



# A NEW PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

## STATE OF PLAY

OCTOBER 2023



- 2016** ● **Revised EU Blue Card to Attract Non-EU Highly-Skilled Workers**
  - Regulation establishing a Union Resettlement Framework
  - Revised Reception Conditions Directive, Qualification Regulation
- 2018** ● **Return Directive**
- September 2020** ● **Asylum and Migration Management Regulation**
  - Screening procedure at the external border
  - A new Asylum Procedures Regulation
  - Revised EURODAC database
  - Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint
  - Regulation to address situations of crisis and force majeure
  - Recommendation on cooperation on search and rescue
  - Guidance on non-criminalisation of search and rescue
- November 2020** ● **Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027**
- March 2021** ● **European Contact Group on Search and Rescue**
- April 2021** ● **EU Strategy on combatting trafficking in human beings**
  - EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration
- May 2021** ● **A new Strategy on Schengen**
- June 2021** ● **Launch of the Talent Partnership concept**
- September 2021** ● **A renewed EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling 2021-2025**
- October 2021** ● **Frontex appoints a Deputy Executive Director for Return**
- December 2021** ● **Revision of the Schengen Borders Code**
  - Regulation addressing the instrumentalisation of people
- January 2022** ● **The EU Agency for Asylum replaces the EU Asylum Support Office**
- March 2022** ● **Triggering of the Temporary Protection Directive**
  - A new EU Return Coordinator appointed
  - **Skills and Talent package: Long-Term Residents Directive and Single-Permit Directive**
- June 2022** ● **Voluntary Solidarity Mechanism**
- November 2022** ● **EU Action Plan on the Central Mediterranean Route**
- December 2022** ● **EU Action Plan on the Western Balkan Route**
  - **A revision of the Anti-trafficking directive**
- January 2023** ● **Labour migration platform launched**
  - Operational Strategy for more effective returns
- March 2023** ● **Recommendation for mutual recognition of return decisions**
- June 2023** ● **EU Action Plan on the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic Routes**

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# State of Play of the EU legislative proposals

PROPOSAL	PROGRESS
<b>Asylum and Migration Management</b> <i>To create a fairer, more efficient and more sustainable system for allocating asylum applications among Member States.</i>	The European Parliament adopted a negotiating mandate in April 2023. The Council adopted its mandate in June 2023. Trilogues between the Parliament, the Council and the Commission are ongoing.
<b>Screening</b> <i>To introduce a new health, identity and security check at all EU external borders.</i>	Trilogues between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission are ongoing.
<b>Asylum Procedures</b> <i>To reduce differences in recognition rates, discourage secondary movements and ensure introduce a new border procedure.</i>	The Council adopted its full negotiating mandate in June 2023. Trilogues between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission are ongoing.
<b>Eurodac</b> <i>To adapt and reinforce the Eurodac fingerprint database to facilitate returns and help tackle irregular migration.</i>	Trilogues between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission are ongoing.
<b>Crisis and Force Majeure</b> <i>To set out the exceptional measures that can and should be taken to deal with crisis situations to allow Member States to act quickly and decisively.</i>	The Council adopted a negotiating mandate in October 2023. Trilogues will start soon.
<b>Single Permit</b> <i>To make the process of obtaining a single permit quicker and easier for applicants and employers.</i>	Trilogues between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission are ongoing.
<b>Qualification</b> <i>To harmonise protection standards in the EU and put an end to secondary movements and asylum shopping.</i>	Political agreement reached. Ready to be adopted.
<b>Reception Conditions</b> <i>To harmonise reception conditions throughout the EU.</i>	Political agreement reached. Ready to be adopted.
<b>Resettlement Framework</b> <i>To align how EU Member States resettle recognised refugees from outside EU territory, such as those in refugee camps.</i>	Political agreement reached. Ready to be adopted.
<b>EU Asylum Agency</b> <i>To establish a fully-fledged European Union Agency for Asylum.</i>	Adopted.
<b>Blue Card Directive</b> <i>To assist employers in recruiting from outside the EU by making the process easier and more accessible.</i>	Adopted.
<b>Return</b> <i>To streamline return procedures and closes gaps by linking the issuance of a negative asylum decision with a return order.</i>	The Council adopted a negotiating mandate in June 2019. Work is ongoing in the European Parliament to adopt its negotiating mandate.
<b>Instrumentalisation</b> <i>To provide a set of temporary and exceptional measures to equip Member States with the means needed to respond to the extraordinary circumstances of migrants being used for political purposes.</i>	Each institution is working to adopt their negotiating mandate.
<b>Long-Term Residents</b> <i>To make it easier to acquire the EU long-term residence status by simplifying the admission conditions.</i>	The European Parliament adopted a negotiating mandate in April 2023. Work is ongoing in the Council to adopt its negotiating mandate.

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