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SPECIFICATIONS FOR

ANNUAL POLICY REPORT 2013

NATIONAL REPORT PART 1

AND STATISTICS ANNEX

CONTRIBUTING TO THE

EU ANNUAL REPORT ON ASYLUM AND MIGRATION 2013

Subject: These specifications are developed with a view to the EMN again contributing to the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum for 2013. The format has been modified in order to focus on the production of a National Report (Part 1) to provide information to inform the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum, which for the year 2013 will also be a tool to evaluate the implementation of the "Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme"¹ and to contribute to EASO's Annual Report, plus a Statistics Annex. Specifications for the National Report (Part 2), targeted to an EMN NCPs national audience, and following a different timetable, will follow in due course.

Action: EMN NCPs are now requested to undertake this activity according to the Timetable given on Page 4. The National Report (Part 1) is required to be submitted by **16th December 2013**. The Statistics Annex is required by **31st March 2014**.

If any clarification is required during the course of preparing your National Report, please contact the EMN Service Provider,² with COM (Valeria SETTI, email valeria.setti@ec.europa.eu and Maria BRÄTTEMARK, e-mail maria.braettemark@ec.europa.eu) in copy.

¹ COM(2010)1471 final of 20.4.2010

² To be confirmed following a retendering exercise.

I. Introduction

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

I.1 Scope of the EMN Annual Policy Report 2013

The EMN Annual Policy Report 2013 will cover the period 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013 and will be the tenth in a series of such reports.

It will contribute to the 5th Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2013) - particularly its accompanying Staff Working Document³ - to be prepared by the Commission and presented to the Council in June 2014, as well as by EASO for the purposes of its own Annual Report.

Croatia (joining the EU as of mid-2013) may report on activities undertaken in the 2nd semester of 2013, but is asked to provide statistics for the full year, to ensure comparability.

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 be able to provide information on all aspects of EU *acquis*, they are invited to provide any relevant information to the extent possible.

In view of taking into account the **gender dimension** of EU policies, we kindly ask EMN NCPs to **pilot** to the extent possible, or relevant, the possibility of differentiating between men/women, boys/girls in their National Reports and also in the Statistic Annex, to enable us to draw conclusions on gender specific challenges. Wherever possible, a breakdown by age should be provided. The issue of fundamental rights should also be highlighted wherever relevant.

I.2 Structure

To this aim, these common study specifications are for the production of the EMN Annual Policy Report 2013. To meet the requirements of both COM and the Member States, in terms of both information requirements and timeliness, the reporting process for 2013 will be split into two separate activities:

- The National Report (Part 1) and Statistics Annex
- The National Report (Part 2)

The National Report (Part 1) will contribute as fully as possible to the factual reporting for the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum in 2013. To avoid duplication of work, the content of this National Report will again be used by EASO to inform its Annual Report on the situation of asylum in the EU.

In view also of the **end of the "Stockholm Programme"** the specifications for 2013 introduce new evaluative elements, and contain guidance on how the questions link to the various commitments of

³ See previous reports adopted 17/06/2013 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - 4th Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2012) (COM(2013) 422 final) accompanied by the Commission staff working document (SWD(2013) 210 final)

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the programme. This is to enable the 2013 Annual Policy Report – together with previous reports – to form a solid ‘stock-take’ of activities since 2010.

At the same time, as with the 2012 Report, the 2013 Annual Policy Report will reflect current EU policy priorities for immigration and asylum, specifically:

- European Agenda for the Integration of Third-Country Nationals;⁴
- EU Action on Migratory Pressures – A Strategic Response;⁵
- EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016);⁶ and
- Global Approach to Migration and Mobility.⁷

The submission date for the National Report (Part 1) is **16th December 2013**.

The Statistical Annex sets out COM’s requirements for 2013. EMN NCPs are requested to complete the Statistical Annex which forms an integral part of Part 1, for the full reference period from 1st January to 31st December 2013. These specifications only request statistics which are not available through Eurostat by that date in order to quantify, where possible, the explanation of developments and/or to identify trends. This mirrors the structure for the reporting of key statistics in the 2013 National Contribution of Member States to the Commission and EASO Annual policy Report.

The submission date for the Statistics Annex is **31st March 2014**.

For the National Reports (Part 2), the structure allows for an output primarily intended for each EMN NCP’s national audience. The specifications for this Report will be detailed in a separate document.

The submission date for the National Report (Part 2) is also **31st March 2014**.

I.3 Outputs

The completed replies to the questionnaire in this document (National Reports (Part 1)) will be used by the Commission to prepare the Commission Staff Working Document accompanying the 5th Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum. In addition, the individual Member State replies may also be published on the EMN website.

Please note that the output and timelines related to the (National Reports (Part 2) and the process of linking National Reports to updates of EMN Country Fact Sheets and the production of EMN informs will be determined separately.

I.4 Timetable

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.

The National Reports (Part 1), covering the period from 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013 and addressing at least the questions set out these specifications shall be provided by **Monday 16th December 2013**. The Statistics Annex shall be submitted on or before **31st March 2014**.

⁴ COM(2011)455 final

⁵ 8714/1/12 REV 1

⁶ COM(2012) 286 final

⁷ http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/intro/docs/1_EN_ACT_part1_v11.pdf

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The National Report (Part 2), addressing all sections, covering also the full period January to December 2013, may then be provided by **31st March 2014** at the very latest.

All completed deliverable shall be sent to both Maria BRÄETTEMARK (maria.braettemark@ec.europa.eu) and the EMN Service Provider⁸. The full timetable for the delivery of the various reports is set out below:

Timetable for deliverables

| | EMN Annual Policy Report | Commission's 5th Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum (2013) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| End September 2013 | Finalisation of specifications and launching of activity following 62nd EMN NCP meeting. | |
| 6th November 2013 | Review of progress made, including any clarifications on, the specifications (at time of Informal EMN NCP meeting following the EMN Conference in Lithuania) | |
| 16th December 2013 | Provision of National Reports (Part 1) to Commission covering period from 1 st January 2013 to 31 st December 2013 (excluding Statistics Annex) | |
| 16th December 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. |
| 24th January 2014 | Finalisation of the internal draft of the Synthesis of the National Reports (Part 1) and start of verification process with EMN NCPs | Finalisation of the internal draft of the Commission's Annual Report. Preparation for the launch of Internal Commission consultations for the adoption of the report. |
| 31st March 2014 | Submission of Statistics Annex (full year as far as possible) Submission of National Reports (Part 2) (details tbc). | Internal consultation for adoption of Annual Report by Commission and translation. |
| April/May 2014 | Development of EMN Informs and Country Factsheets on relevant themes; discussion of EMN Informs at EMN NCP meeting. (details tbc). | |
| May 2014 | | Adoption of the Commission's 5th Annual Report on Immigration and |

⁸ TBC following on-going tendering procedures.

