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Subject: Specifications for the EMN Annual Policy Report 2012.

These specifications are developed with again a view to the EMN contributing to the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum in 2012. The format has been modified from previous years in order to (i) produce a National Report targeted to an EMN NCPs national audience; and (ii) provide information to inform the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum plus EASO's Annual Report.

Action: EMN NCPs are now requested to undertake this activity according to the Timetable given on Page 4. If any clarification is required during the course of preparing your Annex and National Report, please contact the EMN Service Provider (ICF GHK-COWI), with the Commission (Stephen Davies) in copy. Your Annex is required to be submitted by 11th January 2013.

I. Introduction

In accordance with Article 9(1) of Council Decision 2008/381/EC establishing the EMN, each EMN NCP is required to provide every year a report describing the migration and asylum situation in the Member State, which shall include policy developments and statistical data.

To this aim, these common study specifications are for the production of the EMN Annual Policy Report 2012. The specifications are based on the assessment of previous reports and in particular on the lessons learned from the 2011 exercise, notably in respect to producing separate EMN Informs on each topic rather than a Synthesis Report.

Thus the format for the National Reports has been adapted in order to produce an output primarily intended for an EMN NCPs national audience.

Likewise, the Annex has also been adapted to contribute to the factual reporting for the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum in 2012. To avoid duplication of work, the content of the Annex will also be used by EASO to inform its Annual Report on the situation of asylum in the EU. Rather than following the specific commitments as set out in the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum and the Stockholm Programme as in previous years, these specifications have been adapted to better reflect current EU policy priorities for immigration and asylum. Specifically, the main policy documents guiding this approach include:

- Global Approach to Migration and Mobility;¹
- EU Action on Migratory Pressures – A Strategic Response;²
- EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016);³
- European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals.⁴

Similarly, a Synthesis Report will not be produced, instead theme-based EMN Informs using the content of each National Report.

I.1 EMN Annual Policy Report 2012

The EMN Annual Policy Report 2012 will cover the period 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012 and will be the ninth in a series of such reports.

The EMN Annual Policy Report 2012 shall contribute to the report to be prepared by the Commission and possibly presented to the Council in June 2013, as well as by EASO for the purposes of its own Annual Report.

The EMN's Report will provide an overview of the most significant political and legislative (including EU) developments, as well as public debates, in the area of migration and asylum. As in previous years, the format of the Annual Policy Report will enable reporting on developments in the Member States in the main body of the report, and specific reporting on priority issues as set out in recent EU policy in a separate Annex, this year developed as a Common Template. This approach facilitates the production of the Commission's Annual Report, as well as the production of National Reports more specifically targeted for a national audience.

In light also of the above and in keeping with the EMN's objectives, particular emphasis should continue to be given in the content of your National Report on aspects/items (e.g. experiences in implementation of legislation, concerns/criticisms from wider society, such as migrant (support) associations, academia), which you would consider as relevant to support the work of policymakers, both at (Member) State and EU-level.

¹http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/intro/docs/1_EN_ACT_part1_v11.pdf

² 8714/1/12 REV 1

³<http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/>

⁴ COM(2011)455 final

There will again be a contribution from Norway on relevant aspects linked to the EU's migration acquis, notably through Schengen and the long-term residents' Directive. Whilst Norway may not provide information on all aspects of EU acquis, they are invited to provide any relevant information to the extent possible.

These specifications only request statistics which are not available through Eurostat in order to quantify, where possible, the explanation of developments and/or to identify trends. A statistics Annex specifying key national statistics for relevant sections of the Report covering the period 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012 has been included in the National Report. This mirrors the structure for the reporting of key statistics in the 2012 National Contribution of Member States to the Commission and EASO Annual policy Report.

I.2 Significant development/debate

In order to facilitate comparability between the findings from the (Member) States, these common specifications also provide guidance on what is considered to be a "*significant development/debate*," namely that this is an event which had been discussed in the national parliament and had been widely reported in the media. The type of media or forum used, as well as the duration of the reporting or debate, could also help to determine the significance of the debate or the development. Similarly, if such developments/debates then led to any proposals for amended or new legislation, this too is considered to be significant. To the extent possible, in order to provide for comparability, each EMN NCP is requested to use this guideline.

However, each EMN NCP is best placed to determine exactly what this is in your (Member) State. For example, this might be an event which occurs or an article which appears in the national newspaper(s), which then leads to a debate in parliament and/or a change in the Minister responsible for immigration and/or asylum and/or integration. Another example might be events, such as the formation of a new lobby group which attracts wide media coverage, following the development and/or entering into force of new legislation. You may also consider that there are different criteria to be used for determining a development as significant, depending on whether it relates to actual legislative developments, to policy developments or to debates in media/civil society.

Given this, in Section 1 of your National Report, you are asked to outline also the methodology, concepts and definitions you have used to determine what was considered to be a significant development/debate, providing also an appropriate reference for each example given.

II. Reference Period

The EMN Annual Policy Report 2012 covers the period from **1st January 2012 – 31st December 2012 inclusive**.

III. Timetable

The National Report, covering the period from 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012 and addressing at least the questions set out in the Annex (Common Template) shall be provided by Friday 11th January 2013. The completed Annex shall be sent to both Stephen DAVIES (Stephen.davies@ec.europa.eu) and the EMN Service Provider (ICF GHK-COWI) (emn@ghkint.com). The final National Report, addressing all sections, may then be provided by 30th April 2013.

In order to meet the deadline required for the publication of the Commission's Annual Report, it is **very important** to respect the timescale given in these specifications.

	EMN Annual Policy Report	Commission's 4 th Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2012)
19 th July 2012	Discussions on approach to follow and review of draft specifications for 2011 exercise at the 56 th EMN NCP meeting.	
18 th September 2012	Finalisation of specifications and launching of activity following 57 th EMN NCP meeting.	
11 th December 2012	Review of progress made, including any clarifications on, the specifications (at time of 58 th EMN NCP meeting on 11 th December 2012.	
11 th January 2013	Provision of Annex to Commission covering period from 1 st January 2012 to 31 st December 2012	
14 th January 2013	Start of the processing of the inputs of the EMN National Annual Policy Reports.	Start of the internal work on the Commission's Annual Report.
End January 2013		Finalisation of the internal draft of the Commission's Annual Report.
30 th April 2013	Provision of the Final completed National Reports (with all sections addressed).	Internal consultation for adoption of Annual Report by Commission and translation.
April/May 2013	Discussion of draft EMN Informs at EMN NCP meeting.	
May 2013		Adoption of the Commission's Annual Report.
June 2013	Finalisation of EMN Informs at EMN NCP meeting.	(Possibly) Annual debate at the European Council meeting.

IV. Structure

In order to facilitate the production of the Synthesis Report, the National Report should be as concise as possible, focussing only on the *most significant developments in 2012* and which would be of relevance to policymakers.

Keep any background information to a minimum, instead providing (hyperlink) references as much as possible. For example, provide, when possible, web address links to legislation/case-law and/or reports referred to in your report.

In order to provide some guide as to the length of the report, an indication of the expected number of pages for each Section is given. Whilst not binding, it is recommended that, as far as possible, these indications are not excessively exceeded. For those EMN NCPs who have not provided a National Report for this activity before, it is recommended to reference the National Reports⁵ of another EMN NCP who has previously participated in this EMN activity.

V. Detailed Specifications

The template to follow for the production of your National Report is given below.⁶

Section 1 is to introduce the report, setting out the method followed and definitions used.

Section 2 asks for an overview of asylum and migration policy developments, to set a general context for the developments to be described in more detail later in the Report and should provide

⁵ Available from

<http://emn.intrasoft-intl.com/Downloads/prepareShowFiles.do?entryTitle=1%2E%20Annual%20Policy%20Reports>.

⁶ Whilst Norway may not provide information on all aspects of EU acquis, they are invited to provide any relevant information to the extent possible following these common specifications.

an overview of the general political developments, as well as main policy and legislative debates, broader developments in asylum and migration, plus institutional developments.

Sections 3-8 require a description of specific developments in the main areas of asylum and migration, organised in seven headings: Legal Migration and Mobility; Irregular Migration, Return, International Protection including Asylum; Unaccompanied Minors and other Vulnerable Groups; Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings; and Migration and Development Policy. The sections are sub-divided into more specific, thematic, topics / sub-sections. Note that each topic / subsection in Sections 3-9 has been sub-divided into two parts:

- The first (optional) part relates to any information to set the 'general' context, describing any recent relevant developments or to the situation as it existed before the reference period. Please note that this part should only be completed if you consider this necessary to clarify the information in the subsequent parts.
- In the second compulsory part, all relevant developments in your (Member) State, concerning policies, legislative developments, specific debates, etc. are to be described. In describing these developments, take into account also the wider (EU) picture, e.g. consider also how your national developments have been a result of EU action as a whole (e.g. transposition of EU legislation, implementation of an action plan) or, conversely, have served to result in an EU response (e.g. solidarity with another Member State(s) in respect to its migratory pressures, reactions as a result of an increased influx of migrants, raising attention to other EU Member States of possible abuses of visa liberalisation). In this way you link, to the extent possible, developments that have occurred at national level with those that occurred for the EU as a whole. The information that you provide in your annex could clearly be used for this aspect also.

Whilst it is often the case that legislation follows policy proposals, the two are, of course, very much interlinked. Therefore, for each topic listed / sub-section, you are requested to provide, only when there have been developments, details of the policy and legislative developments, as well as debates in the media and/or by civil society, which have occurred during 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, relevant decrees. In describing these developments, please briefly summarise the *status quo* before the new law, regulation, etc. entered into force.

Finally, it is important to emphasise that the content of the second part should focus only on **significant developments** in **2012** (see Section I.2 above) and which would be of particular **relevance to policymakers**. Therefore, if there have been no such significant developments then simply leave out the relevant (sub-)section.

Section 9 asks for an overview of implementation of EU legislation, in terms of transposition and implementation, experiences and debates.

The **Annex** to the template has been added to specifically report, in a brief and concise manner, on EU policy priorities, as well as to inform EASO's annual report. This Annex shall be used as the EMN's contribution to the Commission's Annual Report. For this Annex, an overview of policy developments in relation to each theme is required, as well as some concrete elements of implementation. The Annex is divided into seven main headings: Legal Migration and Mobility; Reducing Irregular Migration; International Protection; Unaccompanied Minors and Other Vulnerable Groups; Actions against Trafficking in Human Beings; Maximising the Development Impact of Migration and Mobility; and the Provision and Exchange of Information to Support Policy Development, as well as a number of sub-topics /sections. Note that the descriptions should only refer to what has been done by your government or public authorities (and not by civil society or NGOs, for example, which can be described under the topics in Sections 3-9 of the National Report).

The **key statistics** that will illustrate each topic of the Annex and be presented in the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum will be generated by the Eurostat database, once available. These key statistics are in line with Council Regulation 862/2007 on Union Statistics on migration and international protection and will provide some "headline" statistics in the area of migration and international protection.

In addition, EMN NCPs are requested to try to provide some statistics (even tentative) which are not available through Eurostat but are relevant for some priority themes. We would, therefore, request that you provide, where possible and even if tentative, statistics on any of the following:

- First residence permits 2012, by reason;⁷
- The unemployment rate of third-country nationals;⁸
- The number of visas issued (including the number of Schengen visas and national visas);
- The number of third-country nationals being returned to their home country as part of forced return measures, the number of third-country nationals being returned voluntarily and, within these, the number of third-country who returned as part of an assisted return programme and, if available, the number of persons among the returned (forcibly or voluntarily) who had applied for international protection and were served with a final negative decision;
- The number third-country nationals relocated to your Member State;
- The number third-country nationals resettled in your Member State;
- The number of unaccompanied minors (UAMs), differentiating between those applying and those not applying for asylum;
- The number of third-country nationals receiving a residence permit as victims of human trafficking; and the number of traffickers arrested and convicted.

Standardised Tables have been added in the Annex to the specification template to provide these statistics. In keeping with the practice of Eurostat, your statistics should be rounded up or down to the nearest five.

Please provide, if possible, these additional (tentative) statistics initially for the first nine months of 2012, i.e. from January 2012 to September 2012 inclusive. Then, and if possible, provide data for the whole of 2012 at the time of submitting your Final and complete National Report. In addition, for all the additional statistics that you provide, reference the data source.

By requesting all EMN NCPs to provide such statistics for the same time period, it will then be possible to provide an EU-27 overview, plus Norway, as well as better comparability between (Member) States.

In specific cases, when one (Member) State report on figures related to other(s) (Member) State(s) (e.g. resettlement figures) and the figures provided by one (Member) State differed from those provided by another (Member) State, the basis for these discrepancies will be discussed trilaterally,

⁷These data are generated by Eurostat, but are usually not available for the publication of the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum in May 2012.

⁸Based on the ILO definition, Eurostat defines unemployed persons as those aged 15 to 74 who: (1) are without work; (2) are available to start work within the next two weeks; and (3) have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks. The unemployment rate is the number of people unemployed as a percentage of the labour force. The labour force is the total number of people employed plus unemployed. Current deviations from the definition of unemployment in the EU Labour Force Survey: Spain, Sweden, Italy and United Kingdom: Unemployment is restricted to persons aged 16-74. In Spain and Italy the legal minimum age for working is 16. Employment data used for Italy includes also those above 74. Unemployment rate can be broken by groups of country of citizenship, age groups and sex.

between the concerned EMN NCPs, the Commission and the EMN Service Provider (ICF GHK-COWI).

In order to assist your gathering of the necessary information, and if needed, each EMN NCP is encouraged to make contact with your relevant Ministry(ies) and other relevant entities (e.g. your corresponding National Contact Point on Integration, National Rapporteurs on Trafficking in Human Beings etc.).

If any clarification is required during the course of preparing your National Report, please contact the EMN Service Provider (ICF GHK-COWI), with the Commission (Stephen Davies) in copy.

ANNUAL REPORT 2012 ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICY IN [(MEMBER) STATE]

Executive Summary (2-3 pages)

This should summarise the key findings of your National Report specifically targeted at your national audience.

1. INTRODUCTION (2-3 pages)

State the aims of the report, as given in these specifications, plus any specific ones established at national level. Make reference also to the methodology and definitions given in Annex to your National Report.

1.1 Structure of Asylum and Migration policy

Provide an overview of the organisation of asylum and migration policy in your (Member) State in order to set the context for the subsequent sections of the report. What are the main Ministries/institutions? Who are the main actors involved? Which are the relevant laws? On which levels are decisions made?

For those EMN NCPs who have completed their National Report on the "Organisation of Asylum and Migration Policies" this can be a very short section as reference can be made to this other report and/or your factsheet. For example, you could add your Institutional chart here to show the main bodies and their interlinks.

