



# A EUROPEAN AGENDA ON MIGRATION



A photograph of Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, speaking. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. He is wearing glasses, a dark pinstripe suit, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. His hands are raised in a gesture while he speaks. In the background, the European Union flag (a circle of twelve gold stars on a blue field) is visible but blurred.

*“Europe needs to manage migration better,  
**in all aspects.**  
This is first of all a **humanitarian imperative.**  
We must work closely together  
**in a spirit of solidarity.**”*

Jean-Claude Juncker, Political Guidelines, 15 July 2014



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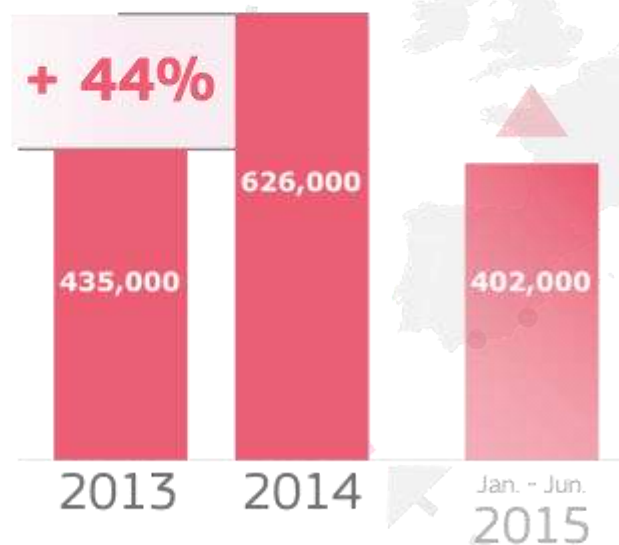


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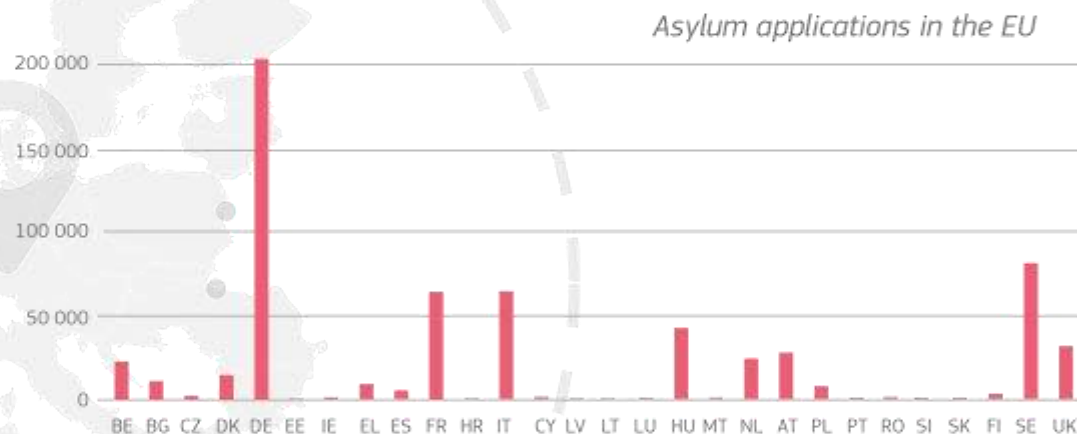
## GEOPOLITICAL TURMOIL PUTS PRESSURE ON OUR BORDERS

