Increase in arrivals trying to reach Europe in less than one week
+ de 1,000 people lost their lives

APRIL 2015

MAY 2015

Approval of the European Agenda on Migration

REDUCTION of irregular immigration
SEARCH AND RESCUE operations
RELOCATION AND RESETTLEMENT
RETURN policies
NEW LEGAL migration policy

CORNERSTONES

PROTECTION of external borders
FIGHT against SMUGGLERS AND TRAFFICKERS
COOPERATION with third countries
Assessment and monitoring of the COMMON EUROPAN ASYLUM SYSTEM (CEAS)

JUNE 2015

Proposal to reform the Common European Asylum System (CEAS)

May 2015

STRENGTHENING OF EU RELATIONS WITH THIRD STATES, ratification of bilateral agreements with countries such as Afghanistan and Turkey.

2015 - 2018

REINFORCEMENT OF EXTERNAL BORDER CONTROL: continuous strengthening of FRONTEX personnel and technical equipment.

Several boats remain adrift for weeks in the Mediterranean Sea while waiting to reach a safe port and LACK OF AN AGREEMENT on a safe and predictable disembarkation mechanism.

2019

MAY

European elections

NOVEMBER

Announcement by the European Commission of plans to introduce a New Pact on Migration and Asylum

NOVEMBER 2015

Valletta Summit of EU and African leaders
approaching migration as a responsibility shared between countries of origin, transit and destination.

Approval of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, to strengthen relations in terms of migration management.

2015 - 2020 MAIN MILESTONES

1. First Package: Dublin Regulation, Eurodac Regulation and European Asylum Support Office


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NEW EUROPEAN PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHALLENGE 1
ENSURING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHT OF ASYLUM in migration policy

CHALLENGE 2
GUARANTEEING AND STRENGTHENING THE PRINCIPLE OF SOLIDARITY AND FAIR SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY between the member states

CHALLENGE 3
PROMOTING COOPERATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES BASED ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT without conditioning development aid on a border control agenda

CHALLENGE 4
ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE, WHICH INCLUDE SAFE DISEMBARKATION

CHALLENGE 5
ENSURING ACCESS to the procedure for international protection and the right of asylum with every guarantee

OPPORTUNITIES

1
Reinforcing the commitment to create SAFE AND LEGAL PATHWAYS for refugees to access international protection (resettlement, humanitarian visas, asylum at embassies and consulates, family reunification, etc.)

2
PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLE OF SOLIDARITY AND FAIR SHARING OF RESPONSIBILITY as well as a European disembarkation and relocation mechanism that is safe, predictable and mandatory

3
MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CREATION OF A COMMON EUROPEAN ASYLUM SYSTEM that protects the right of asylum seekers and refugees

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