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Taking stock of EU migration and asylum achievements

From the beginning of the mandate, the von der Leyen Commission committed to a fresh start on migration and to work towards a sustainable EU framework to manage migration in an effective and humane way. The Commission has been charting progress on a two-track approach: putting in place sustainable reforms with the Pact on Migration and Asylum, while also working on targeted operational actions to support Member States.

A new legislative framework on migration and asylum

The Pact on Migration and Asylum will bring:

- more secure EU external borders;
- fast and efficient procedures for asylum and return with stronger individual safeguards;
- a fair and more effective system of solidarity and responsibility.



**€2
billion**

from the mid-term revision of the Multiannual Financial Framework earmarked to support the implementation of the Pact.



Targeted operational response

In parallel to the successful reform of the legal framework, the Commission and EU home affairs agencies worked intensively to support Member States in addressing immediate needs through operational and targeted actions. In particular, work in the last four years has focused on:

- adopting a whole-of-route approach;
- strengthened border management;
- targeting criminal networks that smuggle migrants;
- stepping up returns;
- responding to acute needs and crises.



Working with partner countries

In a **Team Europe** approach, the Commission has consistently engaged with international partners to address the root causes of migration, fight migrant smuggling, and promote legal pathways.

A new paradigm based on comprehensive partnerships is being developed with many of the countries of origin and transit to the EU including recent initiatives with **Tunisia, Mauritania and Egypt**. Under this new approach, migration is embedded into the close cooperation with our partners countries alongside other key areas such economy and trade, investments in green energy, security and people to people relations. The EU and its Member States are the world's leading donor to support refugees, and the largest provider of development assistance.

This approach involves:



Fighting migrant smuggling



Legal migration



Resettlement



Readmission cooperation