

The New Pact on Asylum and Migration

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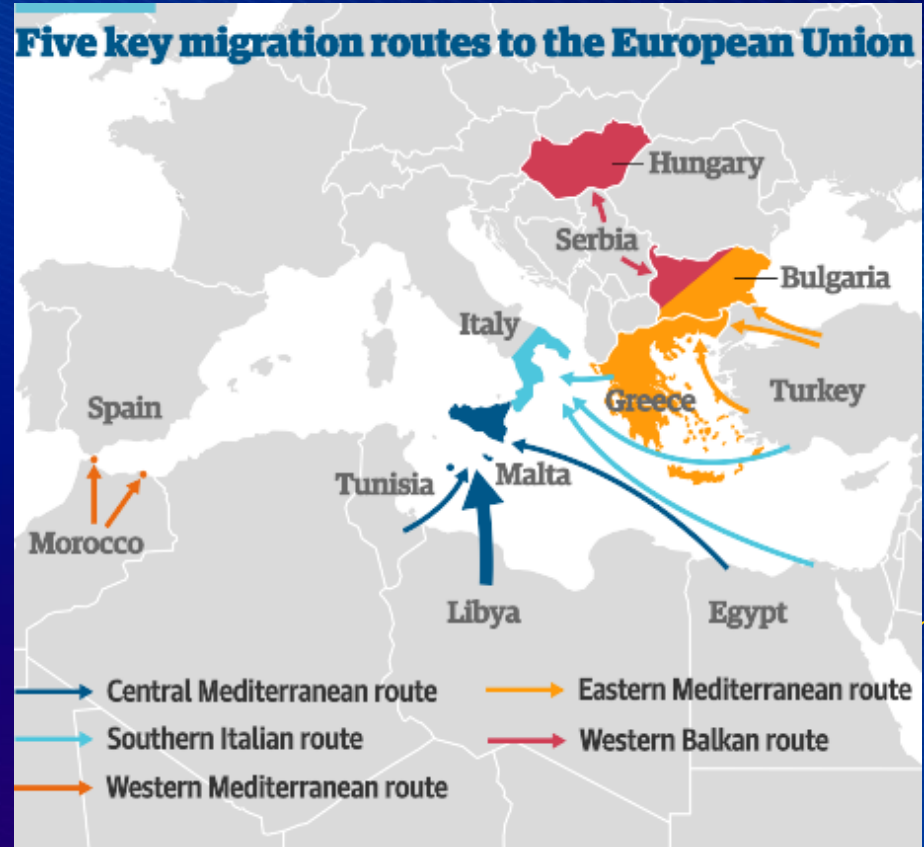
Introduction and Context

- The Council **adopted the new pact on May 14th 2024.**
- Prior to the new pact - **Common European Asylum System (CEAS)**
- Emerged due to the **migration 2015** crisis
- It is a major improvement
- includes 4 areas and these are broken down into those 10 smaller building blocks