① **5,000 deaths**  
at sea, since 2014

② Applicants for international protection in the EU



③ 90% of Asylum applications in the EU were lodged in only 10 Member States



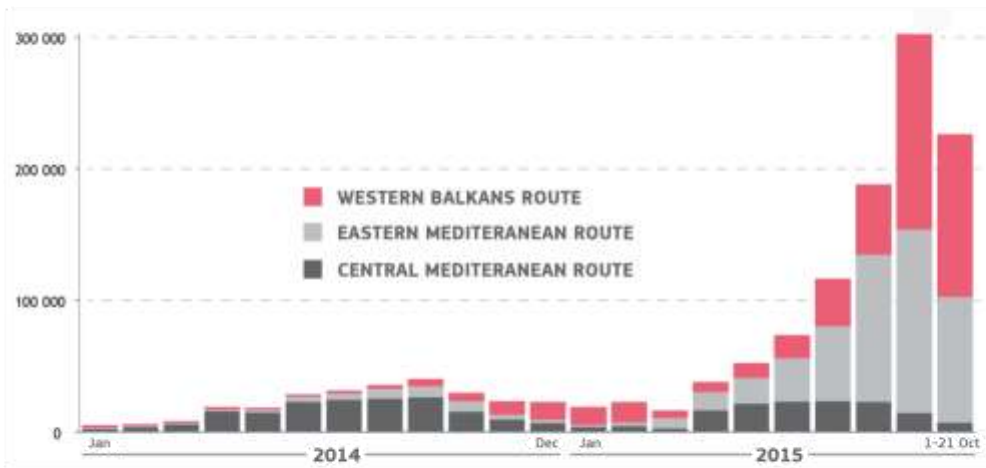
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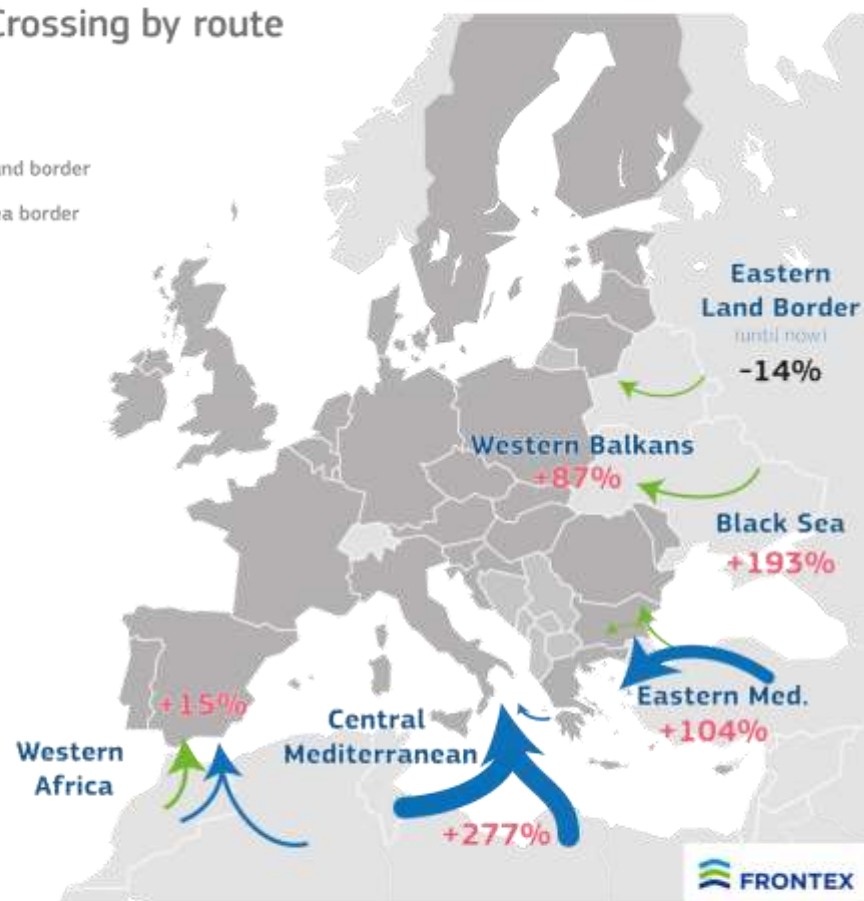
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### ④ Illegal Border-Crossing by route 2013-2014