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| | | Asylum. |
| June 2014 | Finalisation of EMN Informs at EMN NCP meeting and publication of EMN Country Factsheets . | Debate foreseen at the European Council meeting. |

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IN [(MEMBER) STATE]

NATIONAL REPORT (PART 1)

[CONTRIBUTION TO COMMISSION AND TO EASO ANNUAL REPORTS]

The Annual Policy Report **National Report (Part 1)** has been structured as a common template and includes spaces for EMN NCPs to provide information and 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.

Key statistics are requested to illustrate each topic of the Commission's Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum. These statistics are set out in the **Statistics Annex** (Annex 1) and will be sourced from Eurostat, once available, and (where not available through Eurostat) through national sources. The source to be used will be determined by whichever statistics are first available.

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 plus EASO's Annual Report. In light of the ending of the Stockholm Programme, the Annual Policy Report in 2013 will also be a tool to evaluate, to the extent possible, the implementation of the "Action Plan Implementing the Stockholm Programme"⁹. In view of this, each sub-section of the Annex maps the relevant commitments of the Stockholm Programme to which each section relates. This will support the (multiple) use of the Annex for evaluating the Stockholm Programme.

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 Report (Part 2). 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 or Equivalent Mechanisms 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 Report (Part 2). No separate consultation round with the permanent representations is foreseen by the Commission. However, you should also aim to liaise with your respective Permanent Representations to the EU in submitting replies to the Commission. The European Commission will inform the Permanent Representations of this process separately.

As mentioned above, the Specifications have been structured to support the evaluation of activities undertaken (e.g. by asking about drivers of the change and preliminary results / impacts). EMN

⁹ COM(2010)1471 final of 20.4.2010

NCPs are requested only to use secondary data (e.g. published evaluations and reports and media reports) for these questions, where available. In relation to identifying the drivers to changes, please also draw on published evaluations of previous / existing measures.

1. LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Correspondence with the commitments of the Stockholm Programme

Section 1 pertains to the following sections of the **Stockholm Programme**:

- Section 6.1.3 - a concerted policy in keeping with national labour-market requirements;
- Section 6.1.4 - Proactive policies for migrants and their rights; and
- Section 6.1.5 – Integration.

And some sections of:

- Section 6.1.1 - Consolidating, developing and implementing the EU Global Approach to Migration;
- Section 6.1.2 – Migration and Development; and
- Section 7 - the ‘external dimension’.

1.1 Key Statistics

See Annex 1 Table 1.1 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

1.2 Economic migration

1.2.1 Satisfying labour market needs

Has your (Member) State changed the way it analyses its labour market and skills needs / shortages in relation to the employment of third-country nationals?

- a) Please describe the (planned) introduction of any new labour migration policies or changes to the existing ones, e.g. introduction / revision of quotas, lists of professions, facilitation of intra-EU mobility of third-country nationals living in another Member State, agreement with specific third countries, use of private recruitment agencies / services, etc.).¹⁰
- b) Do the changes affect specific sectors / categories of worker in particular? If so, why? Why are these sectors / workers considered specifically important?
- c) What were the drivers of the changes? For example, these might be specific labour market needs and demands. Specifically highlight whether the policy is designed to facilitate economic migration’s contribution to economic growth.
- d) What are the expected or desired results of the changes? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

¹⁰ Please do not describe any new policies to facilitate skills recognition here. This is covered in question 1.3.2

1.2.2 Skills Recognition and labour matching

Has your (Member) State changed (or made plans to change) policy / practice on skills recognition / labour matching?

- a) Describe any (planned) measures to improve the validation of diplomas, qualifications and skills of third-country nationals.
- b) Describe any (planned) measures to improve labour matching between your (Member) State and third countries (including online employment, etc.).
- c) Do any of these measures:
 - a. Apply specifically to already resident third-country nationals (in the context of better integration)?
 - b. Involve exchanges of practical information / co-operation with other Member States?
 - c. Aim at avoiding brain waste?
- d) What were the drivers of the changes?
- e) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Specifically highlight any information on how such measures are expected to contribute to economic growth. Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here)?

1.2.3 Cooperation with partner / third countries for economic migration

- a) Please complete the Table below on (planned) EU level or bilateral agreements linked to labour migration (e.g. Mobility Partnerships) planned or implemented:

| Type of agreement (EU or bilateral) | Status of agreement (negotiated, signed, ratified, implemented) and the date of the action | Third countries involved including Southern Mediterranean ¹¹ and Eastern Partnership ¹² countries | Main purpose and rationale for the agreement (incl. relevant elements of content) |
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- b) Please also indicate whether any of the agreements favour circular migration (if so, list which ones here).
- c) In the framework of Mobility partnerships (and Common Agendas) please advise whether Migration and Mobility Resource Centres (MMRCs) have been / will be set up in the partner countries.

¹¹ Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt.

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

1.2.4 Efforts to mitigate ‘brain drain’.

Please describe any (planned) measures to mitigate brain drain. These might include awareness rising actions, development of data and indicators on this phenomena, prevention, list of countries and professions subject to brain drain. For reference also see the Section 3.6 "Brain Drain and Brain Circulation" in the "EMN Synthesis report - Attracting Highly Qualified and Qualified Third-Country nationals"¹³

- a) What were the drivers of the changes?
- b) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here)?

1.2.5 Efforts to avoid ‘social dumping’

Social dumping refers to the practice where workers from third countries are exploited as “cheap labour” in order to increase profit margins of companies.¹⁴

- a) Please describe any (planned) measures to mitigate social dumping. These might include, for example, sanctions on employers who employ legally-staying migrants irregularly.¹⁵
- b) What were the drivers of the changes?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here)?

1.2.6 Highly qualified workers

- a) Has your Member State introduced (or made plans to introduce) any new measures to facilitate access of highly qualified workers? Specifically mention any incentive mechanisms for highly qualified workers above and beyond those introduced through the transposition and implementation of EU legislation.
- a) What were the drivers of the changes? Specifically mention whether or not it was related to the implementation of the EU Blue Card Directive
- b) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Specifically highlight any information on how such measures are expected to contribute to economic growth. Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

¹³ At the time of writing this is a draft report, publication date tbc

¹⁴ <http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/areas/industrialrelations/dictionary/definitions/socialdumping.htm>

¹⁵ For questions on sanctions to employers who employ irregularly-staying migrants see section 2.7

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1.2.7 Intra-Corporate Transferees (ICTs)

- a) Has your Member State introduced (or made plans to introduce) any new measures to facilitate access of ICTs?
- b) What were the drivers of the changes?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Specifically highlight any information on how such measures are expected to contribute to economic growth. Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

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1.2.8 Seasonal workers

- a) Has your Member State introduced (or made plans to introduce) any new measures to facilitate access of seasonal workers?
- b) What were the drivers of the changes?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Specifically highlight any information on how such measures are expected to contribute to economic growth. Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

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1.3 Students and researchers

- a) Has your Member State introduced (or made plans to introduce) any measures to facilitate greater mobility of students and researchers, also as a pathway towards meeting labour market needs? Specifically mention any incentive mechanisms in place for students and researchers beyond those introduced through the transposition and implementation of EU legislation. (Information relating to the mitigation of ‘brain drain’ should be provided in Section 1.2.4).
- b) What were the drivers of these changes?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Specifically state whether the measures are aimed at providing a pathway towards meeting labour market needs. / contributing to economic growth. Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

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1.4 Family Reunification

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- a) Has your Member State introduced (or made plans to introduce) any new policies / legislation or changes to existing policies and legislation regulating family reunification?
- b) What were the drivers of these changes?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the change? Please also describe any concrete (planned) measures to further promote the integration of third-country nationals coming for the purpose of family reunification. Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).
- d) Specifically state whether the admission procedure for family members includes / covers:
 - Human rights obligations,
 - Reception capacity, and
 - The family member's capacity to integrate, e.g. knowledge of the country's language, level of education, professional background, other.

