Recent Timeline
15th July 2014  Jean-Claude Juncker outlines the Political Guidelines for the next European Commission. A new policy on Migration is identified as one of the ten priorities of the Commission.

19th April 2015  Shipwreck off Lampedusa claims an estimated 800 lives.

23rd April 2015  Special meeting of the European Council commits to rapid action to step up EU action and save lives.

29th April 2015  European Parliament resolution calling for urgent action

13th May 2015  European Commission sets out new Agenda on Migration

27th May 2015  European Commission adopts proposals for the implementation of the agenda

23rd September 2015  European Commission sets out a set of priority actions on immediate operational, budgetary and legal measures under the European Agenda on Migration to be taken within the next six months.

14th October 2015  European Commission has issued a Communication describing the State of Play of the implementation of the priority actions under the European Agenda on Migration.

15th December 2015  The EU Commission adopts a set of measures to manage the external borders of the EU and protect the Schengen area. The Commission proposes to establish a European Border and Coast Guard to ensure a strong and shared management of the external borders.

Goal
Approach the issue of migration in a comprehensive way, combining immediate action and long-term responses in order to deal with the migration challenge facing Europe.

Core elements
Immediate action
- Tripling capacities and assets for FRONTEX joint operations Triton and Poseidon.
- Activating emergency mechanism in Article 78(3) TFEU to help member states with the influx of migrants
- Proposing an EU wide resettlement scheme
- Working on a CSDP operation in the Mediterranean

Long term management strategies
- Reducing incentives for irregular migration
- Border management
- A strong common asylum policy
- A new policy on legal migration

Reasoning
Following the loss of life in the Mediterranean and the unprecedented number of migrants trying to gain access to the EU, a truly European Response is required to address the common migratory challenges.

Key Players
European Council, European Commission, High Representative, Member States.