

Support the Implementation of the Migration and Asylum Pact

Context

The Pact on Migration and Asylum ("The Pact") sets out a comprehensive approach to make migration management in Europe more efficient and sustainable. The Pact relies on a strong legal framework for the orderly management of migration in the EU. Alongside the new legal framework, it reinforces the external dimension of migration management, to pursue beneficial partnerships with international partners and third countries.

Its legal framework includes structural effective measures focused on implementation, including operational and monitoring measures, well as as а strengthened governance mechanism. Moreover, the Pact endows Member States with a substantially reinforced EU funds envelope.

Following the adoption of the Pact and entry into force, there will be a two-year transition

period until the entry into application. During this transition period, the Commission will, as foreseen in the legislation, issue a common implementation plan for the Union that assesses gaps and operational steps to be taken.

Based on the common implementation plan, each Member State will have to develop its own national implementation plan by around December 2024 (six months after the entry into force of the legal acts), outlining the actions needed to ensure all is in place by mid-2026, identifying their own path to be "Pact-ready".

The Technical Support Instrument could help Member States with the implementation of their national plans, including implementing necessary reforms under the Pact and facilitating the use of relevant EU funds.

Helping Member States implement specific reforms stemming from the Pact on Migration and Asylum.

Objectives

The support provided under this flagship should complement other EU funding. The Flagship could help Member States carry out comprehensive reforms under the Pact, such as:

- Asylum and Migration Management
- Asylum Procedure
- Screening
- Resettlement framework

- External dimension
- Integration and inclusion
- Absorption of EU funds

Indicative support measures

The flagship offers a range of support measures across various areas. Below is an indicative, non-exhaustive list of support measures:

- Asylum and migration Management. Support could include provision of technical recommendations on legal. regulatory. organisational and operational aspects of implementation at national level, and/or update/reform procedures for transfers between Member States under the current voluntarv solidaritv mechanism respectively the future permanent, mandatory solidarity mechanism under the Pact.
- Asylum Procedures. Support could include provision of guidance and recommendations to help Member States reform their legal, regulatory, organisational, operational or framework to comply with the new obligations legal including the requirement to put in place an adequate capacity for conducting mandatory border procedures; and to make asylum, border and return procedures quicker and more effective.
- Screening. Support could include policy advice on how to reform legal, regulatory, organisational, or operational framework to comply with the legal obligations stemming from the Screening Regulation including i.a. staff and facilities, to carry out the health, vulnerability, identity and security checks, and possibly the Independent Monitoring Mechanism. Actions under this module are to be implemented in close cooperation with Frontex.

- Resettlement framework. Support provided could help Member States update their legal. regulatory. organisational, and/or operational framework to facilitate resettlement processes and prepare the necessary regulatory and operational measures to welcome and integrate resettled refugees at national, regional and/or local level.
- External dimension. Provision of expertise to support Member States step up their participation in EU collaboration initiatives with Countries of Origin and Transit like the Talent Pool, mobility partnerships, and/or readmission agreements; technical support Member States design and implement labour migration reforms; facilitate procedures for the recognition of qualifications and validation of skills acquired outside the EU.
- Integration and Inclusion. Provision of expertise to support Member States on effective integration policies at national, regional and local levels, in line with the Action Plan on Integration and Inclusion 2021-2027.
- Absorption of EU Funds. Provision of expertise to support Member States on how to manage EU migration funds and accelerate the absorption of EU financial envelope under the Pact. Support could include recommendations and guidance on processes.

