



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

Director-General

Brussels,

Subject: The new Pact on Asylum and Migration

Dear Petitioner,

The new Pact on Migration and Asylum that the European Commission proposed on 23 September 2020 aims at improving the overall asylum and migration management procedures within the European Union by, notably:

- creating new integrated procedures at the border with the aim of speeding up decision-making. In simple cases where someone has no right to stay, the person can be returned after a short process. These procedures are accompanied by specific monitoring and legal safeguards to ensure a full assessment of each individual person.
- strengthening the common EU returns system with the objective to dramatically improve returns procedures, strengthen return governance structures, including in Frontex, and better combine the external and internal aspects of return policy.
- proper implementation of procedures with the support of the European Agencies.
- creating a new governance system that will encourage Member States to further integrate relevant procedures at national level.
- promoting tailor-made and mutually beneficial partnerships with third countries to help address shared challenges such as migrant smuggling, develop legal pathways and tackle the effective implementation of readmission agreements and arrangements.

The Pact also introduces a new solidarity mechanism that includes new forms of mutual support between Member States, adapted to different situations. The New Pact recognises that no Member State should shoulder a disproportionate responsibility and that all Member States should constantly contribute to solidarity.

In respect of the different situations of Member States and of fluctuating migratory pressures, the Commission proposes a system of flexible mandatory contributions from

the Member States. The proposal does not provide for the distribution of (illegal) migrants and asylum seekers across the EU among the Member States according to a quota redistribution system. The proposal foresees that Member States can choose between different types of solidarity contributions. These can range from relocation of asylum seekers from the country of first entry to taking over responsibility for returning individuals with no right to stay or various forms of operational support.

In preparing the Pact, the Commission has carried out extensive consultations with the Member States as well as the civil society. The Pact is the result of those consultations.

It is now for the European Parliament and Council to examine and adopt the full set of legislation necessary to make a truly common EU asylum and migration policy a reality.

Yours sincerely,

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