2014-2015

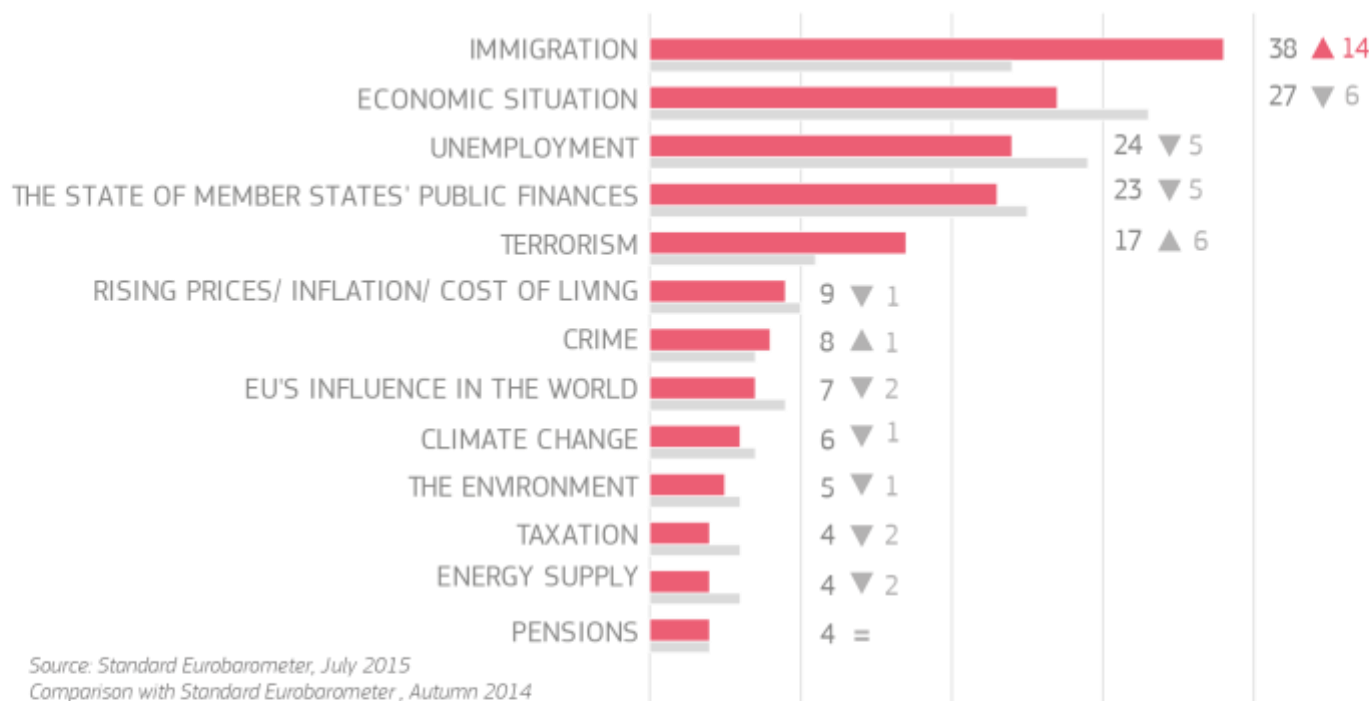


Land border  
Sea border



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## IMMIGRATION IS N°1 CONCERN AT EU LEVEL, OVERTAKING ISSUES LIKE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT



**73% of citizens are in favour of a common policy on migration**

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## THE EU AGENDA FOR MIGRATION

MAY 2015

Outlines an **immediate response** to the crisis situation

 **RESCUE** 

**RELOCATION** 

**RESETTLEMENT** 

**ASSISTANCE** 

Sets out **long term** steps to manage migration in all its aspects



A strong Common  
Asylum System



A new European policy  
on legal migration



Fighting irregular  
migration and  
human smuggling



Securing Europe's  
external borders

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## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS RESCUE

*"In the last few months, we have achieved more than we have done in the past decade."*

*Dimitris Avramopoulos, 20 July 2015*

- Triple the budget for joint operations Triton and Poseidon in order to save lives:  
Since June 2015, more than 122 000 lives have been rescued in the Central Mediterranean