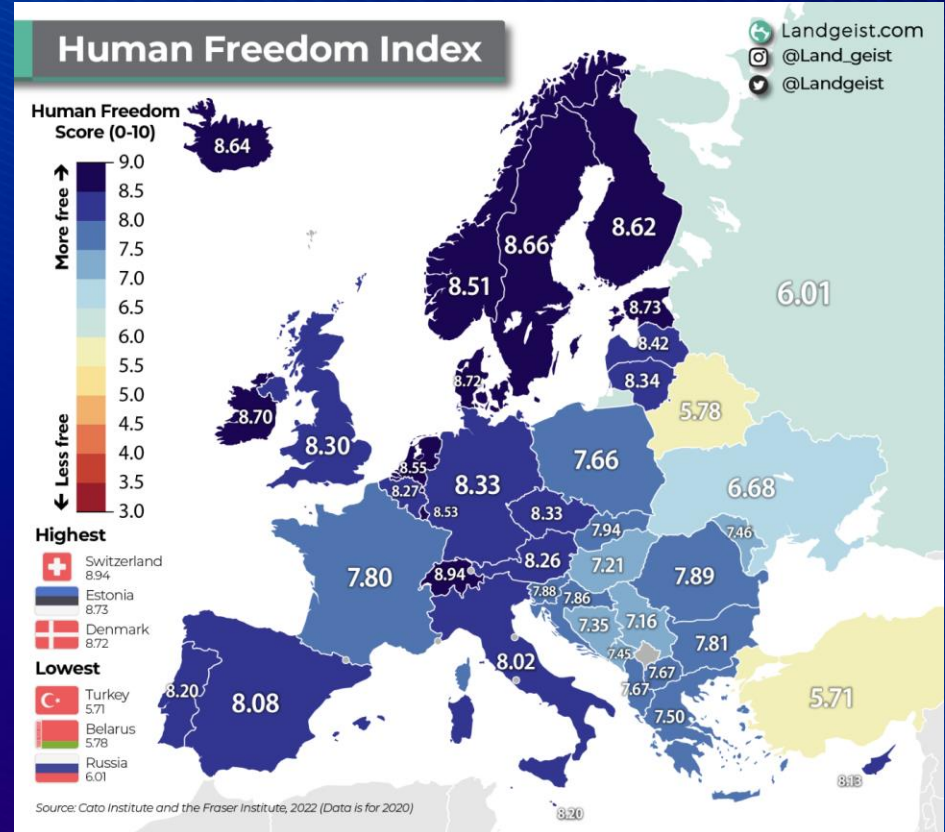
Background, the 2015 Crisis

- **One million+** refugees came to Europe in 2015
- Result of **conflicts and wars** (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan)
- **Deficiencies** in migration and asylum policies of EU exposed
- **Dublin III regulation policy failed**
- **New Pact** was designed with lessons taken from the **2015 crisis**



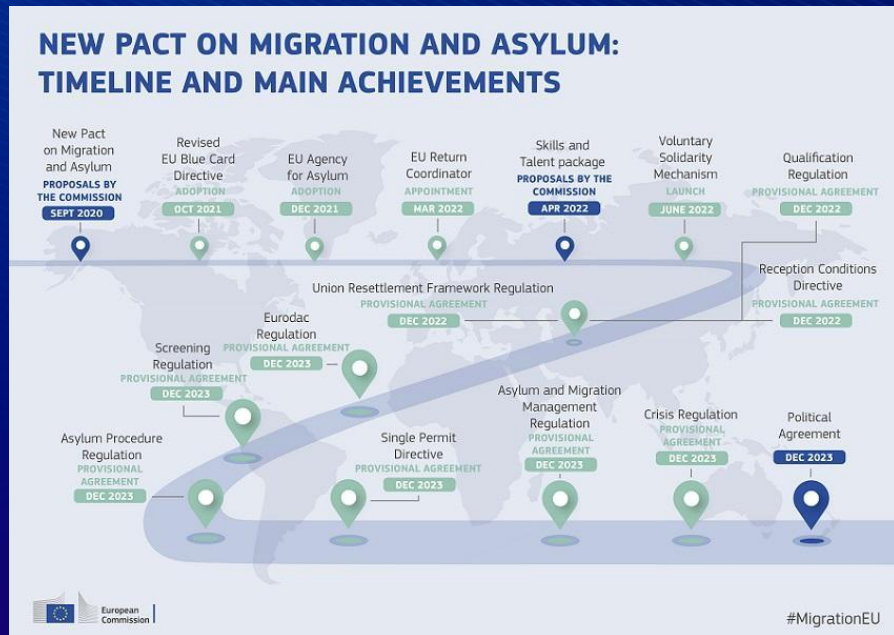
Importance of the New Pact

- The old system **failed**
- **Migration is ongoing** and will probably increase
- **Solidarity** and EU values
- It concerns **Human Rights**



Goals of the New Pact

- Four broad goals, able to be split into key sections
 - Securing External Borders
 - Fast and Efficient Processes
 - Effective System of Solidarity and Responsibility
 - Embedding Migration in International Partnerships
- Further non-stated goals are increase in solidarity, an effort to **encourage legal migration** and a legal process in dealing with irregular and illegal migration, and **international cooperation** with countries of origin to address root cause of migration



