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Migration on the Central Mediterranean route  
Managing flows, saving lives

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## **KEY ACTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ENDORSEMENT BY THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT AT THE MALTA SUMMIT OF 3 FEBRUARY 2017**

### **REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CROSSINGS, SAVING LIVES AT SEA**

- Ensure funding for the training programmes for the Libyan Coast Guard through an immediate EUR 1 million addition to the Seahorse programme and the grant of EUR 2.2 million under the Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa;
- Ensure that sustainable sources of funding cover various training needs in a complimentary manner in the future;
- Assist the Libyan authorities in establishing a Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre and improving operational cooperation with Member States.
- Support the provision to the Libyan Coast Guard of additional patrolling assets and ensure their maintenance.

### **STEPPING UP THE FIGHT AGAINST SMUGGLERS AND TRAFFICKERS**

- Ensure that the Seahorse Mediterranean Network is operational by spring 2017, thus allowing greater exchange of information and operational coordination between the Libyan Coast Guard and participating Member States;
- Encourage the participation of Tunisia, Algeria and Egypt in the Seahorse Mediterranean Network;
- Target supplies of smugglers by pooling intelligence between Member States, EUNAVFOR MED Sophia, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, Europol, Interpol, and partners in the region, in particular by using the Eurosur Fusion services.

### **PROTECTION OF MIGRANTS, ASSISTED VOLUNTARY RETURNS AND RESETTLEMENT**

- Engage with the Libyan authorities to ensure that the conditions in centres for migrants are improved, with a particular attention to vulnerable persons and minors. Step up cooperation with IOM and UNHCR in this respect;
- Step up work and engagement with Libyan municipalities to promote alternative livelihoods and support the resilience of local communities hosting migrants;
- Support capacity building in migration management for the Libyan authorities;
- Support, in cooperation with Libyan authorities, international organisations such as UNHCR in addressing the situation of the persons in need of international protection, including the possibility of resettlement;
- Support IOM in its work to improve the situation of the migrants in Libya and to implement a project for assisted voluntary return from Libya, considering its further expansion beyond the initial target of 5000 migrants.

### **MANAGING MIGRANT FLOWS THROUGH THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

- Deploy the full range of EU missions and projects to support the Libyan authorities in border management and migrant protection in Southern Libya;
- Promote border cooperation, dialogue and exchange of information between Libya and its Southern neighbours, including using the Africa-Frontex Intelligence Community to full potential;

- Building on existing cooperation with Niger under the Partnership Framework, take further action to address the northwards migration pressure, tackle smuggling and promote assisted voluntary returns.

#### **INCREASED COOPERATION WITH EGYPT, TUNISIA AND ALGERIA – PREVENTING IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND THE DISPLACEMENT OF ROUTES**

- Deepen dialogue and operational cooperation on migration flows management with Egypt, Tunisia and Algeria;
- Enhance practical cooperation with the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, including on returns.

#### **MOBILISING FUNDING FOR NORTH AFRICA**

- Mobilise EUR 200 million for the North Africa window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa for projects in 2017, with a priority focus on migration-related projects concerning Libya.
- Member States to match the EU contribution to the North Africa window of the EU Trust Fund for Africa.