- EU action plan on smuggling

- EU naval operation against human smugglers and traffickers  
- EUNAVFOR Med

- €7 billion per year + €1 billion per boat containing 450 people



**31**  
ships



**3**  
helicopters



**4**  
wing aircrafts



**8**  
patrol cars



**6**  
thermos-vision  
vehicles



**102**  
guest officers

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## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS RELOCATION / ASSISTANCE

- A proposal for a permanent EU system on **relocation** in **emergency situations**
- A commitment to relocate **160 000** people from Greece, Italy and the most affected Member States
- On the front line, staff from EU agencies deployed to identify, register and fingerprint incoming migrants, speed up the processing of asylum seekers and coordinate the return of irregular migrants.
- On the financial front, the Commission has already mobilised an additional **€700 million** in **emergency funding**



**+ €1.3 million**  
to cover new staff for 2015

Frontex  
60

European  
Asylum Support Office  
30

Europol  
30



**+ €700 million**

€100 million in emergency  
funding for 2015

€600 million in emergency  
funding and EU agencies for 2016



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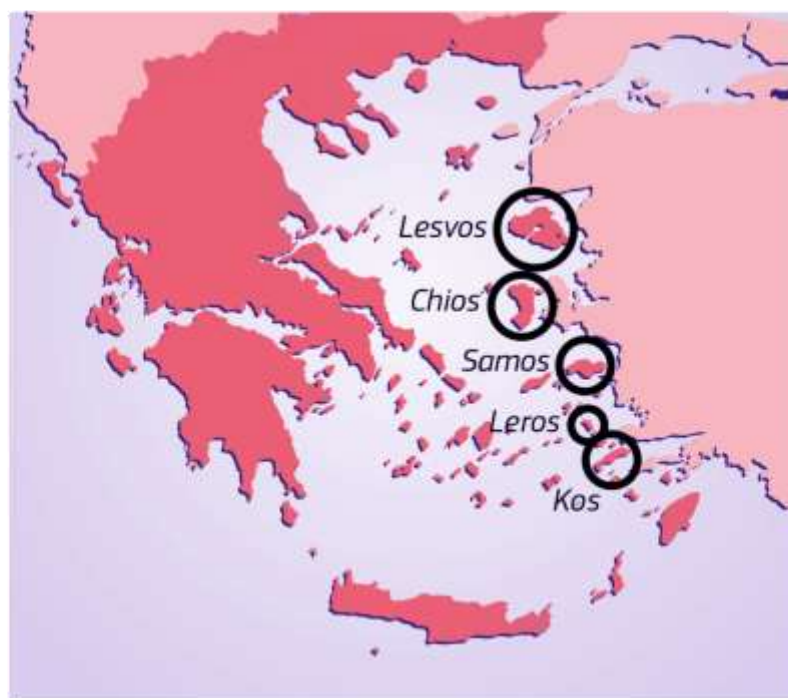
11 IDENTIFIED 'HOTSPOTS': SIX IN ITALY AND FIVE IN GREECE (12/10/2015)



Lampedusa – Already operational

Trapani, Porto Empedocle and Pozzallo –  
To be operational within the coming weeks

Taranto and Augusta – To be operational by the  
end of 2015



Lesvos – Already operational

Frontex screening and debriefing experts are present on Lesvos,  
Leros, Kos, Samos and Chios.

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## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTING EXISTING EU LAW



The EU has a Common European Asylum System. It is a strong set of common rules on asylum and irregular migration that has to be applied.

### Progress made

40 new infringement decisions against 19 Member States, on top of 34 cases already open.

### Next steps

Member States to fully implement the Common European Asylum System.

The Commission continues to pursue infringement procedures swiftly and effectively.

Ongoing work with Greece to reinstate Greek Dublin transfers by the end of 2015.

Schengen: Commission Opinion on the prolongation of temporary border controls by Germany, Austria and Slovenia.



