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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

on the Report on Migration and Asylum

Delivering on the Roadmap to implement the New Pact on Migration and Asylum

State of play September 2021

 **Done** (when the action was expected from the Commission); or **Agreed** (when the action was expected from the European Parliament and Council)

 For **legislative proposals**: swift agreement possible; For **non-legislative actions**: ongoing/progress underway

 Agreement possible, if strong political commitment from all EU Institutions

Actions	Indicative Timetable	Description	State of Play
A common European framework for migration and asylum management			
The Commission:			
Proposes an Asylum and Migration Management Regulation, including a new solidarity mechanism	Q3 2020	<i>Adopted in September 2020</i>	
Proposes new legislation to establish a screening procedure at the external border	Q3 2020	<i>Adopted in September 2020</i>	
Amends the proposal for a new Asylum Procedures Regulation to include a new border procedure and make asylum procedures more effective	Q3 2020	<i>Adopted in September 2020</i>	
Amends the Eurodac Regulation proposal to meet the data needs of the new framework	Q3 2020	<i>Adopted in September 2020</i>	
Will appoint a Return Coordinator within the Commission, supported by a new High Level Network for Returns and a new operational strategy	Q1 2021	<i>Appointment procedure is underway</i>	
Will set out a new Strategy on voluntary returns and reintegration	Q1 2021	<i>Adopted in April 2021</i>	
The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) should:			
Fully operationalise the reinforced mandate on return and provide full support to Member States at national level	Q4 2020	<i>Ongoing</i>	
Appoint a Deputy Executive Director for Return	Q2 2021	<i>Ongoing</i>	
The European Parliament and the Council should:			
Adopt the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation, as well as the Screening Regulation and the revised Asylum Procedures Regulation	Q2 2021	<i>Parliament report under preparation. Ongoing negotiations in Council working parties.</i>	
Give immediate priority to adoption of the Regulation on the EU Asylum Agency	Q4 2020	<i>Political agreement found</i>	
Ensure quick adoption of the revised Eurodac Regulation	Q4 2020	<i>Draft report presented in the</i>	

		<i>LIBE Committee. Discussions in the Council relaunched on 8 September.</i>	
Ensure quick adoption of the revised Reception Conditions Directive and the Qualification Regulation	Q2 2021	<i>Provisional agreement between Parliament and Council was not endorsed by Council mainly due to the package approach.</i>	
Ensure the swift conclusion of the negotiations on the revised Return Directive	Q2 2021	<i>Parliament draft report still to be adopted. Council adopted a partial general approach in June 2019.</i>	
A robust crisis preparedness and response system			
The Commission:			
Presents a Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint	Q3 2020	<i>Adopted in September 2020</i>	
Proposes legislation to address situations of crisis and <i>force majeure</i> and repealing the Temporary Protection Directive	Q3 2020	<i>Adopted in September 2020</i>	
The European Parliament and the Council should:			
Prioritise and conclude work on the new crisis instrument	Q2 2021	<i>Parliament report under preparation. Discussions have not yet started in Council working parties.</i>	
The Member States, the Council and the Commission should:			
Start implementation of the Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint	Q4 2020	<i>Implementation has started and is ongoing.</i>	
Integrated border management			
The Commission:			
Adopts a Recommendation on cooperation between Member States concerning private entities' rescue activities	Q3 2020	<i>Followed-up, including via the setting-up of the Group of experts on search and rescue</i>	
Presents guidance to Member States to make clear that rescue at sea cannot be criminalised	Q3 2020	<i>Under implementation</i>	

		<i>and being followed-up</i>	
Will adopt a Strategy on the future of Schengen	Q1 2021	<i>Adopted in June 2021</i>	●
Will establish a Schengen Forum	Q4 2020	<i>Established in November 2020</i>	●
Will launch a new European group of experts on search and rescue	Q4 2020	<i>Launched in March 2021</i>	●
The Commission, the Member States and Frontex should:			
Ensure the swift and full implementation of the new European Border and Coast Guard Regulation	Q4 2020	<i>Implementation activities are ongoing in the different areas covered by the EBCG Regulation.</i>	●
Ensure the implementation and interoperability of all large scale IT systems	Q4 2023	<i>Underway. The Commission continues the monitoring of the implementation and its support to the Member States.</i>	●
Reinforcing the fight against migrant smuggling			
The Commission will:			
Present a new EU Action Plan against Migrant Smuggling for 2021-2025	Q2 2021	<i>Adoption on 29 September 2021</i>	●
Start assessment how to strengthen the effectiveness of the Employers Sanctions Directive	Q4 2020	<i>Adoption on 29 September 2021</i>	●
Build action against migrant smuggling into partnerships with third countries	Q4 2020	<i>Ongoing</i>	●
Working with our international partners			
The Commission, in close cooperation with the High Representative and Member States, will:			
Launch work immediately to develop and deepen tailor-made comprehensive and balanced migration dialogues and partnerships	Q4 2020	<i>Work has been launched and is ongoing with various countries in framework of existing dialogues and partnerships.</i>	●
Scale up support to help those in need and their host communities	Q4 2020	<i>Ongoing</i>	●
Increase support for economic opportunity and addressing the root causes of irregular migration	Q4 2020	<i>Ongoing</i>	●
Step up the place of migration in the programming of the new instruments in the next Multiannual Financial Framework	Q4 2020	<i>Programming is ongoing.</i>	●

Examine options for new EU readmission agreements and arrangements	Q4 2020	Ongoing	
Make use of the Visa Code to incentivise and improve cooperation to facilitate return and readmission, also preparing for the new provisions of the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation	Q1 2021	First report adopted in February 2021	
Take forward the recommendation on legal pathways to protection in the EU, including resettlement	Q4 2020	Ongoing	
Develop EU Talent Partnerships with key partner countries	Q4 2020	Ongoing	
The European Parliament and the Council should:			
Conclude swiftly negotiations on the Framework Regulation on Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission	Q4 2020	Provisional agreement between Parliament and Council was not endorsed by Council mainly due to the package approach.	
Attracting skills and talent to the EU			
The Commission will:			
Launch a debate on the next steps on legal migration, with a public consultation	Q3 2020	The results of the consultation were published in March 2021.	
Propose a Skills and Talent package including a revision of the Long-term Residents Directive and a review of the Single Permit Directive, as well as setting out the options for developing an EU Talent Pool	Q4 2021	Under preparation	
The European Parliament and the Council should:			
Conclude negotiations on the EU Blue Card Directive	Q4 2020	Political agreement found in May 2021	
Supporting integration for more inclusive societies			
The Commission will:			
Adopt a comprehensive Action Plan on integration and inclusion for 2021-2024	Q4 2020	Adopted in November 2020	
Implement the renewed European Partnership for Integration with social and economic partners and look into expanding the future cooperation to the area of labour migration	Q1 2021	Ongoing	