya)**

#### PAKISTAN

- **9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU-Pakistan Joint Readmission Committee, 11 April 2018, Islamabad**
- **10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU – Pakistan Joint Readmission Committee, 20 December 2018, in Brussels**
- **9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU – Pakistan Joint Commission, 16 November 2018, Islamabad**
- **Meetings of the Sub-Group on Democracy, governance, and human rights, development cooperation and trade on 13-15 November 2018**
- **Counter – Terrorism Dialogue, 29 November 2018, Brussels**
- **EU-Pakistan Political dialogue, 20 March 2019, Brussels,**

- EU-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue, 26 March 2019, Islamabad,

#### AFGHANISTAN

- 4th meeting of the EU – AFGHANISTAN Joint Working Group under the JWF on Migration, 06 May 2018, Kabul
- 5th meeting of the EU-AFGHANISTAN Joint Working Group under the JWF on migration, 29 November 2018, Brussels.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EU – Afghanistan Joint Working Group under the JWF on migration, 8 May 2019
- Ministerial Conference at the UN in Geneva – Side even on ‘people on the move’, 27 – 28 November 2018
- 2nd EU – Afghanistan Joint Committee, 14 May 2019, Kabul
- 2nd meeting of the Special Working Group on Human Rights, Good Governance and Migration, 9 May 2019, Kabul

#### (G) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Relations between the EU and the US have been formalised in 1990 in the Transatlantic Declaration, and further developed in the New Transatlantic Agenda which outlined a new framework for cooperation including a number of areas for joint action. An EU-US Joint Statement endorsed by the EU-US JHA Ministerial Troika in October 2009 (the so-called "Washington Statement") sets out common values and foundations of EU-US cooperation in the JHA area until 2014 and includes a commitment to enhance both political and operational cooperation in various JHA issues. In 2015, the framework of the EU –US cooperation for 2014-2020 was further developed in the "**Renewed EU-U.S. Statement on Enhancing transatlantic cooperation in the area of Justice, Freedom and Security**".*

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

#### Recent and upcoming events

1-2 March 2017	EU US JHA Senior Officials Meeting, Valetta, Malta	Strong focus on security and counterterrorism, the discussion covered also migration and follow up to the commitments made at the UN Summit on Refugees, visa reciprocity – a standing agenda item
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15-16 June 2017	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Valetta, Malta	Topics covered counterterrorism, cybersecurity, border management (including visa reciprocity), two joint statements issued, one on willingness to further work towards full visa reciprocity and the other one underlining the importance of transatlantic cooperation
20 – 21 September 2017	EU US JHA Senior Officials Meeting, Tallinn, Estonia	Focus on CT, cybersecurity (visit at the Centre of Cyber Excellence in Tallinn), border management and migration (latest developments) including interoperability (presentation made by EU-Lisa)
17 November 2017	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Washington D.C, USA	Focus on CT, cybersecurity, except visa reciprocity, refugees and migration not on the agenda.
27-28 February 2018	EU US JHA Senior Officials Meeting, Sofia, Bulgaria	Topics covered counterterrorism, cybersecurity, interoperability, border management and migration- <i>update on recent developments (including migrant smuggling and adopted legislation)</i> + including visa reciprocity)
22-23 May 2018	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Sofia, Bulgaria	Topics covered counterterrorism, transnational organised crime cybersecurity, migration, border management and visa policy (latest developments on migration policy and border management and tackling migrant smuggling and trafficking of human beings - (presentation on Op Blue Sentinel) + including visa reciprocity).
25-26 September 2018	EU-US Senior Officials Meeting, Vienna ( Austria	Topics covered counterterrorism, transnational organised crime, cybersecurity, migration and border management (migration and border policy update + enhancing cooperation on the fight against migrant smuggling + including visa reciprocity).
9 November 2018	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Washington D.C, USA	Topics covered counterterrorism, cybersecurity, border management (including visa reciprocity) and migration (update on relevant developments).

27-28 February 2019	EU US JHA Senior Officials Meeting, Bucharest, Romania	Topics covered counterterrorism, cybersecurity, border management (including visa reciprocity) and migration (combatting migrant smuggling and trafficking).
18-19 June 2019	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Bucharest, Romania	Topics will cover counterterrorism, cybersecurity, borders, visas and migration (including updates by the EU on EBCGA and ETIAS)).
Autumn 2019	EU-US JHA Ministerial, Washington D.C, USA	No agenda yet

## (H) BRAZIL

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

### Recent and upcoming events

20 January 2015	Transmission of a draft text of an EU-Brazil Joint Declaration establishing a CAMM with Brazil.	
19 November 2015	Reception of Brazilian comments to the EU Joint Declaration document proposal	
28 April 2016	Transmission to BR of EU comments on BR proposal	
5-6 November 2018	Mission of Brazilian representatives to Brussels (as well as Germany) on exchanging experiences on migration (notably in light of the Venezuela crisis)	

## Part 3 - The global processes

### GLOBAL FORUM FOR MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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

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

*The 8<sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit came immediately after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes migration as a recognised development enabler. During Turkey*

*Chairmanship, an important feature was the insertion of forced displacement and refugees on the agenda, not the least due to the Syrian refugee crisis.*

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

**Recent and upcoming events**

14-16 October 2015	8 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Istanbul	Theme: Strengthening Partnerships: Human Mobility for Sustainable Development
10-12 December 2016	9 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Dhaka	Theme: Migration that works for sustainable development for all: towards a transformative migration agenda
28-30 June 2017	10 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Berlin	Theme: Towards a Global Social Contract on Migration and Development
5-7 December 2018	11 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Marrakech	Theme: Honouring international commitments to unlock the potential of all migrants for development
late November 2019	11 <sup>th</sup> GFMD Summit, Quito	

## UNITED NATIONS

*The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2015 recognizes that migration contributes to circular growth and development. It calls on UN Member States to increase international cooperation by facilitating orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people. In this respect, the EU counts on a long-standing strategic partnership with the UN. In December 2018, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees were adopted by the UN General Assembly. This concluded the intense two-year process launched with the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants in September 2016.*

**Recent and upcoming events**

23-24 May 2016	World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul	
15 June 2016	Launch of 'Migrants in Countries in Crisis' (MICIC) Guidelines	MICIC is supported by the Commission through a 5 million euros project
19 September 2016	UNGA Summit on large movements of refugees and migrants, New York	
4-6 December 2017	Stocktaking Conference on the Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico	
12-13 December 2017	UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue – Stock-taking on the Global Compact on Refugees	
Feb/July 2018	Negotiations on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration	
10-11 December 2018	Intergovernmental Conference for the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, Marrakesh, Morocco- adopted by 164	

	participating States	
February – July 2018	Formal consultation in Geneva on GCR	
October 2018	Negotiations of the UNHCR Omnibus resolution– finished without a consensus due to language on GCR (US, Australia)	
November 2018	Omnibus resolution adopted in Third Committee in NY after a vote on 13/11 – all MS voted in favour, otherwise 3 abstentions, US against.	
17 December	Omnibus Resolution affirming the Global Compact on Refugees adopted by the UN General Assembly with 181 votes in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions.	
19 December 2018	UN General Assembly endorsed the Global Compact with 152 votes in favour to 5 against with 12 abstentions	
Feb/May 2019	Consultations by the co-facilitators on the modalities for the International Migration Review Forum	
June 2019	Negotiations on the modalities for the International Migration Review Forum, New York	
March 2019	First UNHCR Preparatory Meeting in Geneva for the Global Refugee Forum of 17 and 18 December 2019	

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