Outline also, if relevant, any changes to the structure that have occurred in 2012, such as any new Ministries, institutions, organisations, agencies or other actors established to deal with migration, asylum, refugee protection or integration issues in the (Member) States. Again, the purpose is to provide the general context in which to place the developments given later and thus should not go into too much detail.

2. OVERVIEW OF ASYLUM AND MIGRATION POLICY DEVELOPMENTS (6-8 pages)

The purpose of this Section is to set the general context in which the specific developments to be described later. This includes an overview of relevant political developments, policy and legislative debates, plus broader developments which affected multiple areas within asylum and migration.

2.1 Political developments

Outline the general political developments during 2012, e.g. elections on regional or national levels, government changes/reshuffles, appointment of new Ministers responsible for asylum, migration and/or integration. Again, this is intended to provide the general context in which to place the specific developments provided later and thus you should not go into too much detail.

2.2 Overall developments in asylum and migration

Provide a general overview of the main policy and/or legislative changes plus debates that have occurred on migration and asylum issues during 2012. Again, this section is intended to provide the general context in which to place the specific developments provided later and thus you should not go into too much detail here.

Describe any broader policy changes which affected multiple areas, themes and topics within asylum and migration (e.g. affecting both legal immigration and asylum, and / or specific elements within these headings), to be described in more details in Sections 3-9. For example, this might be the adoption and/or entry into force of a new government's national policy on immigration and asylum.

Main policy and/or legislative debates could include, for example, parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers). Examples of what could be included here are the publication (and subsequent debate) of proposals to amend current asylum/migration legislation; the entry into force of new legislation in 2012 and any immediate impact this has had; actions by migrant (support) groups (e.g. hunger strikes).

For those Member States who held the Presidency of the EU during 2012 (Denmark and Cyprus), but also immediately prior to (Poland) and after 2012 (Ireland), provide an overview of the main plans, developments and/or achievements.

3. LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY (5-10 pages)

Referring also to page 5, for this and other Sections 4-9 inclusive, outline all relevant developments in your (Member) State in relation to legal migration and mobility of third-country nationals.

Include also, in relevant sub-sections, any approaches that have been undertaken to promote (or explain) legal migration channels and/or integration, e.g. through information campaigns, dedicated web portals.

In each of the following sub-sections, start by providing information on the situation as it existed before the reference period, if this is considered essential for the reader's understanding of the subsequent text. Your previous Annual Policy Reports (2011 and earlier years, if relevant) could be used for this.

Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant policy and legislative developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, relevant decrees, etc. Debates include parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers).

Indicate also, whenever possible and if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform policy development (e.g. has the work of the EMN been referenced in a policy proposal). In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose.

Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account recent EU policy developments. For example, and using also your contributions in the Annex, please relate any of these developments to the implementation of relevant EU policy, legislation and other instruments with regard to economic migration, such as co-operation with partner / third countries, attracting highly qualified workers via the EU Blue Card.

For some of the following sections, examples are given from last year of the types of developments reported.

3.1 Economic migration

Examples of relevant developments mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included the impact of the economic crisis on economic migration policies, the identification of the main sectors experiencing labour shortages, skills recognition, Mobility partnerships and other (bilateral) agreements with third countries and highly qualified workers.

3.2 Family Reunification

An example of developments mentioned by the EMN NCPs in 2011 included policy and legislative revisions for family reunification.

3.3 Students and Researchers

An example of developments mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included the introduction of new rules regulating the issuance of visas which expanded the range of students to whom multi-entry national visas may be issued.

3.4 Other legal migration

An example of developments under other forms of legal migration mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included the improvement of data and information on migration issues.

3.5 Integration

Examples of relating developments to the implementation of relevant EU policy, including promoting integration through participation, both in terms of socio-economic contributions and rights and obligations, promoting action at the local level, involving countries of origin; and cooperation consultation and coordination of stakeholders at local, regional, national, EU and international levels.

3.6 Citizenship and Naturalisation

An example of developments reported by EMN NCPs in 2011 included measures to tighten the requirements for citizenship and in some countries measures to grant more favourable provisions in relation to specific groups, for example, stateless persons.

3.7 Managing Migration and Mobility

3.7.1 Visa Policy

Examples of relevant developments at national level mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included progress in the collection of biometric data in relation to visas and on consular cooperation.

3.7.2 Schengen Governance

Examples of relevant developments at national level mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included schemes for pooling the processing of visa applications are used in the Schengen consular network and the development of 'Schengen Houses' in third countries.

3.7.3 Border Monitoring

Examples of relevant developments at national level mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included use of modern technology, training of border guards, collaboration and agreements with third countries.

3.7.4 Frontex

Examples of relevant developments at national level mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included involvement in operations co-ordinated by Frontex and cooperation with other (Member) States.

4. IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND RETURN)

4.1 Irregular Migration (3-5 pages)

Again start by providing information on the situation as it existed before the reference period, if this is considered essential for the reader's understanding of the subsequent text. Your previous Annual Policy Reports (2011 and earlier years, if relevant) could be used for this.

Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant policy and legislative developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, relevant decrees, etc. Debates include parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers).

Indicate also, whenever possible and if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform policy development (e.g. has the work of the EMN been referenced in a policy proposal). In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose.

Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account recent EU policy developments. The EU context is the priorities set out in the Strategic Response to EU Action on Migratory Pressures. These include; strengthening cooperation with third countries of transit and origin; enhanced border management at the external borders; preventing irregular migration via the Greek-Turkish Border; better tackling of the abuse of legal migration channels; safeguarding and preventing abuse of free movement; and return.

Examples of relevant developments at national level mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included strong emphasis on irregular migration as a national priority, measures and courts ruling with regard to the 'criminalisation' of irregular migration, analysis of the situation and living conditions of illegally-staying third-country nationals, debates relating to the removals of third-country nationals, etc. EMN NCPs also included relevant developments in relation to regularisation.

4.2 Return (2-3 pages)

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Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant policy and legislative developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, relevant decrees, etc. Debates include parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers).

Indicate also, whenever possible and if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform policy development (e.g. has the work of the EMN been referenced in a policy proposal). In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose.

Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account relevant EU policy, legislation and other instruments, notably the return aspects in the EU Actions on Migratory Pressures – A Strategic Response.

5. INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION INCLUDING ASYLUM (3-5 pages)

Again start by providing information on the situation as it existed before the reference period, if this is considered essential for the reader's understanding of the subsequent text. Your previous Annual Policy Reports (2011 and earlier years, if relevant) could be used for this.

Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant policy and legislative developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, including ECtHR, where such rulings may have an impact on national or EU asylum policy/legislation, relevant decrees, etc. Debates include parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers).

Indicate also, whenever possible and if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform policy development (e.g. has the work of the EMN been referenced in a policy proposal). In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose.

Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account relevant EU policy, legislation and other instruments, with regard to support with the further development of the CEAS, including action in support of / collaboration with EASO, and support provided by EASO.

5.1 Common European Asylum System

This section could address what measures and developments have occurred in respect of your (Member) State's contributions towards the achievement of a Common European Asylum System.

5.2 European Asylum Support Office

This section could address the contributions and involvement of your (Member) State in the activities of EASO.

5.3 Intra-EU Solidarity including Relocation

An example of topics presented by EMN NCPs in 2011 included the delivery of joint activities amongst Member States to relocate beneficiaries of international protection from a single Member States, e.g. the EUREMA (European Re-allocation for Malta) project.

5.4 Cooperation with third countries including Resettlement

An example of topics presented by EMN NCPs in 2011 included the launch of asylum solidarity programmes in Northern Africa and pilot resettlement programmes for the region in close cooperation with UNHCR.

6. UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS (2-3 pages)

Again start by providing information on the situation as it existed before the reference period, if this is considered essential for the reader's understanding of the subsequent text. Your previous Annual Policy Reports (2011 and earlier years, if relevant) could be used for this.

Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant policy and legislative developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, relevant decrees, etc. Debates include parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or

migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers).

Indicate also, whenever possible and if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform policy development (e.g. has the work of the EMN been referenced in a policy proposal). In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose.

Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account relevant EU policy, legislation and other instruments.

6.1 Unaccompanied Minors

Examples of developments mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included legislative, policy and institutional developments, measures related to the care and reception of unaccompanied minors, changes to procedures used to determine age and/or family situation, trends in prominent countries of origin. For the EU context, this relates to activities contributing to the Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors, notably the mid-term review report published in September 2012.

6.2 Other Vulnerable Groups

Examples of developments mentioned by EMN NCPs in 2011 included developments in assessing vulnerability in relation to ill-health.

7. ACTIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS (3-5 pages)

Again start by providing information on the situation as it existed before the reference period, if this is considered essential for the reader's understanding of the subsequent text. Your previous Annual Policy Reports (2011 and earlier years, if relevant) could be used for this.

Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant policy and legislative developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Legislative developments include changes in, for example, the constitutional law, case law, court decisions, relevant decrees, etc. Debates include parliamentary debates, contributions from civil society and/or migrant organisations and/or academia, plus debates undertaken within published media (e.g. newspapers).

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Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account relevant EU policy, legislation and other instruments, in particular the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016) including measures to identify, protect and assist victims of trafficking; measures to prevent trafficking in human beings; and better coordination across key actors.

8. MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY (2-3 pages)

Again start by providing information on the situation as it existed before the reference period, if this is considered essential for the reader's understanding of the subsequent text. Your previous Annual Policy Reports (2011 and earlier years, if relevant) could be used for this.

Then please provide (where there have been developments) details of all significant developments, as well as any specific debates that have taken place in 2012. Developments might include, but not be restricted to, those in relation to the linking of migration to development policies, migrants' remittances, working with diasporas, and efforts to mitigate against 'brain drain'.

Indicate also, if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform policy development (e.g. has the work of the EMN been referenced in a policy proposal). In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose.

Plus, where relevant, relate these national developments to the context of the EU, taking into account relevant EU policy, legislation and other instruments, notably in the context of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility (GAMM).

9. IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LEGISLATION (4-6 pages)

The purpose of this Section is to provide information on how policy and legislative developments at and decisions taken by the EU have had an impact at national level, e.g. in terms of modifications to national policy and/or legislation and/or practices resulting from such EU developments.

9.1 Transposition of EU legislation 2012

Summarise the **progress made during 2012 only in transposing EU legislation** in the field of migration and asylum into national law and administrative practices, including, for example, adoption of relevant national legislation and/or entering into force of relevant national legislation. .

The format to use can, for example, be:

[Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council \(common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals\)](#)

- Transposition required by: 24 December 2011 (In respect of article 13(4): 24 December 2011)
- Status: Transposed through Act xxx/Bill under preparation/Delayed

Relevant text on progress/developments made in this respect.

Annex A to these specifications provides the complete list of the relevant EU legislation for the asylum/immigration acquis (changes from 2011 are highlighted in Grey). However, if no progress or developments have occurred for particular legislation in 2012 or there is no impact on national legislation then it is **not necessary** to comment on it. Instead, **only when there have been changes or developments in 2012** in respect to the transposition or implementation of particular legislation which has an impact on national legislation, should details be provided. At the very least, a list of EU legislation that has been transposed into national legislation and/or came into force during 2012, with the corresponding national law(s), should be given.

9.2 Experiences, debates in the (non-) implementation of EU legislation

Detail any **experiences, debates**, both at political level and within wider society (e.g. issues raised by migrant (support) associations, academia) in **the implementation or non-implementation** (in which case outline the reasons for this) of the most significant **EU legislation** in asylum and immigration, both for directives previously (before 2012) transposed into national legislation, as well as those transposed during 2012. Any impact or changes or experience with the entry into force

of EU re-admission agreements, including with respect to bilateral agreements which existed before, can also be included.

Include also any inter-(Member) State experiences (good or bad) in the implementation of EU legislation (e.g. differences in treatment of nationals compared to other EU and/or third country nationals, such as the so-called *Belgian route* for family reunification, consequences at national level in exercising of right to free movement). The purpose is to identify any consequences as a result of any different approaches that may be taken by another (Member) State for which a (positive or negative) impact in your (Member) State has been observed.

Indicate also, whenever possible and if applicable, where information provided by the EMN (e.g. through studies, reports, ad-hoc queries) has served to inform such developments. In addition, and if known, indicate if information from other sources (e.g. IOM, ICMPD, GDISC, OECD) has been used to the same purpose. In particular, this section should identify aspects/topics which might merit further consideration by policymakers.

ANNEXES:

Annex A: Methodology and Definitions

A1. Methodology

This section should briefly include information on how the report was produced and who contributed to it. Information to be provided should include the following:

- Methods used in identifying and selecting sources of information, legislative and statistical sources used and whether the previously given criteria used to define what is considered as a 'significant development/debate' was modified in any way;
- An overview of the type and sources of information used, including statistics;
- Which, if any, organisations/institutions/individuals were contacted to obtain the relevant information;
- Any problems that were encountered;
- Whether any aspects (or statistics) could not be addressed (or provided) in accordance with these specifications. If alternative information was provided, one should outline how the alternative information should be interpreted in relation to what was requested in these specifications;
- Whether there are any reservations/caveats one should apply to any of the included information and, if so, how.

It is particularly important to provide appropriate detail(s)/reference(s) to developments cited. For example, provide details of the reason(s) why a cited development (e.g. institutional change) occurred to avoid making the information seem anecdotal. Similarly, for media reports, and this is linked to the approach used for describing a significant development/debate, provide details of the rationale followed for describing a particular development.

A2. Terms and Definitions

To the extent possible, terms and their definitions as given in the EMN Glossary should be used. If this is not possible for some term(s), or they do not exist in the Glossary, then this section should provide the (national) definitions used.

Where different and appropriate, ‘national’ definitions should be compared with definitions used in any relevant EU Directives or other EU legislation. If definitions are the same in national and EU legislation, this should be highlighted.

Annex 2: National Statistics

Annex 3: Bibliography / References /Sources

ANNEX

2012 NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF [(MEMBER) STATE] TO COMMISSION AND TO EASO ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annex has been structured as a Common Template and includes specific spaces for EMN NCPs to provide information and statistics in relation to developments at national level that have been developed to implement EU policy, legislative and financial instruments, or any developments which were the result of actions at EU level in relation to specific policy topics.

The information collected shall be used to inform the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum, and shall be the only source of factual information at (Member) State level for the topics covered by the Report. Thus when providing information, as with all EMN Common Templates, it is important to emphasise that the content should be as relevant to the topic under consideration, and as concise, as possible. You should aim to provide only one or two paragraphs for each of your responses. It should also, where relevant, describe concrete actions or measures, for example, resulting from the entry into force of new legislation. Examples are given in each of the sub-sections. You will be given the opportunity to describe your (Member) State activities in more detail in your National Annual Policy Report. If there has been no significant development, then this should be explicitly stated in the relevant section.