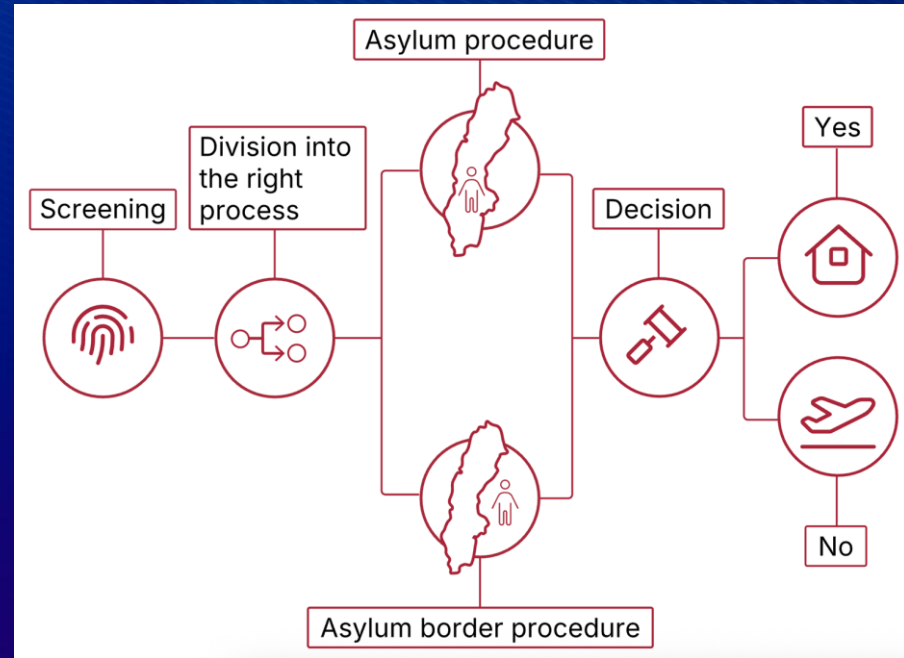
Agencies

- 14 Billion Euros contributed total
- 1 relocation/20,000 Euros contributed to Solidarity Fund
 - 30,000 relocations and 600 million euro contributions to the Fund estimated by EU, real numbers to be calculated using real population and GDP
 - Donations can take other forms than money to the Solidarity Fund
- European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA), European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA), European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), and the European Commission and Council, as well as member state governments. EURODAC System.

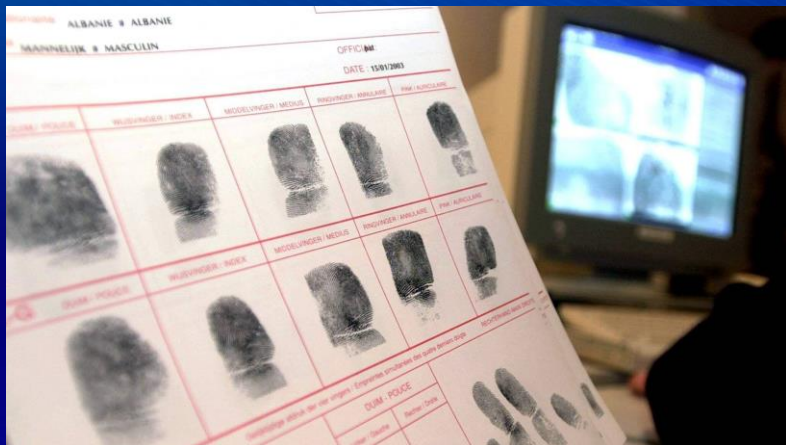


1. A common migration and asylum information system

- Goal: fast routing to proper channel related to their immigration concern
- Identity, security, health and vulnerability checks at borders and internal checkpoints
 - Preliminary vulnerability checks and independent monitoring organization for human rights