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## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS SUPPORT FOR THIRD COUNTRIES



- 22,504 displaced people will be **resettled** from third countries into the EU
- Ensuring full application of EU legislation on migration and asylum
- To all Member States – Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund with a budget of **€7 billion** for 2014-20
- To third countries – **€96,8 billion** for external cooperation assistance for 2014-20

### Humanitarian aid



**+ €500 million**

€200 million for  
organisations such as  
the WFP - UNHCR

€300 million in  
humanitarian aid  
in 2016

### Trust Fund for Syria



**+ €1 billion**

EU  
€500 million

Member States  
€500 million

### Emergency Trust Fund for Africa



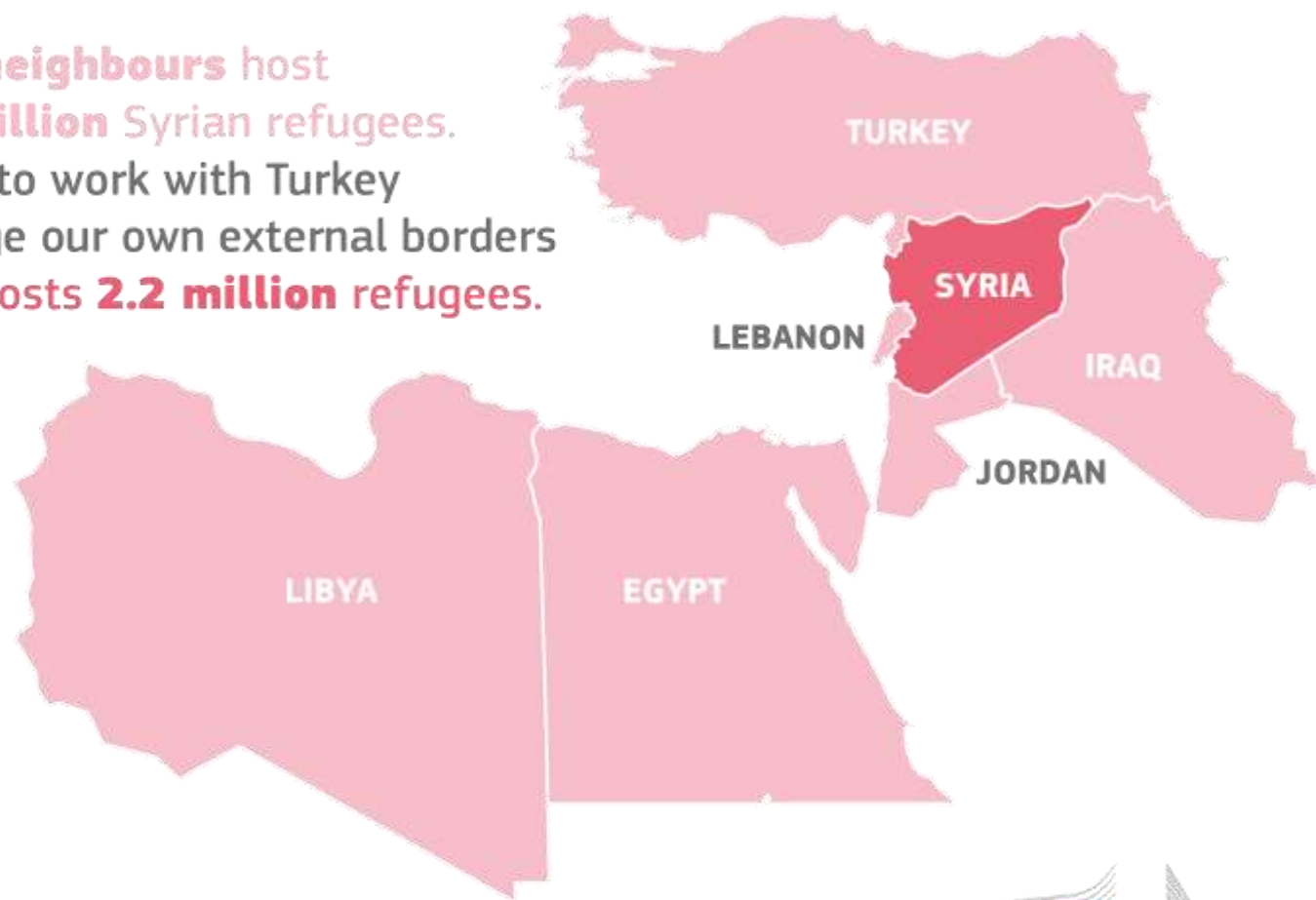
**+ €3.6 billion**

EU  
€1.8 billion

Member States  
€1.8 billion

## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS EXTERNAL DIMENSION

**Syria's neighbours** host over **4 million** Syrian refugees.  
We need to work with Turkey to manage our own external borders  
**Turkey** hosts **2.2 million** refugees.