1.5 Promoting legal migration channels

- a) Has your Member State introduced (or made plans to introduce) any 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.
- b) What were the drivers (if any) to the introduction of these measures?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).
- d) Specifically, what has been the role and impact of the EU Immigration Portal in your (Member) State. Provide evidence of the impact.

1.6 Integration¹⁶

1.6.1 Statistics

See Annex 1 Table 1.6.1– to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section III.

1.6.2 Promoting integration through participation: socio-economic

- a) Please describe any (planned) measures to facilitate integration of migrants (including vulnerable migrants) through socio-economic participation including:

¹⁶Please also refer to the European Agenda for the Integration of third-Country nationals, COM(2011)455 final.

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- measures to enhance migrants' language skills, to improve attainment in the education system;

- migrant access to social security, healthcare and housing

- b) What were the drivers of these changes?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).
- d) Describe 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.

1.6.3 Promoting integration through participation: rights and obligations, achieving equal treatment and belonging:

- a) Please describe any (planned) measures to facilitate integration of migrants (including vulnerable migrants) through improving rights and obligations, achieving equal treatment and belonging:
- b) - measures might include 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 etc.
- c) What were the drivers of these changes?
- d) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).
- e) Describe 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.

1.6.4 Non-discrimination

- a) Please describe any relevant activity, legal or policy development and related actors that concerned promotion, implementation and monitoring of non-discrimination policies, in particular on grounds of ethnicity, race or others that would be particularly relevant for third-country nationals. Specifically mention any measure beyond those introduced through the transposition and implementation of EU legislation.
- b) Please describe how these are linked to and can bring benefit to third-country national integration policies at EU, national and local level.

1.6.5 Cooperation, consultation and coordination of stakeholders and promoting action at local level

- a) Please describe any relevant activity on the integration of migrants which has had the active involvement of local authorities and/or civil society. Measures might include activities addressing integration challenges in disadvantaged urban areas; improving multi-level cooperation between different levels of governance; granting voting rights in local elections.
- b) Please describe any additional information 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.
- c) 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.

1.6.6 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.

- a) 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.

- b) What were the drivers to these measures?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).

1.7 Managing Migration and Mobility

1.7.1 Statistics

See Annex 2 Table 1.7.1 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section III.

1.7.2 Visa Policy

- a) Please describe (planned) developments in relation to the implementation of the Visa Code and the Visa Information System (VIS). Please specifically mention any developments in relation to biometric visas (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).
- b) What were the drivers to these measures?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).

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- d) Please report on any relevant progress in relation to cooperation between (Member) State consular services and the set-up of joint consular services for visas by listing the visa representation agreements signed and the (Member) States involved in the Table below.

| (Member) State with which the visa representation agreement exists | Country acting as representative |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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1.7.3 Schengen Governance

- a) Please describe any recent developments in relation to Schengen Governance. Where relevant, please 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.
- b) What were the drivers to these measures?
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).

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2. IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND RETURN

Correspondence with the commitments of the Stockholm Programme

This section pertains to the following sections of the Stockholm Programme:

- Section 5.1 - Integrated management of the external borders; and
- Section 6.1.6 - Effective policies to combat illegal immigration;

And some sections of:

- Section 5.1 - Integrated management of the external borders;
- Section 5.2 - Visa policy;
- Section 6.2.1 - A common area of protection; and
- Section 7.5 - Geographical priorities and international organisations.

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.¹⁷

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

2.1.1 Ensure implementation of all EU readmission agreements to their full effect

- a) Please report on activities undertaken to support the implementation of EU readmission agreements (implementing protocols, cooperation (including diplomatic pressure) with third countries to encourage implementation) by completing the Table and providing any additional relevant information in the box below:

| EU Readmission agreement (country) | National development (i.e. implementing protocol, cooperation) | Date of agreement (if relevant) |
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2.1.2 Enhance the capacity of countries of origin and transit to manage mixed migration flows

Please describe any specific developments to equip third-countries of first asylum with the means to guarantee refugee protection and to better manage mixed migration flows. If evidence is available, please describe the outcomes of these developments (e.g. increased number of asylum applications processed in countries of first asylum)

¹⁷ 8714/1/12 REV 1 <http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/12/st08/st08714-re01.en12.pdf>

2.1.3 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

- a) 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)

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(d)

2.2 Priority II: Enhanced border management at the external borders

In responding to each of the questions below, please wherever possible state whether the measure specifically affects the land, sea or air border or all external borders.

2.2.1 Border control measures: technology, equipment and infrastructure, including systems linked to EU instruments and actions to coordinate different types of border checks

- a) Please describe any new border control and surveillance developments, including technological equipment for border control purchased and used during the reference period, such as IT systems, advanced passenger information systems, surveillance equipment, automated border controls and fast track lanes, etc.
- b) Specifically, please describe, if possible, how the developments relate to (i) the EU entry / exit system, (ii) the EU Registered Traveller Programme, (iii) the Schengen Information System (SIS II) and (iv) European Border Surveillance System (EUROSUR).
- c) Where relevant, please describe any (other) drivers to these measures.
- d) If information is available, please describe any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures in preventing irregular migration
- e) If information is available, please describe any evidence of effectiveness of these measures in streamlining and facilitating the smooth crossing of legitimate travellers

2.2.2 Border control measures: (other) activities to improve the effectiveness of controls at external borders (e.g. training and policy)

- a) Please describe any relevant (planned) developments to ensure more effective control of the external borders, such as reinforcing border control staff, providing training, increasing overall resources, introducing action plans or protocols, etc.
- b) If information is available, please describe any specific drivers behind these developments.
- c) If information is available, please describe any evidence of the impact / results of these activities / measures.

