

Comprehensive migration approach in the Maghreb, Sahel and West African countries in the Atlantic/Western Mediterranean route



REGIONAL CONTEXT

Intraregional migratory flows level in Western Africa remains among the highest in the world and the majority of African migrants stay in the continent or sub-region.

Irregular migration from Africa has also affected EU Member States, and there was a substantive rise in flows in the last years along the Atlantic/Western Mediterranean route.

The negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in origin and transit countries and the lasting deteriorating security situation in the Sahel make the prospects worrisome.

EU AND THE MAGHREB, SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA MIGRATION COOPERATION: POLITICAL & FINANCIAL TOOLS:

- Global Approach to Migration and Mobility
- Valletta framework
- EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)

REGIONAL POLICIES:

- Talent Partnerships
- Voluntary Return and Reintegration Strategy
- Valletta Joint Action Plan
- Rabat and Niamey Processes

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGS



- Post-Cotonou framework
- 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063
- EU Pact on Migration and Asylum
- Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration
- The Comprehensive Strategy with Africa
- Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood
- COVID-19 Pandemic

TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

Geographic coverage: Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, The Gambia; and Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger and Nigeria when concerned by this migratory route.

Strengthen coordination, coherence and complementarities of actions funded by the EU and by EU MS on migration and forced displacement and focus on migration management and migration governance actions, putting migrants, refugees, and their host communities first.

Actions carried out at national, multi-country and regional levels under 5 pillars of intervention:

- 1. Legal migration and mobility** — enabling environment for legal migration and mobility pathways development and promotion of legal migration and mobility pathways.
- 2. Protection and Asylum** — ensuring protection, resilience, self-reliance, life-saving assistance including life-saving assistance, to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, in line with international humanitarian law.
- 3. Prevention of irregular migration, countering migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings** — supporting partner countries in developing and implementing effective migration governance and management systems.
- 4. Return, readmission and reintegration** — Supporting safe assisted voluntary return, readmission and sustainable reintegration in countries of origin.
- 5. Migration and development** — promoting the development benefits of migration as well as addressing socio-economic root causes and targeting concrete challenges of irregular migration.

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MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue
Technical assistance
Peer-to-peer exchange

COMMON AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Migration
Decent jobs
Justice and rule of law

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- To ensure that migration to the EU from priority countries in Maghreb, Sahel and West Africa countries is safe, regular, and orderly
- Coordination with the TEI for the Central Mediterranean migration route

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*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)