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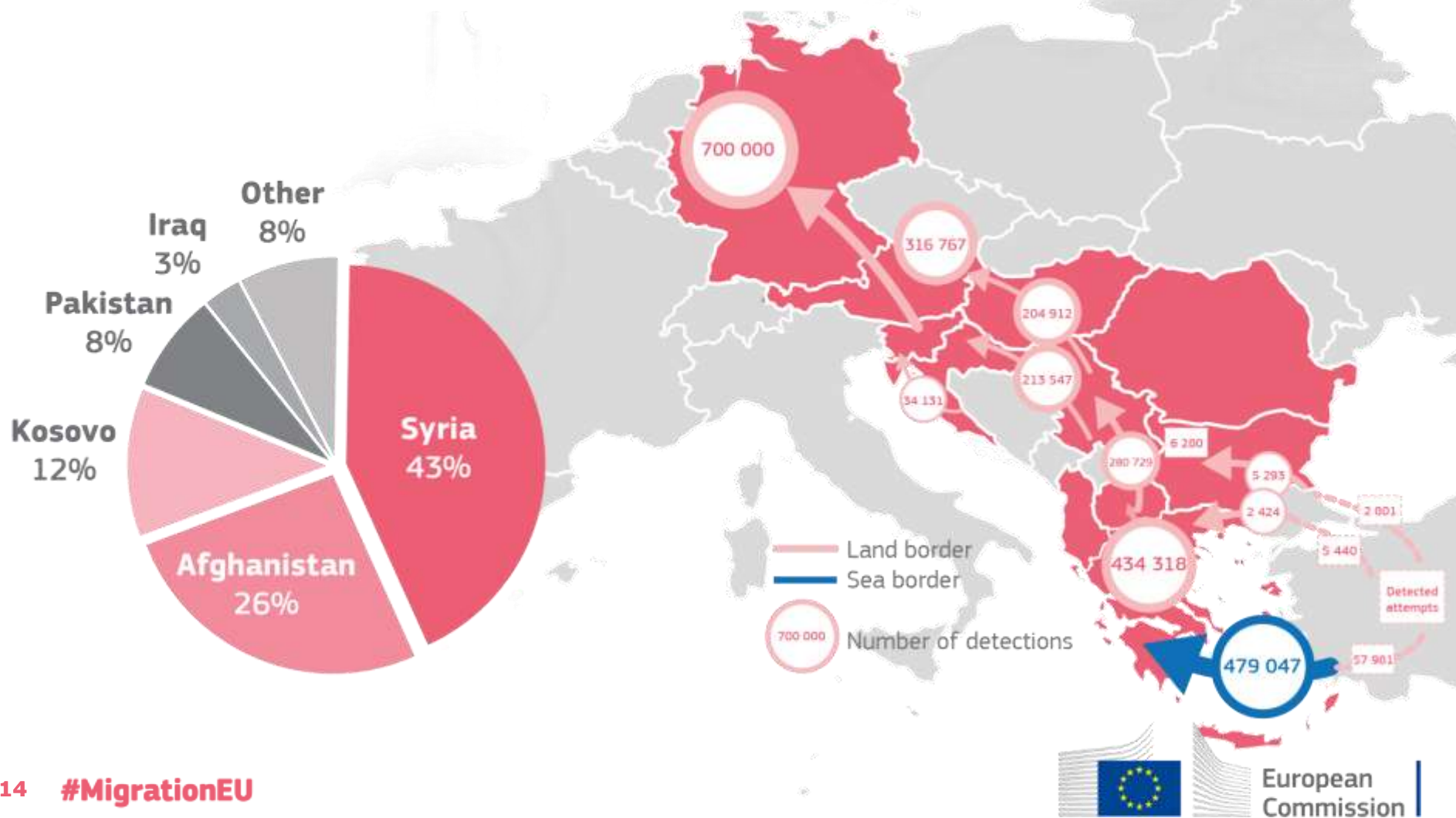
## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