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2.2.3 Border control measures: support to Member States experiencing disproportionate pressures at the border (including participation in Frontex operations)

- a) 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.
- b) With regard to your (Member) State’s participation in Frontex activities in this regard, please complete the Table

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| Frontex operation | Member State(s) benefitting | Date of operation |
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2.2.4 Preventing and combating irregular immigration by ensuring strong and efficient border control agreements with third countries

- a) 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. Please do not describe actions implemented with Frontex here (*these should be described below in question 2.2.3*).
- b) If information is available, please describe any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures

| Title of agreement (where relevant) | Third country with whom the cooperation exists | Description / further information |
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2.3 Priority III: Preventing irregular migration via the Greek-Turkish Border

2.3.1 Ensuring effective border controls are in place at the Greek-Turkish border and combating irregular immigration transiting Turkey to EU

- a) Please also describe any activities undertaken to increase operational capacity at the Greek-Turkish border. These could include activities implemented in conjunction with Frontex
- b) Please describe any bilateral activities to assist the Turkish authorities to strengthen their capacity to (i) combat irregular migration and (ii) to ensure the dignified return of third-country migrants through escorted transit and assisted voluntary return projects via Turkey.
- c) If information is available, please describe any evidence of the (positive) impact / results of these activities.

2.4 Priority IV: Better tackling of abuse of legal migration channels

2.4.1 Combating and preventing irregular migration caused by visa liberalisation

- a) Please describe any measures introduced to monitor the effects of visa free regimes in your Member State.
- b) What have been the results of these monitoring activities? Describe here any key findings – especially in relation to impact on the **number unfounded asylum applications** registered in your Member State.
- c) 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.
- d) Please describe any evidence of the effectiveness of the measures to ensure return.

2.4.2 Combating and preventing irregular migration through mis-use of family reunification

- a) Please provide data and further information on the number of cases of mis-use of family reunification identified in your country.
- b) Please describe any measures introduced to decrease the number of such cases.
- c) What were the drivers to these measures?
- d) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).

2.4.3 Combating and preventing irregular migration through mis-use of student migration

- a) Please provide data and further information on the number of cases of mis-use of student migration identified in your country.
- b) Please describe any measures introduced to prevent, identify and/or investigate mis-use of student migration in your Member States
- c) What were the drivers to these measures?
- d) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here).

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

2.5.1 Improving the understanding of abuse of free movement rights by third country nationals and preventing the fraudulent acquisition and use of free movement rights by third-country nationals

- a) Please describe any activities to monitor and analyse information on the fraud and abuse of free movement – specifically describe any procedures newly introduced for detecting false documents
- b) Please describe any measures to share / disseminate the findings of the monitoring and analysis with other (Member) States to 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.
- c) Please describe measures taken to:
 - i. Implement enhanced security standards for EU documentation on legal stay (residence cards etc.), including use of biometrics;
 - ii. Ensure common validation standards at borders and domestic controls; and
 - iii. Improve the security of the application and issuance processes for identity/EU documentation.
- d) If information is available, please describe any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures

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

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

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

- a) Please describe any specific measures undertaken to address unexpected migration flows to your own country
- b) Please provide any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures, where available.

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

- a) Please describe measures taken to develop swift, sustainable and effective return using a common EU approach and in particular actions relevant to:
- i. Recording entry bans in the SIS and facilitating exchange of information on entry bans;¹⁸
 - ii. Sharing best practice on return (voluntary and forced);
 - iii. Improving diffusion of the information to the persons affected;
 - iv. Improving cooperation with stakeholders in the field (e.g. civil society);
 - v. Improving operational cooperation with other (Member) States on joint return operations;
 - vi. Encouraging voluntary return programmes;
 - vii. Improving cooperation with stakeholders in the field (e.g. civil society) on assisted voluntary return programmes;
 - viii. Operation of national forced return monitoring system (established in accordance with Article 8 (6) of the Return Directive¹⁹
 - ix. Other actions.
- b) Please provide any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures, where available.

2.6.3 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 2.6.3– to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

2.7 Other measures to combat irregular migration

The following question does not specifically correspond to the priorities of the Strategic Response to EU Action on Migratory Pressures but rather corresponds to the commitments of the Stockholm Programme.

2.7.1 Developing a network of immigration liaison officers

- a) Please describe any measures to develop the network of immigration liaison officers.
- b) Please provide any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures, where available.

¹⁸ This category of measure relates to the commitments of the Stockholm Programme specifically.

¹⁹ Directive 2008/115/EC

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2.7.2 Monitoring and identifying migration routes

- a) Please describe measure to identify, monitor and aggregate information on migration routes
- b) What role do national immigration liaison officers (NLOs) play in gathering this data?
- c) How is this information used to develop your (Member) State's response to migratory flows²⁰

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2.7.3 Sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals

- a) Please describe actions to implement sanctions and measures against employers of irregularly staying third-country nationals mentioning in particular measures beyond implementation of EU legislation.
- b) Please describe any specific (national) drivers / context to these measures.
- c) Please provide any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures to date, including any employment sectors where irregular activity is particularly concentrated

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2.7.4 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 2.7.4 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

2.8 The fight against facilitation of irregular migration ('smuggling')

The following questions do not specifically correspond to the priorities of the Strategic Response to EU Action on Migratory Pressures but are important in relation to the development of future EU policymaking in this area.

2.8.1 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 2.8.1 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

2.8.2 Activities to monitor smuggling

- a) Describe any challenges faced by your (Member) State in collecting statistical data on smuggling?
- b) How does your (Member) State (plan to) address these issues?

²⁰ This question relates to section 6.1.6 of the Stockholm Programme.

2.8.3 EU and international cooperation against smuggling

- a) Please describe any measures (e.g. cooperation agreements, joint actions) to enhance practical cooperation among different actors at:
 - i. National level;
 - ii. Between (Member) States);
 - iii. Via EU agencies (e.g. Frontex);
 - iv. With third countries; and
 - v. Through international organisations (e.g. UN).
- b) Please provide any evidence of the effectiveness of these measures, where available.

3. INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION INCLUDING ASYLUM

Correspondence to the Commitments of the Stockholm Programme

This section pertains to the following sections of the **Stockholm Programme**:

- Section 6.2.1 - A common area of protection;
- Section 6.2.2 - Sharing of responsibilities and solidarity between the Member States; and
- Section 6.2.3 - The external dimension of asylum

This Section will also be used to provide information to inform EASO's Annual Report. Please note that questions about combating misuse of the national asylum system) are tackled under Section 2.4.1(b).

3.1 Common European Asylum System

3.1.1 Key statistics

NB Relevant statistics will be collected directly from Eurostat by COM.

3.1.2 The implementation of the Common European Asylum System

- a) Please provide information on changes in policies and practices relating to:
 - i. Access to the asylum procedure (information-provision/effective access to the procedure)
 - ii. Access to legal counselling and/or representation and provision of interpretation
 - iii. Dublin procedure (incl. transfers)
 - iv. Accelerated procedures (safe country policies, manifestly (un)founded procedures, etc.)

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- v. Reception of asylum-seekers and vulnerable groups (accommodation, financial and social support, access to labour, access to medical care, detention during the asylum procedure)
 - vi. First instance (interviews, refugee status determination, timeframes, case management, training)
 - vii. Appeal/Judicial Review (hearings, written procedures, timeframes, suspensive or not)
 - viii. Country of Origin Information
 - ix. Vulnerable groups e.g. unaccompanied minors (UAMs), gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) within the asylum procedure
- b) Please describe any specific driver / context to these measures
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the measures? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these measures already? (If so, please provide it here)?

