European Commission

MIGRATION AND BORDERS –
A STATE OF PLAY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

THE COMMISSION'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE LEADERS' AGENDA

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The European Agenda on Migration presented by the Commission in May 2015 set out the need for a comprehensive approach to migration management. Since then, a number of measures have been introduced to address the immediate challenges and to put in place all the important building blocks needed to ensure strong borders, support partner countries to tackle root causes of irregular migration and fight smugglers, fair procedures, and a sustainable system able to anticipate problems. What is needed now is swift adoption of the Commission's proposals by the co-legislators and full implementation by the Member States of the collective decisions taken.

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23 main legislative initiatives have been presented by the European Commission since the Juncker Commission took office.

9 Of these 23 initiatives, **9 have been adopted** by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

14 There are **still 14 Commission legislative initiatives on the table** which the European Parliament and the Council need to adopt.

PROGRESS TO DATE ON THE MAIN LEGISLATIVE FILES, ACCORDING TO THEIR STATUS

Proposal	Description	Status			
		European Commission	European Parliament	Council of the European Union	Adopted by European Parliament and Council
International protection: provisional measures for the benefit of Italy and Greece	This Decision establishes a temporary and exceptional relocation mechanism over two years from Italy and Greece to other Member States.	May 2015			✓
Uniform format for visas	This Regulation establishes a new common design for the visa sticker, which modernises the safety features to prevent forgery.	June 2015			✓
International protection: provisional measures for the benefit of Italy, Greece and Hungary	This Decision establishes provisional measures in the area of international protection for the benefit of Italy and of Greece, in view of supporting them in better coping with an emergency situation characterised by a sudden inflow of nationals of third countries in those Member States.	September 2015			✓
European travel document for return	This Regulation establishes a uniform European travel document for the return of illegally staying third-country nationals.	December 2015			✓

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Reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders	This Regulation introduces mandatory systematic checks also on EU citizens, against relevant databases when crossing the EU's external borders.	December 2015			✓
European Border and Coast Guard Agency	This Regulation establishes a European Border and Coast Guard Agency in order to ensure the effective application of strong common border management standards and provide operational support and intervention where necessary to promptly respond to emerging crises at the external border.	December 2015			✓
Entry/exit system (smart borders)	The Entry/Exit System will register the entry and exit of non-EU nationals and help monitor authorised short stays in the EU. It will modernise external border management by improving the quality and efficiency of controls as well as the detection of document and identity fraud.	April 2016			✓
Asylum: Dublin System	This proposal aims to create a fairer, more efficient and more sustainable system for allocating asylum applications among Member States.	May 2016	November 2017		
Asylum Agency	This proposal will establish a fully-fledged European Union Agency for Asylum with an enhanced mandate and considerably expanded tasks, including the ability to deploy asylum support teams and provide operational and technical assistance.	May 2016	December 2016	December 2016	
Asylum: Eurodac	This proposal aims at adapting and reinforcing the Eurodac system to facilitate returns and help tackle irregular migration.	May 2016	June 2017	June 2017	
Entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly skilled employment ('Blue Card')	This proposal on legal migration, also known as the 'Blue Card' scheme, was put forward by the Commission in mid-2016.	June 2016	July 2017	July 2017	
Uniform format for residence permits	This Regulation introduces more modern security features to improve the security features of residence permits.	June 2016			✓
Reception Conditions	This proposal will harmonise reception conditions throughout the EU.	July 2016	May 2017	November 2017	
Asylum Qualification	This proposal will harmonise protection standards in the EU and put an end to secondary movements and asylum shopping	July 2016	July 2017	July 2017	
Asylum procedure	This proposal will reduce differences in recognition rates, discourage secondary movements and ensure common effective procedural guarantees for asylum seekers.	July 2016			
Union resettlement framework	This proposal — about how the EU resettles recognised refugees from outside its territory, such as those in refugee camps — was put forward by the Commission in July last year.	July 2016	October 2017	November 2017	

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External investment plan/ European Fund for Sustainable Development	The co-legislators were able to come to a swift political agreement in June for this proposal, less than a year after the Commission presented it in September 2016. Its aim is to use EU funds to leverage private investment into the realm of development in Africa and other parts of the EU's neighbourhood.	September 2016			✔
European Travel Information and Authorisation System	This proposal will create an automated system for pre-travel security and irregular migration screening of visa-exempt non-EU nationals. This will ensure that Member States have better information about non-EU travellers coming to Europe.	November 2016	October 2017	June 2017	
Establishment, operation and use of the Schengen Information System for: **• police cooperation and judicial cooperation in criminal matters**	The Commission put forward proposals to revise the Schengen Information System in December 2016, notably with the aim of improving border and migration management.	December 2016	November 2017	November 2017	
• border checks		December 2016			
• the return of illegally staying third country nationals		December 2016			
Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA)	This proposal reviews the Regulation establishing the eu-LISA Agency and strengthens its mandate to make sure it meets current challenges at EU level in the area of freedom, security and justice. In particular, the Agency will now be responsible for the development and roll-out of the technical solutions to achieve the interoperability of the EU information systems.	June 2017			
Revision of the rules for temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders	This proposal – which aims at making the rules on the temporary reintroduction of border controls better suited to current and future challenges – was presented by the Commission in September 2017.	September 2017			

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