You should also foresee liaising with respective EASO NCPs as information requested in this template will also serve to inform EASO's Annual Report. In addition, information collected in this Template should also be coordinated with information made available at (Member) State level via National Contact Points on Integration (NCPIs), the Frontex Risk Analysis Network (FRAN) and National Rapporteurs working against Trafficking in Human Beings.

To ensure consistency and to facilitate your work, examples of elements to consider in relation to the various topics are given. Note that you should differentiate clearly between actions undertaken by your government or public authorities and those by civil society or NGOs, for example, which should only be described in the National developments section.

The **key statistics** that will illustrate each topic of the Annex and be presented in the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum will come from Eurostat, once available. These key statistics are in line with Council Regulation 862/2007 on Union Statistics on migration and international protection and will provide some "headline" statistics in the area of migration, international protection and external border management.

In addition, EMN NCPs are requested to try to provide some statistics (even tentative) which are not available through Eurostat but are relevant for some of the topics relevant to the Commission's Annual Report. We would, therefore, request that you provide, where possible and even if tentative, statistics on any of the following:

- First residence permits 2012, by reason;⁹ (Section 1.1)
- The unemployment rate of third-country nationals;¹⁰ (Section 1.5.1)

⁹These data are generated by Eurostat, but are usually not available for the publication of the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum in May 2012.

¹⁰Based on the ILO definition, Eurostat defines unemployed persons as those aged 15 to 74 who: (1) are without work; (2) are available to start work within the next two weeks; and (3) have actively sought employment at some time during the previous four weeks. The unemployment rate is the number of people unemployed as a percentage of the labour force. The labour force is the total number of people employed plus unemployed. Current deviations from the definition of unemployment in the EU Labour Force Survey: Spain, Sweden, Italy and United Kingdom: Unemployment is restricted to persons aged 16-74. In Spain and Italy the legal minimum age for working is 16. Employment data used for Italy includes also those above 74. Unemployment rate can be broken by groups of country of citizenship, age groups and sex.

- The number of visas issued (including the number of Schengen visas and national visas); (Section 1.6.1)
- The number of third-country nationals being returned to their home country as part of forced return measures, the number of third-country nationals being returned voluntarily and, within these, the number of third-country who returned as part of an assisted return programme and, if available, the number of persons among the returned (forcibly or voluntarily) who had applied for international protection and were served with a final negative decision; (Section 2.2)
- The number third-country nationals relocated to your Member State; (Section 3.3.2)
- The number third-country nationals resettled in your Member State (Section 3.4.2)
- The number of unaccompanied minors (UAMs), differentiating between those applying and those not applying for asylum (Section 3.5)
- The number of third-country nationals receiving a residence permit as victims of human trafficking; and the number of traffickers arrested and convicted. (Section 5.4).

Standardised Tables have been added in the Annex to the specification template to provide these statistics. In keeping with the practice of Eurostat, your statistics should be rounded up or down to the nearest 5. Please provide, if possible, these additional (tentative) statistics initially for the first nine months of 2012, i.e. from January 2012 to September 2012 inclusive. Then, and if possible, provide statistics for the whole of 2012 at the time of submitting your Final and complete National Report. In addition, for all the additional statistics that you provide, please give the source.

By requesting all EMN NCPs to provide such statistics for the same time period, it will then be possible to provide an EU-27 overview, plus Norway, as well as better comparability between (Member) States.

In specific cases, when one (Member) State report on figures related to other(s) (Member) State(s) (e.g. resettlement figures) and the figures provided by one (Member) State differed from those provided by another (Member) State, discrepancies will be discussed trilaterally, between the concerned EMN NCPs, the Commission and the EMN Service Provider(ICF GHK-COWI). In order to assist your gathering of the necessary information, and if needed, each EMN NCP is encouraged to make contact with your relevant Ministry(ies) and other relevant entities (e.g. your corresponding National Contact Points on Integration (NCPI), EASO NCP, national Frontex risk analysis Network (FRAN) member etc.

1. LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

1.1 Key Statistics

<i>First residence permits, by reason</i>					
	Total	Family reasons	Education reasons	Remunerated activities reasons	Other reasons
First permits					

1.2 Promoting legal migration channels

Please describe any (planned) measures to improve the provision of information on the routes to and conditions of legal migration for third-country nationals. These could include, for example, information campaigns, websites, specific centres, referring to any approaches that combine information with pre-departure measures, for example, upgrading skills and / or proficiency in EU languages, and also the role and impact of the EU Immigration Portal in your (Member) State.

1.3 Economic migration

1.3.1 *Satisfying labour market needs*

Describe whether and how your (Member) State analyses its labour market and skills needs / shortages, and any cooperation with other (Member States), for example, through the Public Employment Services. Please describe the (planned) introduction of any new labour migration policies or changes to the existing ones, e.g. introduction of quota, lists of professions, agreement with specific third countries, use of private recruitment agencies / services, etc.). Also consider the effect of the economic crisis on labour migration (e.g. revision of quota, reduction of professions listed, etc.) and how economic migration is considered to contribute to economic growth.

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1.3.2 *Skills Recognition*

Describe any (planned) measures to improve the validation of diplomas, qualifications and skills of third-country nationals and labour matching between your (Member) State and third countries (including online employment, etc.), including any measures introduced for already resident third-country nationals (in the context of better integration). Describe any exchanges of practical information and co-operation with other EU Member States. Describe any specific measures to avoid brain waste. Consider also how such measures will contribute to economic growth.

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1.3.3 *Cooperation with partner / third countries for economic migration*

Please provide information on any (planned) EU level or bilateral agreements (e.g. Mobility Partnerships), which help to implement policies for labour migration. List them (see table below), including the third countries with which they have been concluded, and provide details of their content and the rationale for concluding the agreement. Please also indicate whether any of these favour circular migration, and specify which third countries are involved, including from the Southern Mediterranean¹¹ and Eastern Partnership¹². In the framework of Mobility partnerships (and Common Agendas) please advise whether Migration and Mobility Resource Centres (MMRCs) have / will be set up in the partner countries.

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Type of agreement	Third countries involved	Main purpose and rationale for the agreement
(EU or bilateral)		

1.3.4 *Highly qualified workers*

Please describe any (planned) measures to facilitate access of highly qualified workers. Refer to the implementation of the EU Blue Card Directive. Describe any incentive mechanisms for highly qualified workers on top of the transposition and implementation of EU legislation. Consider also how such measures will contribute to economic growth. (Information relating to the mitigation of 'brain drain' should be provided in Section 4.4).

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¹¹ Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt.

¹² Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

1.3.5 Students and researchers

Please describe any (planned) measures to facilitate greater mobility of students and researchers, also as a pathway towards meeting labour market needs. Describe any incentive mechanisms in place for students and researchers on top of the transposition and implementation of EU legislation. Consider also how such measures will contribute to economic growth. (Information relating to the mitigation of 'brain drain' should be provided in Section 4.4).

1.4 Family Reunification

Please describe any new policies / legislation or changes to existing policies and legislation regulating family migration. Consider also your (Member) State's human rights obligations, reception capacity and the extent to which the family member's capacity to integrate is being taken into account in the admission procedure, e.g. knowledge of the country's language, level of education, professional background, other. Please also describe any concrete (planned) measures to further promote the integration of third-country nationals coming for the purpose of family reunification

1.5 Integration¹³**1.5.1 Promoting integration through participation: socio-economic contribution of migrants**

Please describe (planned) measures for the integration of third-country nationals through their increased socio-economic contribution, including measures to enhance language skills; improve attainment on the education system; and improve access to social and health services. Describe any specific measures to meet the needs of vulnerable groups of migrants. Describe also how EU funding (e.g. the European Fund for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals and the European Refugee Fund) is being (better) used to support migrants' participation.

NB Information in relation to labour market integration should be provided in Section 1.2.2.

Annual average unemployment rates of (Member) State citizens versus third-country nationals residing in the (Member) State for 2012

	Third country nationals	Total national population
Unemployment rate (%)		

1.5.2 Promoting integration through participation: rights and obligations – achieving equal treatment and belonging

Please describe measures taken to increase migrants' participation in the democratic process. These might include for example, increasing the participation of migrant representatives (including women) in the design and implementation of integration policies; outreach programmes and work placements to build capacity within migrant organisations and encourage support at local level; and measures to enhance democratic participation, for example, training mentors, granting voting rights in local elections etc.

¹³Please also refer to the European Agenda for the Integration of third-Country nationals, COM(2011)455 final.

1.5.3 Promoting action at local level

Please describe any relevant activity with the active involvement of local authorities, e.g. addressing integration challenges in disadvantaged urban areas; improving multi-level cooperation between different levels of governance. You should also describe how EU funding is being applied to improve local, more targeted approaches to integration.

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1.5.4 Involvement of countries of origin

Countries of origin may play a role in the integration of migrants before departure, during stay in the EU, and on return. Please describe any measures to support integration involving countries of origin at any / all of these stages. Pre-departure measures may include provision of information on visas and work permits, language training, vocational training, recognition of qualifications and skills; measures during stay may include support to diaspora communities, promotion of transnational entrepreneurship, increasing trade between countries of origin and stay; measures to support return may include developing a rights-based framework for re-integration and for temporary and circular migration.

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1.5.5 Cooperation, consultation and coordination of stakeholders

Please describe any additional information not included above on the processes for cooperation, consultation and coordination of national, regional and local authorities, including civil society, countries of origin and with EU level institutions and actors. Please describe relevant activity, such as the development of a national website and / or forum on integration, development of information exchanges between institutions, and possible contributions to the European Integration Forum, the European Website on Integration and the National Contact Points on Integration.

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1.6 Managing Migration and Mobility***1.6.1 Visa Policy***

Please describe (planned) developments in relation to the implementation of the Visa Code and the Visa Information System (VIS), including developments in relation to biometric visas, for example the share of visas issued which are biometric, regions covered, pilot measures and testing, cooperation between (Member) States' consulates and the set up joint consular services for visas.

With regard to cooperation between (Member) State consular services and the set-up of joint consular services for visas, please describe any relevant progress in this area, for example listing the visa representation agreements signed and the (Member) States involved (please specify whether you (Member) State represents these (Member) States or vice versa).

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<i>Visas issued in 2012</i>		
	Schengen Visas	National Visas
Visas		

1.6.2 Schengen Governance

Please describe any recent developments in relation to Schengen Governance. For example, where relevant, you could include any (planned) actions in relation to the new Schengen acquis, temporary suspension of Schengen, developments in relation to Regulation (EU) No 1342/2011 facilitating border crossing for Kaliningrad area etc.

2. IRREGULAR MIGRATION

NB. The questions in this Section have the purpose of reporting activities in Member States that have contributed to the six Strategic Priority Areas outlined in the Strategic Response to EU Action on Migratory Pressures.¹⁴

2.1 Strategic Priorities**Priority I: Strengthening cooperation with third countries of transit and origin on migration management**

The relevant challenges in the Strategic Response for this sub-section are in particular:

1.2. Ensure implementation of all EU readmission agreements to their full effect

Please describe activities undertaken to support the implementation of EU readmission agreements (implementing protocols, cooperation (including diplomatic pressure) with third countries to encourage implementation)

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1.3. Enhance the capacity of countries of origin and transit to manage mixed migration flows

Please describe any specific developments to equip countries of first asylum with the means to guarantee refugee protection and to better manage mixed migration flows.

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14-7 Prevention of irregular migration from (a) the Southern Mediterranean countries; (b) the Eastern Partners; (c) the Western Balkans; and (d) the Western Mediterranean and the African Atlantic coast

Please describe any specific cooperation activities in your Member State to prevent irregular migration in relation to the specific geographical regions outlined above.

(a)
(b)
(c)
(d)

¹⁴ 8714/1/12 REV 1 <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st08/st08714-re01.en12.pdf>

Priority II: Enhanced border management at the external borders

The relevant challenges in the Strategic Response for this sub-section are in particular:

II.2 Preventing and combating irregular immigration by ensuring strong and efficient border control***Agreements with third countries***

Please list any new or planned agreements, and other forms of bilateral and multilateral cooperation with third countries, specifying which countries, specifically in order to strengthen the control of external borders. This could include the provision of border equipment, training of border guards, etc. Any specific measures to combat irregular migration should be set out in Section 2

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Border control including Frontex operations

a. Please describe any new border control developments, including technological equipment for border control purchased and used during the reference period, including IT systems, surveillance equipment, automated border controls and fast track lanes, etc. If possible, also make reference to any developments relevant to the EU entry / exit system, the EU Registered Traveller Programme, the Schengen Information System (SIS II) and European Border Surveillance System.

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b. Please describe any relevant (planned) actions taken to better coordinate different types of border checks (e.g. automated and non-automated, fast-track and non-fast-track) at the external borders.

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c. Please describe any relevant (planned) developments to ensure more effective control of the external land, sea and air borders, such as reinforcing border control staff, providing training, increasing overall resources etc.

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d. Please describe whether your (Member) State has benefited from / has provided any support with regard to border control in case of specific and disproportionate pressures in your / in another (Member) State. Also provide information on your (Member) State's relevant participation in Frontex activities, by type of activity (e.g. joint operations).

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e. Please describe any additional (planned) activities not already described above that contribute to the strengthening of security and preventing irregular migration at the external borders e.g. (i) use of advanced passenger information in accordance with Directive 2004/82/EC; (ii) identification of irregular migration routes - specifically inside the Schengen area.

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Priority III: Preventing irregular migration via the Greek-Turkish Border

The relevant challenges in the Strategic Response for this sub-section are in particular:

III.1 Ensuring effective border controls are in place at the Greek-Turkish border

Please describe activities to support Operation Poseidon and Attica. Also, describe any other activities undertaken to increase operational capacity at the Greek-Turkish border

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III.2 Combating irregular immigration transiting Turkey to EU

Please describe any bilateral activities to assist the Turkish authorities to strengthen their capacity to combat irregular migration and to ensure the dignified return of third-country migrants through escorted transit and assisted voluntary return projects via Turkey.

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Priority IV: Better tackling of abuse of legal migration channels

The relevant challenges in the Strategic Response for this sub-section are in particular:

IV.1 Prevent an increase in unfounded asylum applications as a direct consequence of introducing visa free regimes in third countries and decrease the number of overstayers in the Schengen area

Please describe any measures introduced to monitor the effects of visa free regimes in your Member State. What have been the results of these monitoring activities? Describe here any key findings – especially in relation to the impact of visa free regimes on the number unfounded asylum applications registered in your Member State.