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3.1.3 Institutional and legislative changes

- a) Please provide information on institutional changes in the asylum field at ministry/agency/section level (incl. changes in mandate),

- b) Please provide information on legislative changes pertaining to asylum implemented, adopted or pending in 2013.

3.1.4 Jurisprudence

- a) Please provide information on important new jurisprudence relating to asylum (with policy implications)
- b) What are the implications / possible impacts of the jurisprudence?

3.1.5 Efficiency and Quality

Please provide information on measures undertaken to safeguard or improve:

- a) Efficiency (increase speed, reduce costs) of the national asylum system, and
- b) Quality of the national asylum system.
- c) Please include information on effectiveness (where evidence exists).

3.1.6 Challenges in the asylum field

- a) Please indicate which aspects of the national asylum system have (i) proven to be particularly challenging or (ii) have been subject to criticism from third parties.
- b) Provide information on actions undertaken to counter these challenges.

Please only provide information additional to that presented in 3.1.2

3.2 Cooperation with the European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

3.2.1 Participation in EASO activities

- a) 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).

3.2.2 Provision of support by EASO to the Member States

- a) 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 including relocation²¹

- a) 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.
- b) Please specifically any action undertaken with regard to the relocation (note that this information may also be captured in the Table below)
- c) Please describe any evidence of the results / outcomes of this support, if available.

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3.3.2 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 3.3.2 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

3.4 Enhancing the external dimension including resettlement

3.4.1 Cooperation with third countries including resettlement²²

- a) 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).
- b) 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
- c) Please describe any evidence of the results / outcomes of this cooperation, if available.

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²¹ Relocation: the transfer of persons having a status, defined by the Geneva Convention or subsidiary protection (2004/83/EC) from the Member State which granted them international protection to another Member States where they will be granted similar protection (see EMN Glossary V2).

²² Resettlement: the transfer on a request from the UNHCR and based on their need for international protection, of a third-country national or stateless person from a third country to a Member State where they are permitted to reside with one of the following statuses: i. refugee status ii. a status which offers the same rights and benefits under national and EU law as refugee status (see EMN Glossary Version 2).

3.4.2 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 3.4.2 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

4. UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS

Correspondence to the Commitments of the Stockholm Programme

This section pertains to the following sections of the Stockholm Programme:

- Section 6.1.7 - Unaccompanied Minors; and

Some sections of:

- Section 2.3.2 – Protection of children.

4.1 Unaccompanied minors

- a) Please describe any changes in policy and/or practice in relation to unaccompanied minors (UAMs) at national and international levels.
- b) How do these developments relate to the Action Plan on UAMs²³ and its Mid-term Review?
- c) Please provide any other relevant information on drivers of the changes to policy / practice.
- d) What are the expected / desired results of the developments? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here)?

4.2 Other vulnerable groups

- a) Please describe any changes to policy and/or practice in relation to other vulnerable groups at national and international levels.
- b) Please provide any other relevant information on drivers of the changes to policy / practice
- c) What are the expected / desired results of the developments? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here)?

4.3 Key statistics

See Annex Table 4.3 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

²³ <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

5 ACTIONS ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

Correspondence to the Commitments of the Stockholm Programme

This section pertains to the some part of the following section of the Stockholm Programme:

- Section 6.1.6 - Effective policies to combat illegal immigration

This Section should be completed in the context of the "EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings (2012-2016)"²⁴, and you should liaise with your National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings or Equivalent Mechanism (NREMs).

NREMs share information with the Commission (via the informal of EU Network of NREMs) on a biannual basis on developments relevant to their national legal and policy framework. This information can be used for this reporting exercise too. All information is uploaded accordingly to the EU Anti-Trafficking Website under the section of national pages.²⁵ In section 5.1, EMN NCPs are invited to add any information corresponding and additional to that uploaded onto the EU Anti-trafficking website if necessary / appropriate; the remainder of the questions in Section 5 correspond to the EU Strategy.

5.1 . Information corresponding to the EU Anti-trafficking website

The structure of the information on the EU anti-trafficking website on national actions for addressing trafficking in human beings (THB) is as follows:

- a. General Information (includes information on the National Strategy on THB, Action Plans on THB; Annual reports on THB and links to internet sites, where it is available; information on the state of play within the country regarding to THB (data on victims, criminal proceedings etc.)
- b. Institutional and legal Framework (includes legislation on THB; anti trafficking actions at national level; tasks of National Rapporteur or Equivalent mechanism (NREM)
- c. Implementation of Anti-Trafficking Policy (Prevention, national Referral mechanism, assistance and support to victims, campaigns, trainings and other activities related to anti-trafficking policy)
- d. EU and International Cooperation (EU or other institutions funded projects etc.)

Please provide any additional information you deem appropriate from your services perspective

²⁴<http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/>

²⁵<http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/section.action;jsessionid=FlNpYRm0cwWGc3ZQv58Qy1LrdG8bRRTJhj2t6dzJS6fdVQm0xZ6GP!909126266?sectionPath=National+Info+Pages>

5.2 Implementation of the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings: Identifying, protecting and assisting victims of trafficking

5.2.1 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 5.2.1 – to be completed separately, as per the timetable in Section I.4.

5.2.2 Improving the identification of and provision of information to victims

- a) Please describe any (planned) measures introduced / developed in 2013 relation to improving / facilitating the identification of victims, e.g. new guidelines, training of frontline officers, improving coordination between relevant actors, creation of task forces, etc.
- b) Please describe any (planned) measures introduced / developed in 2013 to improve the provision of information on rights and access to services to victims of trafficking in human beings
- a) If available, please provide any evidence of the effectiveness / impact of the measures.

5.2.3 Protection of Child²⁶ Victims of Trafficking

- a) Please describe any (planned) measures introduced / developed in 2013 in relation to the protection of child victims specifically. This might include the introduction of specific policies and/or guidelines, actions to improve coordination between child welfare officers / guardians and other relevant actors (e.g. law enforcement) or the establishment of child-specific shelters.
- b) If available, please provide any evidence of the effectiveness / impact of the measures.

5.3 Implementation of the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings: Enhanced coordination and cooperation among key actors and policy coherence

5.3.1 Coordination and cooperation among key actors

- a) Please describe any developments with regard to interagency coordination and cooperation among key actors and policy coherence at national and EU level. Is there a multidisciplinary and multiagency approach?
- b) Please describe any developments with regard to coordination and cooperation between national civil society organisations (e.g. participation in the EU civil society platform)²⁷

²⁶ In line with Directive 2011/36/EU ‘child’ shall mean any person below 18 years of age.

²⁷ For more information, see: <http://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/entity.action?path=EU+Policy%2FCommission+launches+Platform>

Please only refer to cooperation with regard to addressing trafficking in human beings in this section.

5.3.2 Coordinating EU External Policy Activities

- a) Please describe any (planned) cooperation mechanisms with source countries (third countries only) to strengthen cooperation, create partnerships and improve coordination and coherence and awareness raising.