2. A new system to manage arrivals at the EU's external borders



- Registration into EURODAC system, checks on identity, health and security
- New EES (Entry-Exit System) working at the hard borders
- Frontex and the EIBM (European Integrated Border Management)
- Other systems such as VIS, ETIAS systems



3. Rethinking reception

- Higher standards of reception, keeping secondary movement limited
 - Reduces load on “desirable destinations”
- Equalized standard of support across member states
 - MS held to keep border process dignified and respect migrant rights
- MS encouraged to focus on integration and providing a quality life to prevent secondary movements



4. Streamlining the decision-making process on asylum applications at the EU level

- Accelerated asylum procedure, under the name “border procedure”
- Clear, standard, and uniform procedures for migrants and demands of them
- Ensuring better reception conditions to prevent secondary movement
- Safe third country concept (no official list exists yet)
 - Under the goal of International Cooperation



- Expanded idea of member responsibility of migrant
 - In case of receiving a degree from another MS
 - Familial ties to someone in another MS, with permanent residency, legal protections, or citizen of a MS



5. Expediting return processes

- Immediate return procedure initiated at same time as asylum rejection
- Alternative to actual detention of migrants; safe third country and partnership with non-EU nations





6. Activating new Responsibility Criteria

Responsibility during the border procedure

What really is new about it?

Dublin criteria x New pact criteria

	Processing location	Duration	Target group
Dublin	Mostly inside the first country after registration	Varied by state, no EU-wide limit	All asylum seekers
New pact	Directly near or at the border (hotspots etc.)	Max. 12 weeks for asylum + 12 weeks for return process	Specific groups: From safe countries Posing security risk Inadmissible claims



7. Enforcing solidarity

Solidarity pool



8. Reducing the risk of Crisis situations

Solidarity

Solidarity of all the member states should help to prevent crisis on the front line, that could happen due to a lack of resources

Screening

Pre-entry screening works as a prevention

Crisis declaration mechanism

Commission can trigger a coordinated response mechanism in case of a border crisis



Crisis declaration mechanism

What is this process like?

- E.C. declares crisis after being provided evidence
- Once crisis is declared, ALL member states must contribute to the solidarity pool
- Temporary procedural flexibilities -> extended deadlines etc.



9. Protecting the right to asylum and human dignity

Based on Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 and Directive (EU) 2024/1346

- Harmonizes **reception standards** and **protection rights**
- EU 2024/1346 “**Reception conditions directive**”: common standards for basic needs and safeguards for refugees
- **Goal:** prevent unequal treatment between states
- EU 2024/1247 “**Qualification regulation**”: who qualifies for protection and what rights they have
- **Goal:** consistency and fairness across europe



10. Resettlement, inclusion, and integration

Based on Regulation (EU) 2024/1350

- Establishes **legal and safe pathways** to the EU, + rules for **resettlement** and humanitarian admission
- EU 2024/1350 “**Resettlement & Humanitarian Admission**”:
Framework for resettlement, mandated contributions by member states, family unity, integration support
- **Goal**: legal and safe entry routes, solidarity, integration into society, consistency and





**What good can
the New Pact
bring?**

Predictability

Thanks to the new solidarity system and the shared responsibility, the whole border procedure can become more predictable

Efficiency

Solidarity system combined with new screening process and set deadlines makes the whole process more efficient

Unity

Mandatory solidarity makes every member state involved ~ burdens are shared





**So what could
go wrong ?**

Solidarity problem

Will all the member states participate?



Solidarity problem 2.0

Is money the solution?



Human rights

Even though the EU sets standards for basic needs and safeguards for refugees (EU 2024/1346), there are still concerns about human rights violations at the border.



Double Standard of Solidarity

Ukrainian Refugees largely welcomed even by xenophobic governments, given free movement. Crisis seen as internal crisis to Europe. Important to note “temporary protections” here.

Refugees in 2015 were largely distrusted and judged. Used as political tools in some nations. Crisis seen as external to Europe



Class Debate

1. Should solidarity in migration management be mandatory for EU members or remain voluntary?

2. Do you think that the New Pact does have a future, given the current political climate in some member states?

**Thank you for
attention !**

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