

Cooperation with Turkey

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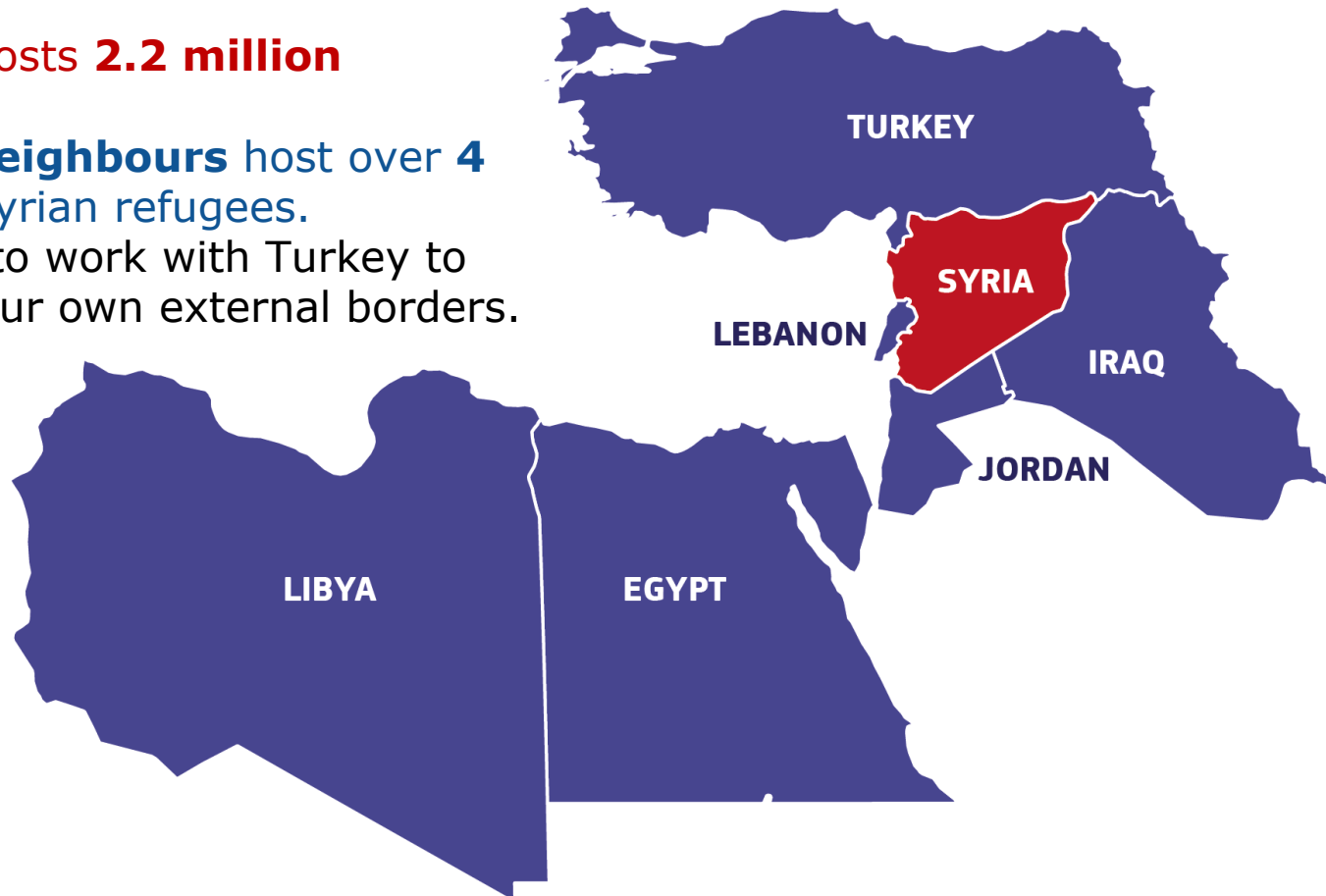


SYRIAN REFUGEES IN TURKEY

Turkey hosts **2.2 million** refugees.

Syria's neighbours host over **4 million** Syrian refugees.

We need to work with Turkey to manage our own external borders.



TURKEY

- A Strategic Partner in addressing the refugee challenge;
- Commission has acted quickly to further forge cooperation;
- EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan agreed and is moving forward but full implementation needs action on both sides including elements on returns and the readmission of third country nationals;
- For the Joint Action Plan to be implemented, the EU should deliver on its commitment to step up political and financial engagement.

TURKEY – substantial political support

- Take stock and explore further progress across the **political agenda**;
- Pursue the **visa liberalisation process**, based on the progress made and assessed, by March 2016;
- Re-energize the **enlargement process** and open **Chapter 17** of the negotiation process before the end of the year;
- Possible **EU-TURKEY SUMMIT** by the end of 2015 (ideally in November).

TURKEY – substantial financial engagement – PROPOSED TURKEY REFUGEE GRANT FACILITY

- Mobilise substantial and concrete new funds to support Turkey in coping with the challenge of the presence of Syrian refugees in its territory;
- Priorities and areas should be decided jointly with the Turkish authorities;
- Priority will be given to actions providing immediate humanitarian assistance.



EU Budget



**Member States
(pooled contributions)**

**€500
million**

€2.5 billion