5.3.3 Key statistics

See Annex 1 Table 5.3.3 – to be completed separately as per the timetable in Section I.4

5.4 Implementation of the EU Strategy towards the Eradication of Trafficking in Human Beings: Increased knowledge of and effective response to emerging concerns related to all forms of trafficking in human beings

5.4.1 Developing an EU-wide system for data collection

- i. Describe any challenges faced by your (Member) State in collecting statistical data on reflection periods and residence permits to victims of trafficking in human beings?
- ii. How does your (Member) State (plan to) address these issues?
- iii. Linked to this, please describe any measures to improve the registration of victims of trafficking in human beings / collection of statistical data (specifically by immigration offices) on the given reflection period, requested and granted residents permit, taking into account data protection legislation?
- iv. Please also describe how your (Member) State cooperates with other actors such as civil society organisation and the national rapporteur or equivalent mechanisms (NREMs) in order to provide a complete overview of victims given the reflection period and the residents permit.

6. MAXIMISING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

Correspondence to the Commitments of the Stockholm Programme

This section pertains to elements of the following sections of the **Stockholm Programme**:

- Section 6.1.1 - Consolidating, developing and implementing the EU Global Approach to Migration
- Section 6.1.2 - Migration and development
- Section 7 - External dimension

6.1 Progress towards mainstreaming of migration in development policies

Please describe any relevant activity - e.g. studies, development of approaches to make migration an integral part in sectoral policies (e.g. agriculture, health, education etc.), solidarity development projects, etc. – to mainstream migration in development policies.

6.2 Migrants' Remittances

- a) 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.
- b) What are the expected / desired results of the development? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

6.3 Working with Diasporas

- a) Please provide information on (planned) national policies or actions for involving diaspora groups in EU development initiatives and supporting diaspora groups in their efforts to enhance development in their countries of origin.
- b) Specifically describe any specific activities to address migrant rights and the empowerment of migrants.
- c) What are the (other) expected / desired results of the development? Is there any evidence of the impact / results of these changes already? (If so, please provide it here).

For questions in relation to 'brain drain' please see section 1.

7. PROVISION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION TO SUPPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Correspondence to the Commitments of the Stockholm Programme

This section pertains to the some part of the following section of the **Stockholm Programme**:

- Section 6.1.3 - A concerted policy in keeping with national labour-market requirements
- Section 6.1.4 - Proactive policies for migrants and their rights

7.1 Exchange of Information at EU level

- a) 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.

7.2 Exchange of Information at Regional and National levels

- a) 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.
- b) 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)).
- c) Please also describe the involvement of EU agencies

ANNEX 1

STATISTICS ANNEX 2013 FOR [(MEMBER) STATE]

CONTRIBUTING TO COMMISSION AND EASO ANNUAL REPORTS

The key statistics requested in this Statistics Annex 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 statistics (even tentative) which are not available through Eurostat, but are relevant for some of the topics required under the Commission’s Annual Report. We would, therefore, request that you provide, where possible and even if tentative, statistics on any of the following on or before the submission date of **31st March 2014**:

- First residence permits, by reason;²⁸
- Average annual unemployment rates²⁹ of (Member) State citizens and third-country nationals;
- The number of visas issued in 2013 (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;
- Statistics on sanctions and measures against illegally-staying third-country nationals;
- The number of identified smuggled persons, and the number of smugglers arrested and convicted
- The number of third-country nationals relocated to your Member State;
- The number of third-country nationals resettled in your Member State (unless provided to Eurostat);
- The number of unaccompanied minors (UAMs), differentiating between those applying and those not applying for asylum;
- The number of third-country nationals granted a reflection period / residence permit as victims of trafficking in human beings, and the number of traffickers arrested and convicted.

The Standardised Tables in the Statistics Annex are a 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, statistics for the whole of 2013 within the same timeframe as set out in your final and complete National Report Part 1: i.e. by the **31st March 2014**. In addition, for all the additional statistics that you provide, please give the source.

²⁸These data are generated by Eurostat, but are usually not available for the publication of the Commission’s Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum.

²⁹Unemployed persons are defined in Eurostat as persons aged 15-74 (in ES, IT, SE (1995-2000), UK, IS and NO: 16-74), who were without work during the reference week, but currently available for work, or who were either actively seeking work in the past four weeks or who had already found a job to start within the next three months

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By requesting all EMN NCPs to provide such statistics for the same time period, it will then be possible to provide an EU-28 overview, plus Norway, as well as better comparability between (Member) States. Denmark (not participating in the EMN) is invited to submit a report. Croatia (joining the EU as of mid-2013) may report on the activities in the 2nd semester of 2013, but is asked to provide statistics for the full year, to ensure comparability.

In view of taking into account the gender dimension of EU policies, we kindly ask EMN NCPs to distinguish, to the extent possible, or relevant, between men/women, boys/girls both in their National Reports and also in the statistic tables, to enable conclusions to be drawn on gender specific challenges. Given that we haven't previously collected such information in the Annual Policy Reports, we would like to use 2013 as a pilot exercise to test the feasibility for collecting this level of detail of the statistics in subsequent years. EMN NCPs are therefore asked to provide, in the tables that follow, all totals, and to the extent possible separate statistics by gender. Where relevant, a breakdown by age should also be provided.

In specific cases, when one (Member) State reports on figures related to other(s) (Member) State(s) (e.g. resettlement figures) and the figures provided by one (Member) State differ from those provided by another (Member) State, discrepancies will be discussed trilaterally, between the concerned EMN NCPs, the Commission and the EMN Service Provider. In order to assist your gathering of the necessary statistics, 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.

For all of the Tables which follow, please indicate the total, and provide disaggregated data where possible.

1. LEGAL MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

1.1 Key Statistics

| <i>First residence permits, by reason 2013</i> | | | | | |
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| | First permits (all) | Family reasons | Education reasons | Remunerated activities reasons | Other reasons |
| Total | | | | | |
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1.6 Integration³⁰**1.6.1 Statistics**

Please complete the Table below.

| | <i>Annual average unemployment rates of (Member) State citizens versus third-country nationals residing in the (Member) State for 2013</i> | | | | | |
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| | Third country nationals | | | Total national population | | |
| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Male</i> |
| Unemployment rate (%) | <i>Data not to be submitted by EMN, Eurostat data to be used.</i> | | | | | |

1.7 Managing Migration and Mobility**1.7.1 Statistics**

| <i>Visas issued (by gender where possible) in 2013</i> | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Schengen Visas | | National Visas | |
| | <i>Issued to third country nationals coming directly from a third country</i> | <i>Issued to third country nationals resident in another EU Member State</i> | <i>Issued to third country nationals coming directly from a third country</i> | <i>Issued to third country nationals resident in another EU Member State</i> |
| Total | TO BE PROVIDED BY DG HOME | TO BE PROVIDED BY DG HOME | | |
| <i>Female</i> | | | | |
| <i>Male</i> | | | | |

³⁰Please also refer to the European Agenda for the Integration of third-Country nationals, COM(2011)455 final.