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IV.2 Combating and preventing irregular migration caused by visa liberalisation

Please describe measures taken to ensure the accelerated and swift return of persons from visa-free third countries found to be making unfounded asylum applications, to be overstaying permissions to stay or otherwise abusing legal migration channels.

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Priority V: Safeguarding and protecting free movement by prevention of abuse by third-country nationals

The relevant challenges in the Strategic Response for this sub-section are in particular:

V.1 Improve the understanding of abuse of free movement rights by third country nationals and organised crime aiming at facilitating irregular immigration

Please describe Member State activities taken to gather, analyse and share information on the fraud and abuse of free movement. In particular, describe any monitoring activities that have worked particularly well and any efforts taken to improve monitoring tools and procedures for detecting false documents, and the dissemination of findings that may contribute to a better understanding of misuse of free movement. In particular, describe any activities undertaken as part of EU Joint

Investigation Teams, via the FREEMO expert group, or through the EUROPOL Platform for Experts.

V.2 Prevent the fraudulent acquisition and use of free movement rights by third-country nationals

Please describe measures taken to implement enhanced security standards for EU documentation on legal stay (residence cards etc.), including use of biometrics and any actions taken to ensure common validation standards at borders and domestic controls. Describe also any measures to improve the security of the application and issuance processes for identity/EU documentation.

Priority VI: Enhancing migration management, including cooperation on return practices

The relevant challenges in the Strategic Response for this sub-section are in particular:

VI.1 Ensuring that all Member States have efficient migration management systems in place in order to be prepared for fluctuating migration pressures

Please describe any specific measures undertaken to address unexpected migration flows.

VI.2 Maximising the potential of a common EU approach in the field of return, both voluntary and forced in compliance with existing EU acquis

Please describe measures taken to develop swift, sustainable and effective return using a common EU approach and in particular actions to (i) share best practice on return (voluntary and forced); (ii) improving cooperation with stakeholders in the field; (iii) improving operational cooperation on joint return operations; (iv) support voluntary return programmes; (v) improve cooperation on assisted voluntary return programmes,

2.2 Key statistics

<i>Third-country nationals returned (by nationality where possible)¹⁵</i>			
	Returned as part of forced return measures	Returned voluntarily	Among third-country nationals returned voluntarily, the number of third-country nationals returned as part of an assisted return programme
Nationality 1			
Nationality 2 etc.			
Total			

¹⁵ Please provide the total number of third country nationals ordered to leave and returned in 2012. Please provide a breakdown of this total by nationality where possible.

3. INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION INCLUDING ASYLUM

This Section will also be used to provide information to inform EASO's Annual Report.

3.1 Common European Asylum System

Please describe any specific measures undertaken to support the further development of the Common European Asylum System, including projects undertaken with other Member States under the ERF.

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3.2 Cooperation with the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)**3.2.1 Participation in EASO activities**

Please provide information on your (Member) State's relevant participation in EASO activities, by type of activity (e.g. provision of staff for Asylum Support Teams).

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3.2.2 Provision of support by EASO to the Member States

Please provide information on relevant support provided by EASO to your (Member) State, by type of activity (e.g. training, emergency support etc.)

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3.3 Intra-EU solidarity including Relocation**3.3.1 Support to national asylum systems**

Please provide information on support provided to (Member) States experiencing specific and disproportionate pressures on their national asylum systems. This might include support in the processing of requests for international protection, seconding staff (for the Asylum Intervention Pool / EAC Expert Pool), sending resources or equipment.

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3.3.2 Relocation

Please describe any action undertaken with regard to the relocation from (Member) States experiencing specific and disproportionate pressures of beneficiaries of international protection to other (Member) States. This relates to intra-EU movements, for example, as part of EU projects.

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Third-country nationals Relocated to your (Member) State

	Relocated
Third-country nationals	

3.4 Enhancing the external dimension including Resettlement

3.4.1 *Cooperation with third countries*

Please describe *specific* cooperation with relevant non-EU countries to strengthen their asylum systems, including national asylum legislation and asylum policy frameworks (e.g. through Regional Protection Programmes).

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3.4.2 *Resettlement*

Please describe resettlement activities to your (Member) State of people placed under the protection of the Office of the UNHCR in third countries, specifying from which countries.

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Third-country nationals Resettled in your (Member) State

	Resettled
Third-country nationals	

4. UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS

4.1 Unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable groups

Please describe any developments in relation to unaccompanied minors (UAMs) at national and international levels, including in the context the Action Plan¹⁶ on UAMs and its Mid-term Review. Please also describe developments in relation to other vulnerable groups.

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4.2 Key statistics

<i>Unaccompanied minors</i>		
Total	Unaccompanied minors not applying for asylum	Unaccompanied minors applying for asylum

5 ACTIONS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

This Section should be completed also in the context of the "EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016)"¹⁷, and you should liaise with your national rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings.

5.1 Measures to identify, protect and assist victims of trafficking

Please describe any (planned) actions at national level to fight human trafficking, including measures to identify, protect and assist victims of trafficking.

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¹⁶ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0213:FIN:EN:PDF> plus the Mid-term Review Report : http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/docs/uam/uam_report_20120928_en.pdf

¹⁷ <http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/>

5.2 Measures to prevent trafficking in human beings, and to increase the prosecution of traffickers

Please describe any (planned) actions at national level to enhance the prevention of trafficking in human beings, and to increase the prosecution of traffickers.

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5.3 Coordination and cooperation among key actors

Please describe enhancements in coordination and cooperation among key actors and policy coherence, including to increase knowledge of and effective responses to changing trends in human trafficking. Please also identify cooperation with third countries (e.g. awareness raising actions in third countries addressing communities at risk). Please only refer to cooperation with regard to combating human trafficking in this section.

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5.4 Key statistics

<i>Third-country nationals receiving a residence permit as victims of human trafficking</i>		
Third-country nationals		
<i>Traffickers arrested as suspects and traffickers convicted</i>		
	Arrested / otherwise involved in a criminal proceeding	Convicted
Traffickers		

6. MAXIMISING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF MIGRATION AND MOBILITY**6.1 Mainstreaming of migration in development policies**

Please describe any relevant activity, for example studies, and development of approaches to make migration an integral part in sectoral policies (e.g. agriculture, health, education etc.), solidarity development projects, etc. Please also highlight any migration-related initiatives with third countries in the framework of development policy.

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6.2 Migrants' Remittances

Please describe any relevant developments and activities in the area of remittances, including financial support to such actions, implementation of an instrument for transferring migrants' remittances, co-development actions etc.

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6.3 Working with Diasporas

Please provide information on a possible national policy or actions with regard to how diaspora groups may be further involved in EU development initiatives, and how EU Member States may support diaspora groups in their efforts to enhance development in their countries of origin. Please describe any specific activities to address migrant rights and the empowerment of migrants.

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6.4 Efforts to mitigate ‘brain drain’.

Please describe any (planned) measures to mitigate brain drain, for example awareness rising actions, development of data and indicators on this phenomena, prevention, list of countries and professions subject to brain drain.

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7. PROVISION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION TO SUPPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Exchange of Information at EU level

Please describe any additional actions to provide and exchange information to support policy development at EU level. This might include for example, through networks such as the EMN, the Mutual Exchange Mechanism (MIM), EASO etc.

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7.2 Exchange of Information at Regional and National levels

Please describe any additional actions to provide and exchange information to support policy development at regional and national levels. These might include specific actions with national contact points or rapporteurs, and the exchange of information within the ‘regions’ of Europe, for example, amongst the Baltic States. Please also describe any (planned) sharing and exchanging of information on migration with other (Member) States, through existing networks and other instruments (e.g. the European Migration Network, the Mutual Information Mechanism (MIM)). Please also describe the involvement of EU agencies

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Annex A: Relevant JHA Acquis¹⁸

This Annex provides a list of the relevant EU legislation for the asylum/immigration acquis including in 2012 (changes from 2011 are highlighted in grey).

The following key has been used to indicate when the legislation below was adopted:

- ☑ Instruments published in 2012
- ✓ Instruments published in 2011
- ★ Instruments published in 2010
- ⌘ instruments published in 2009
- ◆ instruments published in 2008
- ❖ instruments published in 2007
- instruments published in 2006
- instruments published in 2005
- instruments published in 2004
- instruments published in 2003
- instruments published in 2002
- all instruments until 31.12.2001

¹⁸ This Annex currently includes all changes up to 30th September 2012 inclusive. EMN NCPs will be informed of further updates in due course. The complete JHA acquis, up to and including October 2009, is available from http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/doc_centre/intro/doc_intro_en.htm.

I. ASYLUM

A. Legislative acts adopted after entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)

- Council Directive 2005/85/EC of 1 December 2005 on minimum standards on procedures in Member States for granting and withdrawing refugee status (OJ L 326 of 13 December 2005, p. 13);
- Council Decision 2004/927/EC of 22 December 2004 providing for certain areas covered by Title IV of Part Three of the Treaty establishing the European Community to be governed by the procedure laid down in Article 251 of that Treaty (OJ L 396 of 31 December 2004 p. 45)¹⁹;
- ❖ Decision No 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" and repealing Council Decision 2004/904/EC (OJ L 144 of 6 June 2007, p. 1)²⁰;
- ❖ Commission Decision (2007/599/EC) of 29 November 2007 implementing Decision No 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and the Council as regards the adoption of the strategic guidelines 2008 to 2013 (OJ L326, 12 December 2007, p.29);
- ◆ Commission Decision 2008/22/EC of 19 December 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund²¹ (OJ L 7 of 10 January 2008, p. 1);
- ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/533/EC of 9 July 2009 amending Decision 2008/22/EC of 19 December 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund²² (OJ L 179 of 10 July 2009, p. 62);
- ★ Commission Decision 2010/163/EC of 8 March 2010 amending Decision 2008/22/EC of 19 December 2007 laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund²³ (OJ L 69 of 19 March 2010, p. 16);

¹⁹ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "immigration".

²⁰ See also "ERF I" Decision: Council Decision 2000/596/EC of 28 September 2000 establishing a European Refugee Fund (OJ L 252 of 6 October 2000, p.12) and Commission Decision 2002/307/EC of 18 December 2001 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2000/596/EC as regards management and control systems and procedures for making financial corrections in the context of actions co-financed by the European Refugee Fund (notified under document number C(2001) 4372) (OJ L 106 of 23 April 2002, p. 11). See also "ERF II": Council Decision 2004/904/EC of 2 December 2004 establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2005 to 2010 (OJ L 381 of 28 December 2004 p. 52) and Commission Decision 2006/399/EC of 20 January 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2004/904/EC as regards the eligibility of expenditure within the framework of actions co-financed by the European Refugee Fund implemented in the Member States²⁰ (OJ L 162 of 14 June 2006, p. 1), Commission Decision 2006/400/EC of 20 January 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2004/904/EC as regards procedures for making financial corrections in the context of actions co-financed by the European Refugee Fund²⁰ (OJ L 162 of 14 June 2006, p. 11) and Commission Decision 2006/401/EC of 20 January 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2004/904/EC as regards Member States management and control systems, and rules for the administrative and financial management of projects co-financed by the European Refugee Fund²⁰, (OJ L 162 of 14 June 2006, p. 20).

²¹ Notified under document number C(2007)6396.

²² Notified under document number C(2009)5251.

²³ Notified under document number C(2010)1210.

- ★ Decision No 458/2010/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 amending Decision No 573/2007/EC establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 by removing funding for certain Community actions and altering the limit for funding such actions (OJ L 129 of 28 May 2010, p. 1);
- ✓ Commission Decision 2011/152/EU of 3 March 2011 amending Decision 2008/22/EC laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 573/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (notified under document C(2011) 1290), (OJ L 62, 9.3.2011, p. 46–59);
- ☑ Joint EU resettlement programme (Decision n° 281/2012/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 March 2012 amending Decision No 573/2007/EC)
- Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (OJ L 378 of 27 December 2006, p. 41) – Thematic Programme on cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum (Article 16)²⁴;
- ▷ Council Directive 2004/83/EC of 29 April 2004 on minimum standards for the qualification and status of third country nationals or stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection and the content of the protection granted (OJ L 304 of 30 September 2004, p. 12);
- ▷ Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection, and for the content of the protection granted.
- Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 of 18 February 2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 50 of 25 of February 2003, p.1);
 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1560/2003 of 2 September 2003 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national (OJ L 222 of 5 September 2003, p. 1);
- Council Directive 2003/9/EC of 27 January 2003 laying down minimum standards for the reception of asylum seekers (OJ L 31 of 6 February 2003, p. 18);
- o Council Decision 2002/817/EC of 23 September 2002 on the conclusion of the Convention between the European Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries in the Near East (2002 to 2005) (OJ L 281 of 19 October 2002, p. 10);
- o Council Decision 2002/223/EC of 19 December 2001 on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) concerning additional funding in 2001 under the current EC-UNRWA Convention for the years 1999 to 2001 (OJ L 075 of 16 March 2002, p. 46);
- Council Directive 2001/55/EC of 20 July 2001 on minimum standards for giving temporary protection in the event of a mass influx of displaced persons and on measures promoting a balance of efforts between Member States in receiving such persons and bearing the consequences thereof (OJ L 212 of 7 August 2001, p. 12);
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 of 11 December 2000 concerning the establishment of 'Eurodac' for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 316 of 15 December 2000, p. 1);

²⁴ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "immigration".

- o Council Regulation (EC) No 407/2002 of 28 February 2002 laying down certain rules to implement Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 concerning the establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 62 of 5 March 2002, p. 1);
- Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 381 of 28 December 2006, p. 4)²⁵;
- Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 regarding access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing vehicle registration certificates (OJ L 381 of 28 December 2006, p. 1)²⁶;
- ❖ Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers (OJ L 199 of 31 July 2007, p. 23)²⁷.
 - ★ Commission Regulation (EU) No 351/2010 of 23 April 2010 implementing Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on migration and international protection as regards the definitions of the categories of the groups of country of birth, groups of previous usual residence, groups of next usual residence and groups of citizenship (OJ L 104 of 24 April 2010, p. 37);
- ★ Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 establishing a European Asylum Support Office (OJ L 132 of 29 May 2010, p. 11).

B. International Agreements

- ✓ Council Decision 2011/349/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland, (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 37–38);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/147/EC of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation, concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland (OJ L 53 of 27 February 2008, p. 3);
 - ◆ Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation, concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland (OJ L 53 of 27 February 2008, p. 5);
- Council Decision 2006/188/EC of 21 February 2006 on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national and Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 concerning the establishment of "Eurodac" for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention (OJ L 66 of 8 March 2006, p. 37);
 - Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national and Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 concerning the

²⁵ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "Schengen (horizontal issues / SIS)".

²⁶ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "Schengen (horizontal issues / SIS)".

²⁷ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "immigration".

establishment of “Eurodac” for the comparison of fingerprints for the effective application of the Dublin Convention, 21 February 2006 (OJ L 66 of 8 March 2006, p. 38)²⁸;

- Council Decision 2006/167/EC of 21 February 2006 on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway, concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway (OJ L 57 of 28 February 2006, p. 15);
- Protocol to the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway, concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway (OJ L 57 of 28 February 2006, p. 16);
- Council Decision 2001/258 of 15 March 2001 concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or Iceland or Norway (OJ L 93 of 3 April 2001, p. 38);
- Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Iceland or Norway (OJ L 93 of 3 April 2001, p. 40).
- ⌘ Council Decision 2009/487/EC of 24 October 2008 on the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Community, The Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and the mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland (OJ L 161 of 24 June 2009, p. 6);
 - ⌘ Protocol between the European Community, The Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the criteria and the mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in a Member State or in Switzerland (OJ L 161 of 24 June 2009, p. 8);
- ⌘ Council decision 2009/478/EC of 6 April 2009 on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and Antigua and Barbuda on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 1);
 - ⌘ Agreement between the European Community and Antigua and Barbuda on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 3);
 - ⌘ Council Decision 2009/896/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Antigua and Barbuda on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 321 of 8 December 2009, p. 38);
 - ⌘ Council decision 2009/478/EC of 6 April 2009 on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and Barbados on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 9);
 - ⌘ Agreement between the European Community and Barbados on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 10);
 - ⌘ Council Decision 2009/898/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Barbados on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 321 of 8 December 2009, p. 40);
 - ★ Information relating to the entry into force of the agreement between the European Community and Barbados on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 56 of 6 March 2010, p. 1);
- ⌘ Council decision 2009/478/EC of 6 April 2009 on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mauritius on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 16);

²⁸ Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Kingdom of Denmark extending to Denmark the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 343/2003 and Council Regulation (EC) No 2725/2000 concerning the establishment of Eurodac (OJ L 96 of 5 April 2006, p. 9).

- ⌘ Agreement between the European community and the Republic of Mauritius on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 17);
- ⌘ Council Decision 2009/899/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mauritius on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 321 of 8 December 2009, p. 41);
- ★ Information relating to the entry into force of the agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mauritius on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 56 of 6 March 2010, p. 1)
- ⌘ Council decision 2009/478/EC of 6 April 2009 on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 23);
 - ⌘ Agreement between the European Community and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 24);
 - ⌘ Council Decision 2009/897/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 321 of 8 December 2009, p. 39);
 - ★ Information relating to the entry into force of the agreement between the European Community and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 56 of 6 March 2010, p. 1);
- ⌘ Council decision 2009/478/EC of 6 April 2009 on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 30);
 - ⌘ Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 31);
 - ⌘ Council Decision 2009/900/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 321 of 8 December 2009, p. 42);
 - ★ Information relating to the entry into force of the agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 56 of 6 March 2010, p. 1);
- ⌘ Council decision 2009/478/EC of 6 April 2009 on the signing and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 37);
 - ⌘ Agreement between the European Community and the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 169 of 30 June 2009, p. 38);
 - ⌘ Council Decision 2009/901/EC of 30 November 2009 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis on the short-stay visa waiver (OJ L 321 of 8 December 2009, p. 43).

Indicative list of agreements, conventions and protocols to which the new Member States must indirectly accede²⁹

- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (Geneva, 28 July 1951)³⁰;
- Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (New-York, 31 January 1967).

²⁹ This list contains Conventions for which the obligation to accede is not explicit, but results from the binding force of the EU Treaty itself or of secondary legislation, from Council Conclusions or from Article 10 TEC.

³⁰ Mentioned in the Treaty. Furthermore linked to the *acquis* inter alia through the Dublin and the Eurodac Regulations.

C. Other acts adopted before entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)³¹

- Council Resolution 97/C 221/03 of 26 June 1997 on unaccompanied minors who are nationals of third countries (OJ C 221 of 19 July 1997, p. 23);
- Council Decision (97/420/JHA) of 26 June 1997 on monitoring the implementation of instruments adopted concerning asylum (OJ L 178 of 7 July 1997, p. 6);
- Joint Position (96/196/JHA) of 4 March 1996 defined by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union on the harmonized application of the definition of the term 'refugee' in Article 1 of the Geneva Convention of 28 July 1951 relating to the status of refugees (OJ L 63 of 13 of March 1996, p. 2);
- Council Decision (96/198/JHA) of 4 March 1996 on an alert and emergency procedure for burden-sharing with regard to the admission and residence of displaced persons on a temporary basis (OJ L 063 of 13 of March 1996, p. 10);
- Council Decision of 23 November 1995 on publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities of acts and other texts adopted by the Council in the field of asylum and immigration (OJ C 274 of 19 of September 1996, p. 1);
- Council Resolution of 25 September 1995 on burden-sharing with regard to the admission and residence of displaced persons on a temporary basis (OJ C 262 of 7 October 1995, p. 1);
- Council Resolution of 20 June 1995 on minimum guarantees for asylum procedures (OJ L 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 13);
- Resolution adopted 30 November 1992 on a harmonised approach to questions concerning host third countries: Document WG I 1283;
- Resolution adopted 30 November 1992 on manifestly unfounded applications for asylum: Document WG I 1282 REV 1;
- Conclusions adopted the 30 November 1992 concerning countries in which there is generally no serious risk of persecutions: Document WG I 1281.

EXTERNAL BORDERS

A. Conventions to which accession is obligatory

None

B. Joint Actions, Joint Positions (Maastricht Treaty); Common Positions, Framework Decisions and Decisions (Amsterdam Treaty) Instruments adopted under the TEC

- Joint Position 96/622/JHA of 25 October 1996 defined by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 (2) (a) of the Treaty on European Union, on pre-frontier assistance and training assignments (OJ L 281 of 31 October 1996, p. 1);
- Joint Action 98/700/JHA of 3 December 1998 adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union concerning the setting up of a European Image Archiving System (FADO - False and Authentic Documents) (OJ L 333 of 9 December 1998, p. 4);
- Council Decision 2000/261/JHA of 27 March 2000 on the improved exchange of information to combat counterfeit travel documents (OJ L 81 of 1 April 2000, p.1);

³¹ Relevant insofar as the later legislation has not replaced them.

- ▶ Commission Decision C(2004)248 of 5 February 2004 on the management and monitoring of the Schengen Facility;
- ▶ Council Directive 2004/82/EC of 29 April on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data (OJ L 261 of 6 August 2004, p. 24)³²;
- ▶ Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 of 26 October 2004 establishing a European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 349 of 25 November 2004, p. 1);
 - ❖ Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a mechanism for the creation of Rapid Border Intervention Teams and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004 as regards that mechanism and regulating the tasks and powers of guest officers (OJ L 199 of 31 July 2007, p. 30);
 - Council Decision (2005/358/EC) of 26 April 2005 designating the seat of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union, (OJ L 114 of 4 May 2005, p. 13);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/511/EC of 15 February on the conclusion, on behalf of the Community, and on the provisional application of the Arrangement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 188 of 20 July 2007, p. 15);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/512/EC of 15 February on the signing, on behalf of the Community, and on the provisional application of the Arrangement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 188 of 20 July 2007, p. 17);
 - ❖ Arrangement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of the participation by those States in the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 188 of 20 July 2007, p. 19);
- ▶ Council Regulation (EC) No 2252/2004 of 13 December 2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States (OJ L 385 of 29 December 2004, p. 1);
 - Commission Decision of 28 February 2005 laying down the technical specifications on the standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States (C(2005) 409 final);
 - Commission decision of 28 June 2006 laying down the technical specifications on the standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States (C (2006) 2909);
- ⌘ Regulation (EC) No 444/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 May 2009 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2252/2004 on standards for security features and biometrics in passports and travel documents issued by Member States (OJ L 142 of 6 June 2009, p. 1);
- Regulation (EC) N° 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing a Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across the borders (Schengen Borders Code) (OJ L 105 of 13 April 2006, p. 1)³³;

³² This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "Fight against illegal migration and return".

³³ Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 repealed from the date of its entry into force (a) the Common Manual (OJ C313 of 16 December 2002, p. 97), including its annexes;(b) the decisions of the Schengen Executive Committee of 26 April 1994 (SCH/Com-ex (94) 1, rev 2), 22 December 1994 (SCH/Com-ex (94)17, rev. 4) and 20 December 1995 (SCH/Com-ex (95) 20, rev. 2);(c) Annex 7 to the Common Consular Instructions;(d) Council Regulation (EC) No 790/2001 of 24 April 2001 reserving to the Council implementing powers with regard to certain detailed provisions and practical procedures for carrying out border checks and surveillance (OJ L 116 of 26 April 2001, p. 5), modified by Decision 2004/927/CE OJ L 396 of 31 December 2004, p. 45);(e) Council Decision 2004/581/EC of 29 April 2004 determining the minimum indications to be used on signs at external border crossing points (OJ L 261 of 6 August 2004, p. 119);(f) Council Decision 2004/574/EC of 29 April 2004 amending the Common Manual (OJ L 261 of 6 August 2004, p. 36);(g) Council Regulation (EC) No 2133/2004 of 13 December 2004 on the requirement for the competent authorities of the Member States to stamp systematically the travel documents of third country

- ◆ Regulation (EC) No 296/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 establishing a Community Code on rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code), as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission (OJ L 97 of 9 April 2008, p. 60);
- ⌘ Regulation (EC) No 81/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the use of the Visa Information System (VIS) under the Schengen Borders Code (OJ L 35 of 4 February 2009, p. 56);
- ★ Regulation (EU) No 265/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 March 2010 amending the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement and the Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards movement of persons with a long stay visa (OJ L 85 of 31 March 2010, p. 1);
- ★ Council Decision of 26 April 2010 supplementing the Schengen Borders Code as regards the surveillance of the sea external borders in the context of operational cooperation coordinated by the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (OJ L 111 of 4 May 2010, p. 20);
- ☑ Decision No 1105/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the list of travel documents which entitle the holder to cross the external borders and which may be endorsed with a visa and on setting up a mechanism for establishing this list.
- Commission Recommendation of 6 November 2006 establishing a common "Practical Handbook for Border Guards (Schengen Handbook)" to be used by Member States' competent authorities when carrying out the border control of persons (C(2006) 5186 final);
 - ◆ Commission Recommendation of 25 June 2008 amending the Recommendation establishing a common "Practical Handbook for Border Guards (Schengen Handbook)" to be used by Member States' competent authorities when carrying out the border control of persons (C (2006) 5186 final) (C (2008) 2976 final);
- Regulation (EC) No 1931/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 laying down rules on local border traffic at the external land borders of the Member States and amending the provisions of the Schengen Convention (OJ L 405 of 30 December 2006, p. 1. Corrigendum published in OJ L 29 of 3 February 2007, p. 3);
- ❖ Decision No 574/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" (OJ L 144 of 6 June 2007, p. 22);
 - ❖ Commission Decision (2007/599/EC) of 27 August 2007 implementing Decision No 574/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the adoption of strategic guidelines for 2007 to 2013 (OJ L 233 of 6 September 2007, p. 3);
 - ◆ Commission Decision (2008/456/EC) of 5 March 2008 laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No 574/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (notified under number C(2008) 789 final, OJ L 167 of 27 June 2008, p. 1);
- ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/538/EC of 10 July 2009 amending Decision 2008/456/EC of 5 March 2008 laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No 574/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund³⁴ (OJ L 180 of 11 July 2009, p. 20);
- ★ Commission Decision 2010/69/EU of 8 February 2010 amending Decision 2008/456/EC of 5 March 2008 laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No 574/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as

nationals when they cross the external borders of the Member States and amending the provisions of the Convention implementing the Schengen agreement and the Common Manual to this end (OJ L 369 of 16 December 2004, p. 5).

³⁴ Notified under document number C(2009) 5373.

regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund³⁵ (OJ L 36 of 9 February 2010, p. 30);

- ✓ Commission Decision 2011/148/EU of 2 March 2011 amending Decision 2008/456/EC laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 574/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (notified under document C(2011) 1160), (OJ L 61, 8.3.2011, p. 28–41);
- ✓ Council Decision 2011/305/EU of 21 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on supplementary rules in relation to the External Borders Fund for the period 2007 to 2013, (OJ L 137, 25.5.2011, p. 1–2).

C. Other European Union Instruments and documents

- Council Recommendation 98/C 189/02 of 28 May 1998 on the provision of forgery detection equipment at ports of entry to the European Union (OJ C 189 of 17 June 1998, p. 19);
- Resolution 2000/C 310/01 of the representatives of the governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council of 17 October 2000 supplementing the Resolutions of 23 June 1981, 30 June 1982, 14 July 1986 and 10 July 1995 as regards the security characteristics of passports and other travel documents (OJ C 310 of 28 October 2000, p. 1);
- ⌘ Council Decision 2009/917/JHA of 30 November 2009 on the use of information technology for customs purposes (OJ L 323 of 10 December 2009, p. 20).

VISA

A. Conventions to which accession is obligatory

None

B. Joint Actions, Joint Positions (Maastricht Treaty); Common Positions, Framework Decisions and Decisions (Amsterdam Treaty) Instruments adopted under the TEC³⁶

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas (OJ L 164, of 14 July 1995, p. 1);
 - o Council Regulation (EC) No 334/2002 of 18 February 2002 amending Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 laying down a uniform format for visas (OJ L 53 of 23 February 2002, p. 7);
 - o Commission Decision of 7 February 1996 and Commission Decision of 3 June 2002 laying down further technical specifications for the uniform format for visas (not published);
 - ◆ Council Regulation (EC) No 856/2008 of 24 July 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1683/95 of 29 May 1995 laying down a uniform format for visas (OJ L 235 of 2 September 2008, p. 1);

³⁵ Notified under document number C(2010) 694.

³⁶ See also, for information purpose, Council Regulation (EC) No 1295/2003 of 15 July 2003 relating to measures envisaged to facilitate the procedures for applying for and issuing visas for members of the Olympic family taking part in the 2004 Olympic or Paralympic Games in Athens (OJ L 183 of 20 July 2003, p. 1) and Regulation (EC) No 2046/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2005 relating to measures envisaged to facilitate the procedures for applying for and issuing visas for members of the Olympic family taking part in the 2006 Olympic and/or Paralympic Winter Games in Turin (OJ L 334 of 20 December 2005, p. 1).

- Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 81 of 21 March 2001, p. 1);
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2414/2001 of 7 December 2001 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders of Member States and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 327 of 12 December 2001, p. 1);
- Council Regulation (EC) No 453/2003 of 6 March 2003 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 69 of 6 March 2003, p. 10)³⁷;
- Council Regulation (EC) No 851/2005 of 2 June 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement as regards the reciprocity mechanism (OJ L 141 of 4 June 2005, p. 3)³⁸;
- Statement on Council Regulation (EC), No 851/2005 of 2 June 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 as regards the reciprocity mechanism (OJ L 185 of 16 July 2005, p. 1);
- Council Regulation (EC) No 1932/2006 of 21 December 2006 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 405 of 30 December 2006, p. 23. Corrigendum published in OJ L 29 of 3 February 2007, p. 10);
- ⌘ Council Regulation (EC) No 1244/2009 of 30 November 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (OJ L 336 of 18 December 2009, p. 1);
- Council Decision (2003/330/EC) of 19 December 2002 on declassifying the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications) (OJ L 116 of 13 May 2003, p. 22);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/519/EC of 16 July 2007 amending Part 2 of the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications) (OJ L 192 of 24 July 2007, p. 26);
- ❖ Council Decision (2007/866/EC) of 6 December 2007 amending Part I of the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications) (OJ L 340 of 22 December 2007, p. 92);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/910/EC of 27 November 2008 amending Parts 1 and 2 of the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications) (OJ L 328 of 6 December 2008, p. 38);
- ✓ Council Decision 2011/369/EU of 9 June 2011 amending the Schengen consultation network (technical specifications) OJ L 166, 25.6.2011, p. 22–25;
- o Common Consular Instructions on visas for the diplomatic missions and consular posts (OJ C 313 of 16 December 2002, p. 1 and OJ C 326 of 22 December 2005, p. 1)³⁹;

³⁷ See also Communication from the Commission pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 of 15 March 2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2414/2001 of 7 December 2001 (OJ C 68 of 21 March 2003, p.1).

³⁸ See related notifications: notification by the Czech Republic concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 163 of 5 July 2005, p. 1); notifications concerning visa reciprocity by the Slovak Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Greece, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Portugal, Cyprus, Malta, Hungary, Italy and Finland (OJ C 251 of 11 October 2005, p. 1); notification by Denmark concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 277 of 10 November 2005, p. 1); notification by Sweden concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 277 of 10 November 2005, p. 1); notification by the Republic of Austria concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 277 of 10 November 2005, p. 2); notification by Iceland concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 310 of 8 December 2005, p. 1); notification by the Slovak Republic concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 327 of 23 December 2005, p. 1); notification by the Republic of Estonia concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 327 of 23 December 2005, p. 2); notification by Estonia concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 27 of 3 February 2006, p. 1); notification by Bulgaria concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 75 of 3 April 2007, p. 5); notification by Romania concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 75 of 3 April 2007, p. 6); notification by Romania concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 19 of 25 January 2008, p. 1); notification by Bulgaria concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 62 of 7 March 2008, p. 2); notification by Romania concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 161 of 25 June 2008, p. 2); notification by Romania concerning visa reciprocity (OJ C 161 of 25 June 2008, p. 3).

³⁹ Publication of the Common Consular Instructions as adopted by the Executive Committee established by the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement including subsequent modifications (Council Decision 2001/329/EC of 24 April 2001 updating part VI and Annexes 3, 6 and 13 of the Common Consular Instructions and Annexes 5(a), 6(a) and 8 to the Common Manual (OJ L 116 of 26 April 2001, p. 32); Council Decision 2001/420/EC of 28 May 2001 on the adaptation of Parts V and VI and Annex 13 of the Common Consular Instructions on Visas and Annex 6a to the Common Manual with regard to long-stay visas valid concurrently as short-stay visas, (OJ L 150 of 6 June 2001, p. 47); Council Decision 2002/44/EC of 20 December 2001 amending Part VII and Annex 12 to the

- Council Decision 2003/454/EC of 13 June 2003 amending Annex 12 of the Common Consular Instructions and Annex 14a of the Common Manual on visa fees (OJ L 152 of 20 June 2003, p. 82);
- Council Decision 2003/585/EC of 28 July 2003 amending Annex 2, Schedule A, of the Common Consular Instructions and Annex 5, Schedule A, of the Common Manual on the visa requirements for holders of Pakistani diplomatic passports (OJ L 198 of 6 August 2003, p. 13);
- Council Decision 2003/586/EC of 28 July 2003 on the amendment of Annex 3, Part I, of the Common Consular Instructions and Annex 5a, Part I, of the Common Manual on third country nationals subject to airport visa requirements (OJ L 198 of 6 August 2003, p. 15);
- ◆ Council Decision (2008/374/EC) of 29 April 2008 amending Annex 3, Part I, to the Common Consular Instructions on third-country nationals subject to airport visa requirements (OJ L 129 of 17 May 2008, p. 46);
- ◆ Council Decision (2008/859/EC) of 4 November 2008 amending Annex 3, Part I, of the Common Consular Instructions on third country nationals subject to airport visa requirements (OJ L 303 of 14 November 2008, p. 19);
- ▶ Council Decision 2004/14 of 22 December 2003 amending the third subparagraph (Basic criteria for examining applications) of Part V of the Common Consular Instructions 22.12.2003 (OJ L 5 of 9 January 2004, p. 74);
- ▶ Council Decision 2004/15 of 22 December 2003 amending point 1.2 of Part II of the Common Consular Instructions and drawing up a new Annex thereto (OJ L 5 of 9 January 2004, p. 76);
- ▶ Council Decision 2004/16 of 22 December 2003 on downgrading Annex 5 to the Common Consular Instructions and the corresponding Annex 14b to the Common Manual and on declassifying Annexes 9 and 10 to the Common Consular Instructions and the corresponding Annexes 6b and 6c to the Common Manual (OJ L 5 of 9 January 2004, p. 78);
- ▶ Council Decision 2004/17 of 22 December 2003 amending Part V, point 1.4, of the Common Consular Instructions and Part I, point 4.1.2 of the Common Manual as regards inclusion of the requirement to be in possession of travel medical insurance as one of the supporting documents for the grant of a uniform entry visa (OJ L 5 of 9 January 2004, p. 79);
- Council Decision 2006/440/EC of 1 June 2006 amending Annex 12 to the Common Consular Instructions and Annex 14a to the Common Manual on the fees to be charged corresponding to the administrative costs of processing visa applications (OJ L 175 of 29 June 2006, p. 77);
- Council Decision (2006/684/EC) of 5 October 2006 amending Annex 2, Schedule A, to the Common Consular Instructions on the visa requirements for holders of Indonesian diplomatic and service passports (OJ L 208 of 12 October 2006, p. 29);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/905/EC of 27 November 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers (OJ L 327 of 5 December 2008, p. 19); Council Decision 2008/972/EC of 18 December 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers (OJ L 345 of 23 December 2008, p. 88);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/972/EC of 18 December 2008 amending Annex 13 to the Common Consular Instructions on filling in visa stickers (OJ L 345 of 23 December 2008, p. 88);
- ⌘ Council Decision (2009/171/EC) of 10 February 2009 amending Annex 2, Schedule A, to the Common Consular Instructions on the visa for the diplomatic missions and consular posts, in relation to visa requirements for holders of Indonesian diplomatic and service passports (OJ L 61 of 5 March 2009, p. 17);
- ⌘ Regulation (EC) No 390/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 amending the Common Consular Instructions on visas for diplomatic missions and consular posts in

Common Consular Instructions and Annex 14a to the Common Manual (OJ L 20 of 23 January 2002, p. 5); Council Decision 2002/354/EC of 25 April 2002 on the adaptation of Part III of, and the creation of an Annex 16 to, the Common Consular Instructions (OJ L 123 of 9 May 2002, p. 50); Council Decision 2002/585/EC of 12 July 2002 on the adaptation of parts III and VIII of the common consular instructions, (OJ L 187 of 16 July 2002, p. 44); Council Decision 2002/586/EC of 12 July 2002 on the amendment of part VI of the common consular instructions (OJ L 187 of 16 July 2002, p. 48). A proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending the Common Consular Instructions on visas for diplomatic missions and consular posts in relation to the introduction of biometrics including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications was presented by the Commission on 31 May 2006 (COM(2006)269 final).

- relation to the introduction of biometric including provisions on the organisation of the reception and processing of visa applications (OJ L 131 of 28 May 2009, p. 1);
- ★ Council Decision 2010/50/EU of 25 January 2010 amending Annex 2, Schedule A, to the Common Consular Instructions on visas for the diplomatic missions and consular posts, in relation to visa requirements for holders of diplomatic passports from Saudi Arabia (OJ L 26 of 30 January 2010, p. 22);
 - o Council Regulation (EC) No 333/2002 of 18 February 2002 on a uniform format for forms for affixing the visa issued by Member States to persons holding travel documents not recognised by the Member State drawing up the form (OJ L 53 of 23 February 2002, p. 4);
 - o Commission Decision of 12 August 2002 laying down the technical specifications for the uniform format for affixing the visa issued by Member States to persons holding travel documents not recognised by the Member State drawing up the form (not published);
 - o Council Regulation No 1030/2002/EC of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (OJ L 157 of 15 June 2002, p. 1)
 - o Commission Decision of 14 August 2002 laying down the technical specifications for the uniform format for residence permits for third country nationals (not published);
 - ◆ Council Regulation (EC) No 380/2008 of 18 April 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (OJ L 115 of 29 April 2008, p. 1);
 - Council Regulation 693/2003/EC of 14 April 2003 establishing a specific Facilitated Transit Document (FTD), a Facilitated Rail Transit Document (FRTD) and amending the Common Consular Instructions and the Common Manual (OJ L 99 of 17 April 2003, p. 8);
 - Council Regulation No 694/2003 of 14 April 2003 on uniform formats for Facilitated Transit Documents (FTD and Facilitated Rail Transit Documents (FRTD) provided for in Regulation (EC) No 693/2003 (OJ L 99 of 17 April 2003, p. 15);
 - Council Decision 2004/512/EC of 8 June 2004 establishing the Visa Information System (VIS) (OJ L 213 of 15 June 2004, p. 5. Corrigendum published in OJ L 271 of 30 September 2006, p. 85);
 - Commission Decision (2006/648/EC) of 22 September 2006 laying down the technical specifications on the standards for biometric features related to the development of the Visa Information System, (OJ L 267 of 27 September 2006, p. 41);
 - Commission Decision (2006/752/EC) of 3 November 2006 establishing the sites for the Visa Information System during the development phase (OJ L 305 of 4 November 2006, p. 13);
 - ◆ Commission Decision 2008/602/EC of 17 June 2008 laying down the physical architecture and requirements of the national interfaces and of the communication infrastructure between the central VIS and the national interfaces for the development phase (OJ L 194 of 23 July 2008, p. 3);
 - ◆ Commission Decision 2008/602/EC of 17 June 2008 laying down the physical architecture and requirements of the national interfaces and of the communication infrastructure between the central VIS and the national interfaces for the development phase (OJ L 194 of 23 July 2008, p. 3)
 - ◆ Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (VIS Regulation) (OJ L 218 of 13 August 2008, p. 60);
 - ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/377/EC of 5 May 2009 adopting implementing measures for the consultation mechanism and the other procedures referred to in article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 767/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Visa Information System (VIS) and the exchange of data between Member States on short-stay visas (VIS Regulation) (OJ L 117 of 12 May 2009, p. 3);
 - ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/756/EC of 9 October 2009 laying down specifications for the resolution and use of fingerprints for biometric identification and verification in the Visa Information System (OJ L 270 of 15 October 2009, p. 14)⁴⁰;

⁴⁰ Notified under document C(2009) 7435.

- ★ Commission Decision 2010/49/EC of 30 November 2009 determining the first regions for the start of operations of the Visa Information System (VIS) (notified under document C(2009) 8542) (OJ L 23 of 27 January 2010, p. 62);
- ★ Commission Decision 2010/260/EU of 4 May 2010 on the Security Plan for the operation of the Visa Information System (OJ L 112 of 5 May 2010, p. 25);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/633/JHA of 23 June 2008 concerning access for consultation of the Visa Information System (VIS) by designated authorities of Member States and by Europol for the purposes of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences (OJ L 218 of 13 August 2008, p. 129)
- ☑ **Commission Implementing Decision 2011/636/EU of 21 September 2011 determining the date from which the Visa Information System (VIS) is to start operations in a first region**
- Council Decision 2005/367/CE of 14 April 2005 authorising Member States to ratify in the interests of the Community the Seafarer's Identity Document Convention of the International Labour Organisation (Convention 185) (OJ L 136 of 30 May 2005, p. 1);
- Decision No 895/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 introducing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on unilateral recognition by the Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia of certain documents as equivalent to their national visas for the purposes of transit through their territories (OJ L 167 of 20 June 2006, p. 1)⁴¹;
- Decision No 896/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 establishing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein for the purpose of transit through their territory (OJ L 167 of 20 June 2006, p. 8)⁴²;
- ◆ Decision No 586/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 amending Decision No 896/2006/EC establishing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by the Member States of certain residence permits issued by Switzerland and Liechtenstein for the purpose of transit through their territory (OJ L 162 of 21 June 2008, p. 27);
- ◆ Decision No 582/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 introducing a simplified regime for the control of persons at the external borders based on the unilateral recognition by Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania of certain documents as equivalent to their national visas for the purposes of transit through their territories (OJ L 161 of 20 June 2008, p. 30);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/340/EC of 19 April 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation (OJ L 129 of 17 May 2007, p. 25);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/821/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 84);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/822/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 96);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/823/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Montenegro on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 108);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/824/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Former Republic of Macedonia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 120);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/825/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Serbia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 136);

⁴¹ Also relevant for visas.

⁴² Also relevant for visas.

- ❖ Council Decision 2007/826/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Moldova on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 168);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/840/EC of 29 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (OJ L 332 of 18 December 2007, p. 66);
- ✓ Council Decision 2011/117/EC of 18 January 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas, (OJ L 52, 25.2.2011, p. 33–33);
- ⌘ Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code) (OJ L 243 of 15 September 2009, p. 1).

