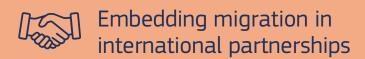


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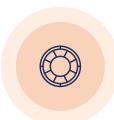


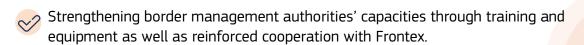
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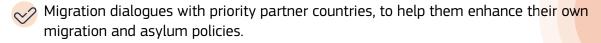
A new paradigm based on comprehensive partnerships with countries of origin and transit to the EU is being developed. The Commission has concluded or advanced negotiations for global partnerships with Tunisia, Egypt, and Mauritania, covering issues such as economic cooperation, green energy, digital, cultural exchanges, better migration management, and security.

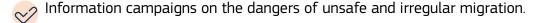
This new approach embeds migration in international partnerships to prevent irregular departures and loss of life, fight migrant smuggling, reinforce cooperation on readmission and promote legal pathways.

## Preventing irregular departures and loss of life









## Fighting migrant smuggling

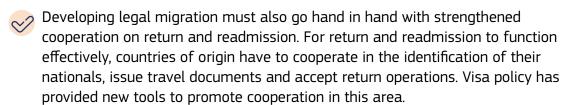


Dedicated and tailor-made Anti-Smuggling Operational Partnerships with partner countries, Member States and UN agencies tackle smuggling in key locations. Partnerships are in place with Morocco and Tunisia, and a Regional Operational Partnership is in place with the Western Balkans and Asia.

Beyond the Anti-Smuggling Operational Partnerships, the Commission is working through bilateral and regional operational cooperation against migrant smuggling in Africa and in 2023, the Commission proposed new legislation to strengthen the criminal law framework and to establish a European Centre to Counter Migrant Smuggling. The Commission also launched a Call to Action for a Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling.

### Cooperation on return and readmission





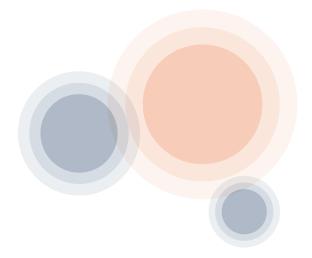
For instance, under Article 25a of the Visa Code, the Commission regularly assesses third countries' cooperation on readmission and reports to the Council suggesting a proportionate response. For the 64 countries with whom the EU has a visa-free regime in place, the visa suspension mechanism is a safeguard against the abuse of visa-free travel that can result in irregular migration.

#### Promoting legal pathways



**Talent partnerships** have been launched with Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Pakistan and Bangladesh. They will allow people from the countries concerned to come work, study, and train in the EU, developing new skills that can benefit later their countries of origin.





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