2. IRREGULAR MIGRATION AND RETURN

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

2.6.3 Key statistics

| <i>Third-country nationals returned (by gender / nationality where possible)</i> ³¹ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <i>Returned as part of forced return measures</i> | | | | <i>Returned voluntarily</i> | | | | <i>Among third-country nationals returned voluntarily, the number of third-country nationals returned as part of an assisted return programme</i> | | | |
| | <i>Total</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Minor</i> | <i>Tot.</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Fem.</i> | <i>Min.</i> | <i>Tot.</i> | <i>Male</i> | <i>Fem.</i> | <i>Min.</i> |
| <i>Nationality 1</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Nationality 2</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Nationality...</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Total</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

2.7 Other measures to combat irregular migration

2.7.4 Key statistics

| <i>Sanctions and measures against illegally staying third-country nationals in 2013</i> | | |
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| <i>No of Employers investigated</i> | <i>No of Employers sanctioned</i> | <i>Sectors where irregular activity concentrated – please refer to the international standard classification of occupations</i> ³² |
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³¹ 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.

³² <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/stat/isco/>

2.8 The fight against facilitation of irregular migration ('smuggling')**2.8.1 Key statistics**

| <i>Third country nationals identified as smuggled persons, reflection periods provided to smuggled persons and Residence permits granted to smuggled persons, 2013 including definition.</i> | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|------|
| <i>Definition of 'smuggling' in your (Member) state i.e. whether this covers facilitated entry only, or facilitated entry and stay, to assist comparability.</i> | | | |
| | Total | Female | Male |
| <i>Number of third country nationals identified as smuggled persons</i> | | | |
| <i>Number of reflection periods provided to smuggled persons (e.g. in accordance with Directive 2004/81/EC where your Member State implements this for smuggled persons)</i> | | | |
| <i>Number of residence permits granted to smuggled persons (e.g. in accordance with Directive 2004/81/EC where your Member State implements this for smuggled persons)</i> | | | |

2.8.2 Key statistics

| <i>No of smugglers arrested as suspects and smugglers convicted 2013</i> | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Arrested / otherwise involved in a criminal proceeding</i> | <i>Convicted</i> |
| | |

3. INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION INCLUDING ASYLUM

NB Key asylum and international protection statistics will be collected directly from Eurostat by COM. Additional statistics to be provided by Member States where available are set out below:

3.3 Intra-EU solidarity including relocation³³**3.3.2 Key statistics**

| <i>Third-country nationals relocated to your (Member) State in 2013</i> | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------|--------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of third country nationals relocated to your (Member) State | | Male | Female | Total | Top 3 countries of origin of third-country national (if known). |
| From Member State 1: | <i>E.g. Austria</i> | | | | |
| From Member State 2: | <i>E.g. Belgium</i> | | | | |
| From Member State.. | <i>Etc.</i> | | | | |
| Total | | | | | |

3.4 Enhancing the external dimension including resettlement³⁴**3.4.2 Key statistics**

| <i>Third-country nationals resettled in your (Member) State in 2013</i> | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Country from which third country nationals were resettled (if known). | | Number of third country nationals resettled in your (Member) State | | |
| | | Male | Female | Total |
| From Country 1: | <i>E.g. Afghanistan</i> | DATA TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION VIA EUROSTAT BY MARCH 2014 | | |
| From Country 2 | <i>Etc.</i> | | | |
| Total | | | | |

³³ Relocation: the transfer of persons having a status, defined by the Geneva Convention or subsidiary protection (2004/83/EC) from the Member State which granted them international protection to another Member States where they will be granted similar protection (see EMN Glossary V2).

³⁴ Resettlement: the transfer on a request from the UNHCR and based on their need for international protection, of a third-country national or stateless person from a third country to a Member State where they are permitted to reside with one of the following statuses: i. refugee status ii. a status which offers the same rights and benefits under national and EU law as refugee status (see EMN Glossary Version 2).

4. UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AND OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS**4.3 Key statistics**

| <i>Unaccompanied minors 2013</i> | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|------|
| Number of unaccompanied minors not applying for asylum | | | Number of unaccompanied minors applying for asylum | | |
| Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male |
| | | | | | |

5 ACTIONS ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**5.1 Priority A: Identifying, protecting and assisting victims of trafficking****5.1.1 Key statistics**

- a) Please complete the Table below, providing statistics on:
- i. Total number of third country nationals presumed to be victims of trafficking in human beings, disaggregated by sex where available.
 - ii. Total number of third country nationals presumed to be victims of trafficking in human beings disaggregated by sex, age and form of exploitation where available. Please also provide information on citizenship of victims (where available).
 - iii. Number of victims of trafficking in human beings granted a reflection period,
 - iv. Number of requested residence permits and the number of granted residence permits to victims

Please specify whether these were granted on the basis of Directive 2004/81/EC and for the granted residence permit, if applicable, other reason (e.g. permits on humanitarian grounds, etc.). Please disaggregate the statistical data by age and gender and if possible, by citizenship and by form of exploitation.

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| <i>Victims of trafficking 2013</i> | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | <i>Total</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Male</i> |
| Total number of third country nationals ‘presumed’ to be victims of trafficking in human beings³⁵ in 2013 | | | | |
| <i>Age</i> | <i>Over 18 years of age</i> | | | |
| | <i>Under 18 years of age</i> | | | |
| <i>Form of exploitation</i> | <i>Sexual exploitation</i> | | | |
| | <i>Labour exploitation</i> | | | |
| | <i>Other (please state:</i> <i>1.</i> <i>2.</i> <i>3. etc.</i> | | | |
| <i>Citizenship (top 3 countries)</i> | <i>1.</i> <i>2.</i> <i>3.</i> | | | |
| Total number of third country nationals ‘identified’ as victims of trafficking in human beings³⁶ in 2013 | | | | |
| Disaggregated according to: | | | | |
| <i>Age</i> | <i>Over 18 years of age</i> | | | |
| | <i>Under 18 years of age</i> | | | |
| <i>Form of exploitation</i> | <i>Sexual exploitation</i> | | | |
| | <i>Labour exploitation</i> | | | |
| | <i>Other (please state:</i> <i>1.</i> <i>2.</i> <i>3. etc.</i> | | | |
| <i>Citizenship (top 3 countries)</i> | <i>1.</i> <i>2.</i> <i>3.</i> | | | |

³⁵ ‘Presumed’ victims are persons who fulfil the definition of victim of trafficking in human being, as outlined in Directive 2011/36/EU, but whom have not been formally identified by the relevant authorities (i.e. the national person/body authorised to formally identify victims).

³⁶ ‘Identified’ victims are those whom have been formally identified by the relevant authority (i.e. the national person/body authorised to formally identify victims).