C. Other European Union Instruments and documents

- Council Recommendation 96/C 80/01 of 4 March 1996 relating to local consular cooperation regarding visas (OJ C 80 of 18 March 1996, p. 1);
- Council Recommendation 1999/C 140/01 of 29 April 1999 on the provisions for the detection of falsified documents in the visa departments of representations abroad and in the offices of domestic authorities dealing with the issue or extension of visas (OJ C 140 of 20 May 1999, p. 1);
- Council Decision (2004/265/EC) of 8 March concerning the conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the National Tourism Administration of the People's Republic of China (ADS) (OJ L 83 of 30 March 2004, p. 12);
- ▶ Commission Recommendation 2004/645/EC of 16 September 2004 on the implementation by the consular offices of the Member States of the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Community and the National Tourism Administration of the People's Republic of China on visa and related issues concerning tourist groups from the People's Republic of China (ADS) (notified under document number C(2004) 2886) (OJ L 296 of 21 September 2004, p. 23);
- Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council 2005/761/EC of 28 September 2005 to facilitate the issue by the Member States of uniform short-stay visas for researchers from third countries travelling within the Community for the purpose of carrying out scientific research (OJ L 289 of 3 November 2005, p. 23);
- Council Recommendation (2005/762/EC) of 12 October 2005 to facilitate the admission of third-country nationals to carry out scientific research in the European Community (OJ L 289 of 3 November 2005, p. 26).

IMMIGRATION

ADMISSION

A. Legislative acts adopted after entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)

- ☑ 13/12/2011 - Directive 2011/98/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on a single application procedure for a single permit for third-country nationals to reside and work in the territory of a Member State and on a common set of rights for third-country workers legally residing in a Member State.
- ❖ Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers (OJ L 199 of 31 July 2007, p. 23)⁴³;
- ❖ Regulation (EC) No 1905/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation (OJ L 378 of 27 December 2006) –

⁴³ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

Thematic Programme on cooperation with third countries in the areas of migration and asylum (Article 16)⁴⁴;

- Council Decision 2006/688/EC of 5 October 2006 on the establishment of a mutual information mechanism concerning Member States' measures in the areas of asylum and immigration (OJ L 283 of 14 October 2006, p. 40);
- Council Directive 2005/71/EC of 12 October 2005 on a specific procedure for admitting third-country nationals for the purposes of scientific research (OJ L 289 of 3 November 2005, p. 15);
- ▶ Council Decision 2004/927/EC of 22 December 2004 providing for certain areas covered by Title IV of Part Three of the Treaty establishing the European Community to be governed by the procedure laid down in Article 251 of that Treaty (OJ L 396 of 31 December 2004, p. 45)⁴⁵;
- ▶ Council Directive 2004/114/EC of 13 December 2004 on the conditions of admission of third-country nationals for the purposes of studies, pupil exchange, unremunerated training or voluntary service (OJ L 375 of 23 December 2004, p. 12);
- ▶ Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States amending Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 and repealing Directives 64/221/EEC, 68/360/EEC, 72/194/EEC, 73/148/EEC, 75/34/EEC, 75/35/EEC, 90/364/EEC, 90/365/EEC and 93/96/EEC (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 158 of 30 April 2004, p. 77)⁴⁶;
- Council Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long term residents (OJ L 16 of 23 of January 2004, p. 44);
- ✓ Directive 2011/51/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2011 amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC to extend its scope to beneficiaries of international protection Text with EEA relevance (OJ L 132, 19.5.2011, p. 1–4);
- Council Directive 2003/86/EC of 22 September 2003 on the right to family reunification (OJ L 251 of 3 October 2003, p. 12);
- o Council Regulation (EC) No 1030/2002 of 13 June 2002 laying down a uniform format for residence permits for third-country nationals (OJ L 157 of 15 June 2002, p. 1);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/381/EC of 14 May 2008 establishing a European Migration Network (OJ L 131 of 12 May 2008, p. 7);
- ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/350/EC of 28 April 2009 on the request by Ireland to accept Council Decision 2008/381/EC establishing a European Migration Network (notified under document number C(2009) 2708) (OJ L 108 of 29 April 2009, p. 53);
- ❖ Council Decision N° 2007/435/EC of 25 June 2007 establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows, (OJ L 168 of 28 June 2007, p. 18);
- ❖ Commission Decision (2007/599/EC) of 21 August 2007 implementing Council Decision 2007/435/EC as regards the adoption of strategic guidelines for 2007 to 2013 (C(2007)3926);
- ◆ Commission Decision (2008/457/EC) of 5 March 2008 laying down the rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2007/435/EC establishing the European Fund for the integration of third-country nationals the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (OJ L167, 27 June 2008, p. 69);
- ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/534/EC of 9 July 2009 amending Decision 2008/457/EC of 5 March 2008 laying down the rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2007/435/EC establishing the European Fund for the integration of third-country nationals the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and

⁴⁴ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

⁴⁵ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

⁴⁶ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "EU citizenship".

control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund⁴⁷ (OJ L179 of 10 July 2009, p. 64);

- ★ Commission Decision 2010/173/EC of 22 March 2010 amending Decision 2008/457/EC of 5 March 2008 laying down the rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2007/435/EC establishing the European Fund for the integration of third-country nationals the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund⁴⁸ (OJ L75 of 23 March 2010, p. 35);
- ✓ Commission Decision 2011/151/EU of 3 March 2011 amending Decision 2008/457/EC laying down rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2007/435/EC establishing the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (notified under document C(2011) 1289) (OJ L 62, 9.3.2011, p. 32–45);
- ⌘ Council Directive 2009/50/EC of 25 May 2009 on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of highly qualified employment (OJ L 155 of 18 June 2009, p. 17).

B. Other acts adopted before entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)⁴⁹

- Joint principles for the exchange of data in CIREFI: Doc 9987/98 CIREFI 48;
- Council Resolution 97/C 221/03 of 26 June 1997 on unaccompanied minors who are nationals of third countries (OJ C 221 of 19 July 1997, p. 23);
- Joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3.2.b of the Treaty on European Union concerning travel facilities for school pupils from third countries resident in a Member State (OJ L 327 of 19 December 1994, p. 1);
- Council Resolution of 30 November 1994 relating to the limitations on the admission of third-country nationals to the territory of the Member States for the purpose of pursuing activities as self-employed persons (OJ C 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 7);
- Council Conclusions of 30 November 1994 on the organization and development of the Centre for Information, Discussion and Exchange on the Crossing of Frontiers and Immigration (Cirefi) (OJ C 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 50)⁵⁰;
- Council Resolution of 20 June 1994 on limitation on admission of third-country nationals to the territory of the Member States for employment (OJ C 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 3).

FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL MIGRATION AND RETURN

A. Legislative acts adopted after entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)

- Council Decision 2005/267/EC of 16 March 2005 establishing a secure web-based Information and Coordination Network for Member States' Migration Management Services (OJ L 83 of 1 April 2005, p. 48);
 - Commission Decision of 15 December 2005 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Decision 2005/267/EC establishing a secure web-based Information and Co-ordination Network for Member States' Migration Management Services (C(2005)5159);

⁴⁷ Notified under document number C(2009) 5251.

⁴⁸ Notified under document number C(2010) 1713.

⁴⁹ Relevant insofar as the later legislation has not replaced them.

⁵⁰ Also relevant for expulsion.

- ▶ Council Decision 2004/573/EC of 29 April 2004 on the organisation of joint flights for removals from the territory of two or more Member States, of third-country nationals who are subjects of individual removal orders (OJ L 261 of 6 August 2004, p. 28);
- ▶ Council Directive 2004/82/EC of 29 April 2004 on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data (OJ L 261 of 6 August 2004, p. 24)⁵¹;
- ☑ Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (corrigendum)
- ☑ Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA
- ✓ Commission Decision 2011/502/EU of 10 August 2011 on setting up the Group of Experts on Trafficking in Human Beings and repealing Decision 2007/675/EC (OJ L 207, 12.8.2011, p.14-21);
- ✓ Directive 2011/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings and protecting its victims, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/629/JHA, (OJ L 101, 15.4.2011, p. 1–11);
- ▶ Council Directive 2004/81/EC of 29 April 2004 on the residence permit issued to third-country nationals who are victims of trafficking in human beings or who have been the subject of an action to facilitate illegal immigration, who cooperate with the competent authorities (OJ L 261 of 6 August 2004, p. 19);
- ▶ Council Regulation (EC) No 377/2004 of 19 February 2004 on the creation of an immigration liaison officers network (OJ L 64 of 2 of March 2004, p. 1);
- Commission Decision of 29 September 2005 (2005/687/EC) on the format for the report on the activities of immigration liaison officers networks and on the situation in the host country in matters relating to illegal immigration (notified under document number C (2005) 1508 (OJ L 264 of 8 of October 2005, p. 8);
- ✓ Regulation (EU) No 493/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2011 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 377/2004 on the creation of an immigration liaison officers network, OJ L 141, 27.5.2011, p. 13–16;
- Council Directive 2003/110/EC of 25 November 2003 on assistance in cases of transit for the purposes of removal by air, (OJ L 321 of 06 of December 2003, p. 26);
- o Council Framework Decision 2002/946/JHA of 28 November 2002 on the strengthening of the penal framework to prevent the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and residence (OJ L 328 of 5 December 2002, p. 1)⁵²;
- o Council Directive 2002/90/EC of 28 November 2002 defining the facilitation of unauthorised entry, transit and residence (OJ L 328 of 5 December 2002, p. 4);
- Council Directive 2001/51/EC of 28 June 2001 supplementing the provisions of Article 26 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 (OJ L 187 of 10 of July 2001, p. 45);
- Council Directive 2001/40/EC of 28 May 2001 on the mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third country nationals (OJ L 149 of 02 of June 2001, p. 34);
 - ▶ Council Decision 2004/191/EC of 23 February 2004 setting out the criteria and practical arrangements for the compensation of the financial imbalances resulting from the application of Directive 2001/40/EC on the mutual recognition of decisions on the expulsion of third-country nationals (OJ L 60 of 27 of February 2004, p. 55);
- ❖ Decision No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Return Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" (OJ L 144 of 6 June 2007, p. 45);
- ❖ Commission Decision (2007/837/EC) of 30 November 2007 implementing Decision No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the adoption of strategic guidelines for 2008 to 2013 (OJ L 330 of 15 December 2007, p. 48);

⁵¹ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "External borders".

⁵² This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "organised crime, fraud and corruption".

- ◆ Commission Decision (2008/458/EC) of 5 March 2008 Laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Return Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (OJ L167, 27 June 2008, p. 135);
- ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/614/EC of 23 July 2009 amending Decision 2008/458/EC laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Return Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund⁵³ (OJ L 210 of 14 August 2009, p. 36);
- ★ Commission Decision 2010/70/EU of 8 February 2010 amending Decision 2008/458/EC laying down the rules for the implementation of Decision No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 May 2007 establishing the European Return Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund⁵⁴ (OJ L 36 of 9 February 2010, p. 32);
- ✓ 2011/177/EU: Commission Decision of 2 March 2011 amending Decision 2008/458/EC laying down rules for the implementation of Decision No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Return Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows' as regards Member States' management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund (notified under document C(2011) 1159), (OJ L 77, 23.3.2011, p. 32–45);
- ◆ Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member-States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (OJ L 348, 24 December 2008, p. 98);
- ⌘ Council Directive 2009/52/EC of 18 June 2009 providing for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally-staying third country nationals (OJ L 168 of 30 June 2009, p. 24).

B. International Agreements

- ❖ Council Decision 2007/341/EC of 19 April 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on readmission (OJ L 129 of 17 May 2007, p. 38);
- ❖ Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on readmission (OJ L 129 of 17 May 2007, p. 40);
- Council Decision 2006/619/EC of 24 July 2006 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in human beings, especially women and children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime concerning the provisions of the Protocol, in so far as the provisions of the Protocol fall within the scope of Part III, Title IV of the Treaty establishing the European Community (OJ L 262 of 22 September 2006, p. 51);
- Council Decision 2006/617/EC of 24 July 2006 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol against the smuggling of migrants by land, sea and air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime concerning the provisions of the Protocol, in so far as the provisions of the Protocol fall within the scope of Part III, Title IV of the Treaty establishing the European Community (OJ L 262 of 22 September 2006, p. 34);
- Council Decision 2005/809/EC of 7 November 2005 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the readmission of persons residing without authorization (OJ L 304 of 23 November 2005, p. 14);

⁵³ Notified under document number C(2009) 5453.

⁵⁴ Notified under document number C(2010) 695.

- Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 124 of 17 May 2005, p. 22);
- Information relating to the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Albania on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 96 of 5 April 2006, p. 9);
- Council Decision 2005/372/EC of 3 March 2005 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 124 of 17 May 2005, p. 41);
 - Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 124 of 17 May 2005, p. 43);
 - Information relating to the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 138 of 1 June 2005, p. 17);
- ▶ Council Decision 2004/424/EC of 21 April 2004 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 143 of 30 April 2004, p. 97);
 - ▶ Agreement between the European Community and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 143 of 30 April 2004, p. 99);
 - ▶ Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 258 of 5 August 2004 p. 17);
- Council Decision 2004/80/EC of 17 December 2003 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 17 of 24 of January 2004, p. 23);
 - ▶ Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 17 of 24 of January 2004, p. 25);
 - ▶ Information on the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 64 of 2 March 2004, p. 38);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/839/EC of 29 November 2007 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on readmission of persons - Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on the readmission of persons (OJ L 332 of 18 December 2007, p. 46);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/817/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation - Agreement between the European Community and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 1);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/818/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Montenegro on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation - Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Montenegro on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 25);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/819/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Serbia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation - Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Serbia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 45);
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/820/EC of 8 November 2007 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the readmission of persons residing without

authorisation - Agreement between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation (OJ L 334 of 19 December 2007, p. 65);

- ✓ Council Decision 2011/118/EU of 18 January 2011 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation, (OJ L 52, 25.2.2011, p. 45–46);
- ✓ Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation, (OJ L 52, 25.2.2011, p. 47–65).

C. Other acts adopted before entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)⁵⁵

- Council Decision on the inclusion of model readmission clauses in Community agreements and in agreements between the European Community, its Member States and third countries. Doc. 13409/99 MIGR 69;
- Council Resolution of 4 December 1997 on measures to be adopted on the combating of marriages of convenience (OJ C 382 of 16 December 1997, p. 1);
- Council Decision (97/340/JHA) of 26 May 1997 on the exchange of information concerning assistance for the voluntary repatriation of third-country nationals (OJ L 147 of 5 June 1997, p. 3);
- Council Recommendation of 27 September 1996 on combating the illegal employment of third-country nationals (OJ C 304 of 14 October 1996, p. 1);
- Council Conclusions of 4 March 1996 concerning readmission clauses for future mixed agreements: Documents 4272/96 ASIM 6 et 5457/96 ASIM 37;
- Council Recommendation of 22 December 1995 on concerted action and cooperation in carrying out expulsion measures (OJ C 5 of 10 January 1996, p. 3);
- Council Recommendation of 22 December 1995 on harmonizing means of combating illegal immigration and illegal employment and improving the relevant means of control (OJ C 5 of 10 January 1996, p. 1);
- Council Recommendation of 24 July 1995 on the guiding principles to be followed in drawing up protocols on the implementation of readmission agreements (OJ C 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 25);
- Council Recommendation of 30 November 1994 concerning the adoption of a standard travel document for the expulsion of third-country nationals (OJ C 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 18);
- Council Recommendation of 30 November 1994 concerning a specimen bilateral readmission agreement between a Member State and a third country (OJ C 274 of 19 September 1996, p. 20);
- Recommendation of the 1st June 1993 concerning checks on and expulsion of third country nationals residing or working without authorisation: Document WGI 1516;
- Recommendation of 30 November 1992 regarding practices followed by Member States on expulsion: Document WGI 1266;
- Recommendation of the 30 November 1992 concerning transit for the purpose of expulsion: Document WGI 1266.

