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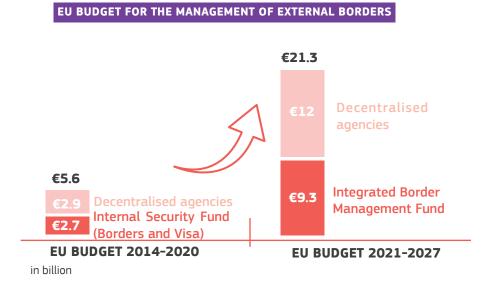
SECURING THE EU'S EXTERNAL BORDERS

The effective protection of the EU's external borders is crucial to manage migration and ensure internal security. It is also a prerequisite to maintain a Schengen area without controls at internal borders. In response to heavily increased migratory and security challenges the Commission is proposing to significantly strengthen funding to secure the EU's external borders.



The EU budget for the management of external borders will be **increased significantly**, reaching more than **€21.3 billion**, compared to **€5.6 billion** for the period 2014-2020.

The Commission proposes to **create a new Integrated Border Management Fund worth €9.3 billion** and to allocate more than **€12 billion for the decentralised agencies** supporting Member States protecting the borders: the European Border and Coast Guard and EU-LISA.



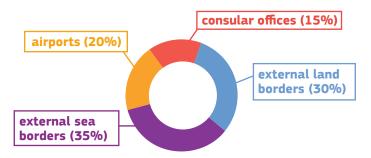


PRIORITIES UNDER THE NEW BORDER FUND



Continued and strengthened focus on stronger borders: Priority areas include: help Member States to buy equipment, including for deployment to the EBCGA, support for new IT systems, actions against migrant smugglers and traffickers, support for search and rescue missions, capacity building for swift operational support when needed

Supporting Member States: €4.8 billion in long-term funding to support Member States border and visa policy. Each Member State will receive a fixed sum of €5 million with the remainder distributed based on the workload, pressure and threat level at external land borders (30%), external sea borders (35%), airports (20%) and consular offices (15%);



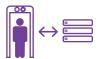
Source: European Commission



A flexible and fast response: €3.2 billion reserved for EUlevel projects and swift and flexible support in urgent cases



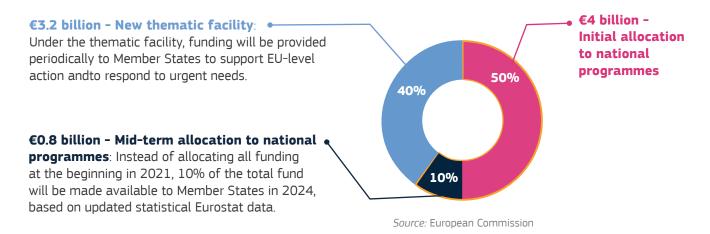
Strengthening the EU's visa policy: support the modernisation of the EU's visa policy, including with new IT systems



Better customs controls equipment: €1.3 billion for new state-of-the-art equipment, for example: scanners, automated number plate detection systems

BUILT-IN FLEXIBILITY TO RESPOND TO REAL-TIME NEEDS

Flexibility in built in the design of the Instrument for Border Management and Visa:



This allows for quick responses to unforeseen challenges and crisis situations.

A STRONG EUROPEAN BORDER AND COAST GUARD AGENCY TO PROTECT OUR EXTERNAL BORDERS

- In addition to the funding presented today, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency will benefit from a significant share of the €12 billion allocated to the agencies supporting Member States in the management and protection of the external border.
- This will allow for the creation of a standing corps of around 10,000 border guards.