### EU COOPERATION WITH TURKEY

- ➔ Joint Action Plan for the EU and Turkey agreed  
Ensuring refugees who are in Turkey stay in Turkey  
Preventing refugees and migrants from travelling through Turkey to the EU
- ➔ Overall package endorsed by the European Council

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## IMMEDIATE ACTIONS WESTERN BALKANS MIGRATORY ROUTE



## Leaders' Meeting WESTERN BALKANS ROUTE

Sunday, 25 October 2015

### Actions in three main areas

- ➔ Providing shelter to the refugees in need through the promise of 100,000 reception places, of which 50,000 in Greece;
- ➔ managing the migration flows together
- ➔ better border management at internal and external EU borders

### Operational measures

- ➔ Croatia activated the EU Civil Protection Mechanism to help them in their efforts to provide temporary shelter, rest, food, health, water and sanitation to all in need.
- ➔ Leaders appointed contact points who will communicate on a weekly basis.



*“When we talk about migration we are talking about people. [...] We are talking about people who have had to flee from war in Syria, the ISIS terror in Libya and dictatorship in Eritrea.*

*And what worries me is to see the resentment, the rejection, the fear directed against these people by some parts of the population. [...]*

*What worries me is to hear politicians from left to right nourishing a populism that brings only anger and not solutions. Hate speech and rash statements that threaten one of our very greatest achievements – the Schengen area and the absence of internal borders: that is not Europe.”*

Jean-Claude Juncker, opinion article, 24 August 2015



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## TACKLING THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE IN EUROPE

European policy on legal migration can help Europe cope with its demographic challenges and address shortages of specific skills.

EU'S ACTIVE  
POPULATION IN 2060

- 50 million



NUMBERS OF  
RETIRED PEOPLE  
IN 2060

+ 67 million

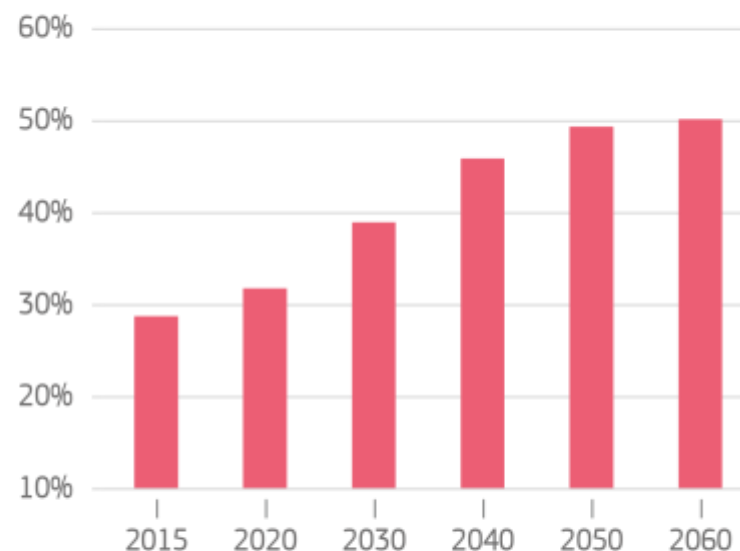


Increase in highly skilled jobs in the EU

+ 23%

2012 2025

Elders dependency



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## THE WAY FORWARD

Proposal to establish a **European Border and Coast Guard** and extension of the **Frontex mandate** (December 2015)

Further **reform of the Dublin Regulation**

Proposal for a **structured system on resettlement**

**Legal migration package** including revision of Blue Card

MARCH 2016

# THE PROJECT TEAM FOR A EUROPEAN AGENDA ON MIGRATION