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- Council Decision 1999/435/EC of 20 May 1999 concerning the definition of the Schengen acquis for the purpose of determining, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Treaty establishing the European

⁵⁵ Relevant insofar as the later legislation has not replaced them.

⁵⁶ Council Directive 2001/51/EC of 28 June 2001 supplementing the provisions of Article 26 of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 (OJ L 187 of 10 July 2001, p. 45) is listed under the section on migration.

Community and the Treaty on European Union, the legal basis for each of the provisions or decision which constitute the acquis (OJ L 176 of 10 July 1999, p. 1);

- The Schengen acquis as referred to in Article 1(2) of Council Decision 1999/435/EC of 20 May 1999 (OJ L 239 of 22 September 2000, p. 1);
- Council Decision 1999/436/EC of 20 May 1999 determining, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Treaty establishing the European Community and the Treaty on European Union, the legal basis for each of the provisions or decisions which constitute the Schengen acquis (OJ L 176 of 10 July 1999, p. 17);
- Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two states with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 176 of 10 July 1999, p. 31);
- Council Decision 1999/439/EC of 17 May 1999 on the conclusion of the agreement with the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 176 of 10 July 1999, p. 35);
- Council Decision 2000/29/EC of 28 June 1999 on the Agreement with the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the establishment of rights and obligations between Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the one hand, and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway on the other, in areas of the Schengen acquis which apply to these States (OJ L 15 of 20 January 2000, p. 1);
- Decision No 1/1999 of the EU/Iceland and Norway Mixed Committee established by the agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association in the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis adopting its Rules of Procedure (OJ C 211 of 23 July 1999, p. 9);
 - ▶ Amended by Decision No 1/2004 of the EU/Iceland and Norway Mixed Committee established by the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the latter's association in the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ C 308 of 14 December 2004, p. 1);
- Council Decision 2000/777/EC of 1 December 2000 on the application of the Schengen acquis in Denmark, Finland and Sweden, and in Iceland and Norway (OJ L 309 of 9 December 2000, p. 24);
- Council Decision 1999/848/EC of 13 December 1999 on the full application of the Schengen acquis in Greece (OJ L 327 of 21 December 1999, p. 58);
- Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 131 of 01 June 2000, p. 43);
- o Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 64 of 7 March 2002, p. 20);
 - ▶ Council Decision (EC) 2004/926 of 22 December 2004 on the putting into effect of parts of the Schengen acquis by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (OJ L 395 of 31 December 2004, p. 70);
- ❖ Council Decision of 6 December 2007 (2007/801/EC) on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic (OJ L 323 of 8 December 2007, p. 34);
- ◆ Council Decision (2008/146/EC) of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation, on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 53 of 27 February 2008, p. 1);
- ◆ Council decision 2008/149/JHA of 28 January 2008 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation, on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 53 of 27 February 2008, p. 50);

- ◆ Council Decision (2008/261/EC) of 28 February 2008 on the signature, on behalf of the European Community, and on the provisional application of certain provisions of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 83, 26.3.2008, p. 3);
- ◆ Council Decision (2008/262/EC) of 28 February 2008 on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of certain provisions of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis (OJ L 83, 26.3.2008, p.5. Corrigendum published in OJ L 110, of 22 April 2008, p. 16);
- ✓ Council Decision 2011/350/EU of 7 March 2011 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, relating to the abolition of checks at internal borders and movement of persons, (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 19–20);
 - ▶ Decision N° 1/2004 of the EU/Switzerland Mixed Committee established by the Agreement concluded between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the latter's association in the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis of 26 October 2004 adopting its Rules of Procedure (OJ C 308 of 14 December 2004, p. 2);
 - ◆ Decision No 1/2008 of the EU/Switzerland Mixed Committee established by the Agreement concluded between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation concerning the latter's association in the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis of 28 February 2008 amending its Rules of Procedure (OJ L 83, 26.3.2008, p. 37);
- Council Decision 2000/586/JHA of 28 September 2000 establishing a procedure for amending Articles 40(4) and (5), 41(7) and 65(2) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at common borders (OJ L 248 of 3 October 2000, p. 1);
- Council Decision 2000/645/EC of 17 October 2000 correcting the Schengen acquis as contained in Schengen Executive Committee SCH/Com-ex (94)15 rev (OJ L 272 of 25 October 2000, p. 24);
- Council Decision 2000/641/JHA of 17 October 2000 establishing a secretariat for the joint supervisory data-protection bodies set up by the Convention on the Establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention), the Convention on the Use of Information Technology for Customs Purposes and the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement on the gradual abolition of checks at the common borders (Schengen Convention) (OJ L 271 of 24 October 2000, p. 1);
- Council Decision 2003/725/JHA of 2 October 2003 amending the provisions of Article 40(1) and (7) of the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at common borders (OJ L 260 of 11 October 2003, p. 37);
- Council Decision 2000/265/EC of 27 March 2000 on the establishment of a financial regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment, "SISNET" (OJ L 85 of 6 April 2000, p. 12);
- Council Decision 2000/664/EC of 23 October 2000 amending Decision 2000/265/EC on the establishment of a financial regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment, "SISNET" (OJ L 278 of 31 October 2000, p. 24);
 - Council Decision 2003/171/EC of 27 February 2003 amending Decision 2000/265/EC on the establishment of a financial regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain

- Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment, "Sisnet" (OJ L 69 of 13 March 2003, p. 10);
- ⌘ Council Decision 2009/915/EC of 30 November 2009 amending Council Decision 2000/265/EC of 27 March 2000 on the establishment of a financial regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the communication infrastructure for the Schengen environment, "SISNET" (OJ L 323 of 10 December 2009, p. 9);
 - Council Decision 2003/836/EC of 27 November 2003 on the repeal of the Financial Regulation governing the budgetary aspects of the management by the Secretary-General of the Council, of contracts concluded in his name, on behalf of certain Member States, relating to the installation and the functioning of the "Help Desk Server" of the Management Unit and of the Sirene Network Phase II (OJ L 318 of 3 December 2003, p. 23);
 - ◆ Council Regulation (EC) No 1104/2008 of 24 October 2008 on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 299 of 8 November 2008, p. 1);
 - ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/720/EC of 17 September 2009 laying down the date for the completion of migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 257 of 30 September 2009, p. 26);
 - ★ Council Regulation (EU) No 541/2010 of 3 June 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 1104/2008 on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 155 of 22 June 2010, p. 19);
 - ◆ Council Decision 2008/839/JHA of 24 October 2008 on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 299 of 8 November 2008, p. 43);
 - ⌘ Commission Decision 2009/724/JHA of 17 September 2009 laying down the date for the completion of migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 257 of 30 September 2009, p. 41);
 - ★ Council Regulation (EU) No 542/2010 of 3 June 2010 amending Decision 2009/724/JHA on migration from the Schengen Information System (SIS 1+) to the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 155 of 22 June 2010, p. 23);
 - ❖ Commission Decision (2007/170/EC) of 16 March 2007 laying down the network requirements for the Schengen Information System II (1st pillar) (OJ L 79 of 30 March 2007, p. 20);
 - ❖ Commission Decision (2007/171/EC) of 16 March 2007 laying down the network requirements for the Schengen Information System II (3rd pillar) (OJ L 79 of 20 March 2007, p. 29);
 - Council Decision 2003/835/EC of 27 November 2003 on the repeal of the decision authorising the Secretary-General of the Council in the context of the integration of the Schengen acquis into the framework of the European Union to act as representative of certain Member States for the purposes of concluding contracts relating to the installation and the functioning of the "Help Desk Server" of the Management Unit and of the Sirene Network Phase II and to manage such contracts (OJ L 318 of 3 December 2003, p. 22);
 - ▶ Council Regulation (EC) No 378/2004 of 19 February 2004 on procedures for amending the Sirene Manual (OJ L 64 of 2 March 2004, p. 5);
 - ▶ Council Decision 2004/201/JHA of 19 February 2004 on procedures for amending the Sirene Manual (OJ L 64 of 2 March 2004, p. 45);
 - Commission Decision 2006/757/EC of 22 September 2006 on amending the Sirene Manual (OJ L 317 of 16 November 2006, p. 1);
 - Commission Decision 2006/758/EC of 22 September 2006 on amending the Sirene Manual (OJ L 317 of 16 November 2006, p. 48);
 - ✓ Commission Implementing Decision 2011/406/EU of 1 July 2011 amending the SIRENE Manual (notified under document C(2011) 4574) (OJ L 186, 15.7.2011, p. 1–37);

- ◆ Council Decision 2008/422/EC of 5 June 2008 on declassifying Annex 4 to the SIRENE Manual adopted by the Executive Committee established by the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 (1990 Schengen Convention) (OJ L 149 of 7 June 2008, p. 78);
- ▶ Council Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 of 29 April 2004 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism (OJ L 162 of 30 April 2004, p. 29);
- Council Decision 2005/451/JHA of 13 June 2005 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 158 of 21 June 2005, p. 26);
- Council Decision 2005/728/JHA of 12 October 2005 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 871/2004 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 273 of 19 October 2005, p. 26);
- Council Decision (2006/628/EC) of 24 July 2006 fixing the date of application of Article 1(4) and (5) of Regulation No 871/2004 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism (OJ L 256 of 20 September 2006, p. 15);
- Regulation (EC) No 1160/2005 of 6 July 2005 amending the Convention implementing the Schengen Agreement of 14 June 1985 on the gradual abolition of checks at common borders, as regards access to the Schengen Information System by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing registration certificates for vehicles (Text with EEA relevance) (OJ L 191 of 22 July 2005, p. 18);
- Council Decision 2005/211/JHA of 24 February 2005 concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism (OJ L 068 of 15 March 2005, p. 44);
- Council Decision 2005/719/JHA of 12 October 2005 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 271 of 15 October 2005, p. 54);
- Council Decision 2005/727/JHA of 12 October 2005 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 273 of 19 October 2005, p. 25);
- Council Decision 2005/728/JHA of 12 October 2005 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 273 of 19 October 2005, p. 26);
- Council Decision 2006/228/JHA of 9 March 2006 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 81 of 18 March 2006, p. 45);
- Council Decision 2006/229/JHA of 9 March 2006 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including in the fight against terrorism (OJ L 81 of 18 March 2006, p. 46);
- Council Decision 2006/631/JHA of 24 July 2006 fixing the date of application of certain provisions of Decision 2005/211/JHA concerning the introduction of some new functions for the Schengen Information System, including the fight against terrorism (OJ L 256 of 20 September 2006, p. 18);
- ❖ Council Decision (2007/471/EC) of 12 June 2007 on the application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to the Schengen Information System in the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic (OJ L 179 of 7 July 2007, p. 46);
- Regulation (EC) No 1986/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 regarding access to the Second Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) by the services in the Member States responsible for issuing vehicle registration certificates (OJ L 381 of 28 December 2006, p. 1)⁵⁷;

⁵⁷ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

- Regulation (EC) No 1987/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 381 of 28 December 2006, p. 4)⁵⁸;
- ❖ Council Decision 2007/533/JHA of 12 June 2007 on the establishment, operation and use of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 205 of 7 August 2007, p. 63);
- ★ Commission Decision 2010/261/EU of 4 May 2010 on the Security Plan for the Central SIS II and the Communication Infrastructure (OJ L 112 of 5 May 2010, p. 31);
- ❖ Council Decision (2007/472/EC) of 25 June 2007 amending the Decision of the Executive Committee set up by the 1990 Schengen Convention, amending the Financial Regulation on the costs of installing and operating the technical support function for the Schengen Information System (C.SIS) (OJ L 179 of 7 July 2007, p. 50);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/328/EC of 18 April 2008 amending the Decision of the Executive Committee set up by the 1990 Schengen Convention, amending the Financial Regulation on the costs of installing and operating the technical support function for the Schengen Information System (C.SIS) (OJ L 113 of 25 April 2008, p. 21);
- ⌘ Council Decision 2009/914/EC of 30 November 2009 amending the Decision of the Executive Committee set up by the 1990 Schengen Convention, amending the Financial Regulation on the costs of installing and operating the technical support function for the Schengen Information System (C.SIS) (OJ L 323 of 10 December 2009, p. 6);
- ★ Council Decision 2010/32/EC of 30 November 2009 amending the Decision of the Executive Committee set up by the 1990 Schengen Convention, amending the Financial Regulation on the costs of installing and operating the technical support function for the Schengen Information System (C.SIS) (OJ L 14 of 20 January 2010, p. 9);
- ◆ Council Regulation (EC) No 189/2008 of 18 February 2008 on the tests of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 57 of 1 March 2008, p. 1);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/173/EC of 18 February 2008 on the tests of the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 57 of 1 March 2008, p. 14. Corrigendum published in L 24 of 28 January 2009, p. 34);
- ◆ Commission Decision 2008/333/EC of 4 March 2008 adopting the SIRENE Manual and other implementing measures for the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (notified under document number C(2008) 774) (OJ L 123 of 8 May 2008, p. 1);
- ◆ Commission Decision 2008/334/JHA of 4 March 2008 adopting the SIRENE Manual and other implementing measures for the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) (OJ L 123 of 8 May 2008, p. 39);
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/421/EC of 5 June 2008 on the application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to the Schengen Information System in the Swiss Confederation (OJ L 149 of 7 June 2008, p. 74. Corrigendum published in OJ L 61 of 5 March 2009, p. 19).
- ◆ Council Decision 2008/903/EC of 27 November 2008 on the full application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis in the Swiss Confederation (OJ L 327 of 5 December 2008, p. 15).
- ✓ Council Decision 2011/352/EC of 9 June 2011 on the application of the provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to the Schengen Information System in the Principality of Liechtenstein (OJ L 160, 18.6.2011, p. 84–87).
- ☑ Regulation (EU) No 1077/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 establishing a European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice
- ☑ Regulation (EU) No 1342/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 amending Regulation (EC) No 1931/2006 as regards the inclusion of the Kaliningrad oblast and certain Polish administrative districts in the eligible border area.

⁵⁸ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".