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on a New Pact on Migration and Asylum

Roadmap to implement the New Pact on Migration and Asylum

| Actions | Indicative Timetable | | |
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| 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 | | |
| Proposes new legislation to establish a screening procedure at the external border | Q3 2020 | | |
| • Amends the proposal for a new Asylum Procedures Regulation to include a new border procedure and make asylum procedures more effective | Q3 2020 | | |
| • Amends the Eurodac Regulation proposal to meet the data needs of the new framework | Q3 2020 | | |
| Will appoint a Return Coordinator within the Commission, supported by a new High Level Network for Returns and a new operational strategy | Q1 2021 | | |
| Will set out a new Strategy on voluntary returns and reintegration | Q1 2021 | | |
| The European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) should: | l | | |
| • Fully operationalise the reinforced mandate on return and provide full support to Member States at national level | Q4 2020 | | |
| Appoint a Deputy Executive Director for Return | Q2 2021 | | |
| The European Parliament and the Council should: | 1 | | |
| Adopt the Asylum and Migration Management Regulation, as well as the Screening Regulation and the revised Asylum Procedures Regulation | Q2 2021 | | |
| Give immediate priority to adoption of the Regulation on the EU Asylum Agency | Q4 2020 | | |
| Ensure quick adoption of the revised Eurodac Regulation | Q4 2020 | | |
| • Ensure quick adoption of the revised Reception Conditions Directive and the Qualification Regulation | Q2 2021 | | |
| • Ensure the swift conclusion of the negotiations on the revised Return Directive | Q2 2021 | | |
| A robust crisis preparedness and response system | | | |
| The Commission: | | | |
| Presents a Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint | Q3 2020 | | |
| Proposes legislation to address situations of crisis and <i>force majeure</i> and repealing the Temporary Protection Directive | Q3 2020 | | |
| The European Parliament and the Council should: | | | |
| Prioritise and conclude work on the new crisis instrument | Q2 2021 | | |
| The Member States, the Council and the Commission should: | | | |
| Start implementation of the Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint | Q4 2020 | | |

| Integrated border management | |
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| The Commission: | |
| Adopts a Recommendation on cooperation between Member States concerning private entities' rescue activities | Q3 2020 |
| Presents guidance to Member States to make clear that rescue at sea cannot be criminalised | Q3 2020 |
| Will adopt a Strategy on the future of Schengen | Q1 2021 |
| Will establish a Schengen Forum | Q4 2020 |
| Will launch a new European group of experts on search and rescue | Q4 2020 |
| 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 |
| • Ensure the implementation and interoperability of all large scale IT systems | Q4 2023 |
| Reinforcing the fight against migrant smuggling | |
| The Commission will: | |
| Present a new EU Action Plan against Migrant Smuggling for 2021- 2025 | Q2 2021 |
| • Start assessment how to strengthen the effectiveness of the Employers Sanctions Directive | Q4 2020 |
| • Build action against migrant smuggling into partnerships with third countries | Q4 2020 |
| Working with our international partners | |
| The Commission, in close cooperation with the High Representative and M | ember States, will: |
| • Launch work immediately to develop and deepen tailor-made comprehensive and balanced migration dialogues and partnerships | Q4 2020 |
| Scale up support to help those in need and their host communities | Q4 2020 |
| • Increase support for economic opportunity and addressing the root causes of irregular migration | Q4 2020 |
| • Step up the place of migration in the programming of the new instruments in the next Multiannual Financial Framework | Q4 2020 |
| • Examine options for new EU readmission agreements and arrangements | Q4 2020 |
| • 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 |
| • Take forward the recommendation on legal pathways to protection in the EU, including resettlement | Q4 2020 |
| Develop EU Talent Partnerships with key partner countries The France Parliament and the Council about the countries. | Q4 2020 |
| The European Parliament and the Council should: | 104000 |
| Conclude swiftly negotiations on the Framework Regulation on Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission | Q4 2020 |

| Attracting skills and talent to the EU | | | |
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| The Commission will: | | | |
| Launch a debate on the next steps on legal migration, with a public consultation | Q3 2020 | | |
| • 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 | | |
| The European Parliament and the Council should: | | | |
| Conclude negotiations on the EU Blue Card Directive | Q4 2020 | | |
| Supporting integration for more inclusive societies | | | |
| The Commission will: | | | |
| Adopt a comprehensive Action Plan on integration and inclusion for 2021-2024 | Q4 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 | | |