

# ZEI Monitor

# EU Progress 2014-2019

## Fact Sheet: Migration Agenda

### Recent Timeline

15 <sup>th</sup> 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.
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	Shipwreck off Lampedusa claims an estimated 800 lives.
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2015	Special meeting of the European Council commits to rapid action to step up EU action and save lives.
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2015	European Parliament resolution calling for urgent action
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	European Commission sets out new Agenda on Migration
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	European Commission adopts proposals for the implementation of the agenda
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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.
14 <sup>th</sup> 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.
15 <sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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

### Key Players

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