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Total number of reflection periods granted 2013: | | | | |
| <i>Disaggregated according to:</i> | Dir. 2004/81/EC | | | |
| | Other | | | |
| Total number of residence permits granted 2013: | | | | |
| <i>Disaggregated according to</i> | Dir. 2004/81/EC | | | |
| | Other | | | |

Note: this terminology is in keeping with terminology used by Eurostat³⁷

5.3 Priority C: Increased prosecution of traffickers

5.3.3 Statistics

| Traffickers arrested as suspects and traffickers convicted | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | <i>Arrested / otherwise involved in a criminal proceeding</i> | <i>Convicted</i> |
| Traffickers | | |

³⁷ Eurostat (2013) Eurostat Methodologies and Working papers: Trafficking in human beings. Available at: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2013/docs/20130415_thb_stats_report_en.pdf

ANNEX 2

RELEVANT JHA ACQUIS³⁸

This Annex provides a list of the relevant EU legislation for the asylum/immigration acquis including in 2013 (changes from 2012 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

³⁸This 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)³⁹;
- ❖ 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)⁴⁰;
 - ❖ 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 Fund⁴¹ (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 Fund⁴² (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

³⁹This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "immigration".

⁴⁰See 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 States⁴⁰ (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 Fund⁴⁰ (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 Fund⁴⁰, (OJ L 162 of 14 June 2006, p. 20).

⁴¹Notified under document number C(2007)6396.

⁴²Notified under document number C(2009)5251.

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 Fund⁴³ (OJ L 69 of 19 March 2010, p. 16);

- ★ 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) establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows'
- 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)⁴⁴;
 - ▶ 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);
 - 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);
 - 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

⁴³Notified under document number C(2010)1210.

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

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);
- 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)⁴⁵;
- 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)⁴⁶;
- ❖ 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)⁴⁷.
- ★ 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).
- 🇪🇺 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.
- 🇪🇺 Decision No 281/2012/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 March 2012 amending Decision No 573/2007/EC establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme 'Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows'
- 🇪🇺 Decision No 258/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2013 amending Decisions No 573/2007/EC and No 575/2007/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Decision 2007/435/EC with a view to increasing the co-financing rate of the European Refugee Fund, the European Return Fund and the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals as regards certain provisions relating to financial management for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability

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);

⁴⁵ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "Schengen (horizontal issues / SIS)".

⁴⁶ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "Schengen (horizontal issues / SIS)".

⁴⁷ This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "immigration".

- ◆ 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 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)⁴⁸;
- 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);

⁴⁸Information concerning 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 on the establishment of Eurodac (OJ L 96 of 5 April 2006, p. 9).

- ⌘ 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);
 - ⌘ 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 accede*⁴⁹

- Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (Geneva, 28 July 1951)⁵⁰;
- Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (New-York, 31 January 1967).

C. Other acts adopted before entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)⁵¹

- 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.

1. EXTERNAL BORDERS

A. Conventions to which accession is obligatory

None

⁴⁹This 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.

⁵⁰Mentioned in the Treaty. Furthermore linked to the *acquis inter alia* through the Dublin and the Eurodac Regulations.

⁵¹Relevant insofar as the later legislation has not replaced them.

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);
 - ▶ 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)⁵²;
 - ▶ 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);

⁵²This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "Fight against illegal migration and return".

- ⌘ 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)⁵³;
 - ◆ 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);

⁵³ 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 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).

- ❖ 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 Fund⁵⁴ (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 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 Fund⁵⁵ (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).
- ✚ Decision No 259/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 March 2013 amending Decision No 574/2007/EC with a view to increasing the co-financing rate of the External Borders Fund for certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability

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).

⁵⁴ Notified under document number C(2009) 5373.

⁵⁵ Notified under document number C(2010) 694.

2. 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 TEC⁵⁶

- 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);
- 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)⁵⁷;
 - 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)⁵⁸;

⁵⁶See 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).

⁵⁷See 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).

⁵⁸See 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. 1);

- 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)⁵⁹;
 - 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);

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).

⁵⁹Publication 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 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).

- ◆ 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 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)⁶⁰;
 - ★ 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);
 - ✚ 2012/274/EU: Commission Implementing Decision of 24 April 2012 determining the second set of regions for the start of operations of the Visa Information System (VIS) (notified under document C(2012) 2505)
 - ✚ 2012/233/EU: Commission Implementing Decision of 27 April 2012 determining the date from which the Visa Information System (VIS) is to start operations in a second region
 - ✚ 2012/512/EU: Commission Implementing Decision of 21 September 2012 determining the date from which the Visa Information System (VIS) is to start operations in a third region
 - ✚ Commission Implementing Decision 2013/122/EU of 7 March 2013 determining the date from which the Visa Information System (VIS) is to start operations in a fourth and a fifth region
- ◆ 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

⁶⁰Notified under document C(2009) 7435.

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)⁶¹;
- 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)⁶²;
 - ◆ 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);
- ❖ 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);

⁶¹ Also relevant for visas.

⁶² Also relevant for visas.

- ✓ 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).
- ✚ Regulation (EU) No 154/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 February 2012 amending Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)

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).

3. 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)⁶³;
- ❖ 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) –

⁶³This 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)⁶⁴;

- 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)⁶⁵;
- ▶ 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)⁶⁶;
- 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'

⁶⁴This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

⁶⁵This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

⁶⁶This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "EU citizenship".

management and control systems, the rules for administrative and financial management and the eligibility of expenditure on projects co-financed by the Fund⁶⁷ (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 Fund⁶⁸ (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).
- ✚ Council Decision 2012/649/EU of 15 October 2012 concerning the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde on facilitating the issue of short-stay visas to citizens of the Republic of Cape Verde and of the European Union

B. Other acts adopted before entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)⁶⁹

- 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)⁷⁰;
- 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)

⁶⁷ Notified under document number C(2009) 5251.

⁶⁸ Notified under document number C(2010) 1713.

⁶⁹ Relevant insofar as the later legislation has not replaced them.

⁷⁰ Also relevant for expulsion.

- 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);
- ▶ 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)⁷¹;
- ☑ 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)⁷²;
- 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);

⁷¹This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "External borders".

⁷²This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "organised crime, fraud and corruption".

- ▶ 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);
- ◆ 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 Fund⁷³ (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 Fund⁷⁴ (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);
- ✚ Commission Implementing Decision of 20 September 2012 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(2012) 6408)
- ◆ 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


⁷³Notified under document number C(2009) 5453.

⁷⁴Notified under document number C(2010) 695.

- ❖ 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);
 - 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).

 Council Decision 2013/77/EU of 4 February 2013 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde on the readmission of persons residing without authorisation

C. Other acts adopted before entry into force of the Amsterdam Treaty (1st May 1999)⁷⁵

- 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);

⁷⁵ Relevant insofar as the later legislation has not replaced them.

- 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.

4. SCHENGEN (HORIZONTAL ISSUES)/ SIS⁷⁶

- 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 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);

⁷⁶Council 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.

- 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)⁷⁷;
- 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)⁷⁸;
- ❖ 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);

⁷⁷This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

⁷⁸This instrument is also mentioned under the section on "asylum".

- ◆ 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.
- ✚ 2012/764/EU: Council Decision of 6 December 2012 concerning the request of Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to the establishment of a European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice
