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Subject:	Operationalisation of the Pact – Follow-up on the implementation of the action plans related to the Central Mediterranean Route: Tunisia, Niger, Egypt and Libya

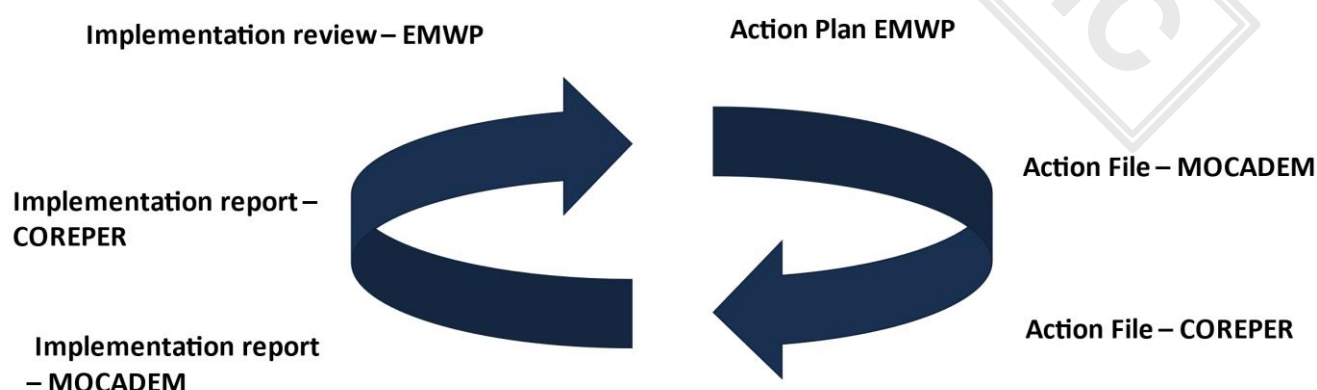
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Delegations will find attached the implementation review of the Central Med action plans prepared by the Presidency.

## Implementation review of the Central Med action plans (360-degree approach)

### The 360 degree cycle



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The implementation review document presents an overview of existing goals, objectives and state of play included in the Action Plans, Action Files and Implementation reports, as well as an update on the current funding situation. Together with the Implementation report, it serves as a background for the discussion in EMWP.

There are four Action Plans directly related to the Central Mediterranean route (Tunisia, Niger, Egypt and Libya). In addition, the Commission has presented an Action Plan for the Central Mediterranean route, which has been followed up in MOCADDEM with an Action File approved by Coreper in January 2023. For the EMWP discussion on 12 April, the main focus is on Tunisia and Niger, in line with the 360-degree cycle.

<b>Tunisia</b>	<b>Niger</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>Libya</b>
Action Plan 3 Feb 2022 11392/21 REV 2	Action Plan 6 Dec 2021 11950/21 REV 2	Action Plan 8 July 2022 10130/22 REV 1	Action Plan 2 Dec 2021 11946/21 REV 1
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<b>EU ACTION PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN</b>			
Action File MOCADDEM CRP2 25 Jan 2023 WK 889/2023			

The latest oral update on the Action Plan on **Tunisia** was given by the Commission and the EEAS at the EMWP meeting on 15 July 2022. **DELETED**

## TUNISIA

### Action File Tunisia – specific objectives (from Implementation report WK 15357/2022)

Resume discussions with the Tunisian authorities, at EU and bilateral level, in particular in order to:

- Continue the EU's capacity-building support to strengthen the action of the Tunisian authorities in terms of border management and control, prevention of departures and rescue at sea, as well as the fight against smugglers and trafficking in human beings;
- Convince and support the Tunisian authorities to establish a robust legal and institutional framework for the management of migration, reception and asylum, in line with their national migration strategy (SNM);
- Strengthen cooperation on readmission, including voluntary return, with all Member States, in particular – but not only – by proposing the re-launch of negotiations for an EU readmission agreement containing cooperation modalities based on current good practices with some Member States;
- Continue the coordinated support on the fight against the root causes of irregular migration and the particular vulnerabilities related to migrant smuggling in a deteriorated internal context, often exacerbated by the spread of false information by smugglers;
- Identify opportunities to make better use of existing legal migration pathways in accordance with national competences of Member States.

<b>Action Plan for Tunisia – goals for managing migration and address forced displacement</b>	<b>Action File Tunisia - actions</b>
(General outreach)	Political and technical outreach: actions 1-2
Protection and support to host countries	Action 4
Root causes of irregular migration	Socio-economic support measures: action 8
Migration governance and management	Support measures for migration management: actions 3-5
Return, readmission, visa facilitation	Measures for return, readmission and reintegration: actions 6-7
Legal Migration and Mobility	Mobilisation of legal migration channels: action 9

**In the Action File for the Central Med Action plan, the following actions are of particular relevance for Tunisia:**

Action 1: Launch the Team Europe Initiative on the Central Mediterranean route

Action 3: Strengthen capacities of Tunisia, Egypt and Libya

Action 4: Develop and implement a new regional programme to fight against the smuggling of migrants and the trafficking of human beings

Action 10: Coordinate joint diplomatic demarches vis-à-vis third countries

Action 11: Set up quickly targeted return operations

Action 12: Prioritise the implementation of the Regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa and Niger.

Action 13: Accelerate the activation of the Talent Partnerships

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## **Financing (Member States' funding not included)**

### **Tunisia**

In the framework of the regional Development and Protection Programme in North Africa, Niger and Mauritania (EUR 63,7 m 2015-2022), projects in Tunisia focussed on registration, refugee status determination, direct assistance to migrants and refugees, child protection, return and reintegration and capacity building for a total amount of EUR 4 m under AMIF and Italian funding. A new phase for 2023-2025 of EUR 27,8 m in Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Niger (EUR 25 m from AMIF and EUR 2,8 m from Government of Italy) will continue supporting the objectives with IOM and UNHCR.

For 2021 and 2022, the EU dedicated EUR 35 m to Tunisia for border management (SAR equipment and new training academy of the Garde Nationale Maritime), EUR 13 m for migration governance, protection and support to reintegration. Tunisia is also benefitting from multi-country actions worth EUR 18 m on legal migration, EUR 6 m on cross-border cooperation, EUR 10 m police cooperation and EUR 47 m on returns and reintegration. Additional support in the area of border management is planned for 2023, alongside regional support to the fight against migrants smuggling and trafficking in human beings. Moreover, Tunisia still benefits from ongoing actions financed under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, for an amount of approximately EUR 57 m, including in the areas of border management, migration governance and protection.

Two information and awareness-raising campaigns funded under AMIF WP 2021-2022 (total of approx. EUR 3 m) covering Morocco and Tunisia as well as Niger, Nigeria and Tunisia respectively.

### **Niger**

**Joint Investigation Team** (JIT Niger) for the fight against criminal networks linked to irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants in Niger under the Flexible Mechanism for Migration and Forced Displacement (Regional MIP 2021-2027 - EUR 13 m).

**Providing protection through durable solutions for persons of concern evacuated from Libya in the Emergency Transit Mechanisms in Niger and Rwanda (ETM)**, funded under the forced displacement component of the Regional MIP 2021-2027, EUR 56 m.

Niger also benefits from the **Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration (MPRR)**, funded under the Regional MIP 2021-2027 (overall amount for Sub-Saharan Africa, EUR 180 m).

In the frame of the Regional Development and Protection programme in North Africa, Niger and Mauritania (EUR 63,7m, 2016-2022), projects in Niger focussed on direct assistance to migrants and refugees, capacity building of frontline actors on protection, child protection and awareness raising for a total amount of EUR 11,8 m under AMIF and Italian funding. A new phase for 2023-2025 of EUR 27,8 m in Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Niger (EUR 25 m from AMIF and EUR 2,8 m from Government of Italy) will continue supporting the objectives with IOM and UNHCR.

**Appui à la gouvernance et au développement local de la région d'Agadez (AGDELA)**, funded under the Country MIP 2021-2027, EUR 15 m. Supporting local governance including socio-economic activities.

**Éducation, Formation, Emploi**, funded under the Country MIP 2021-2027, EUR 50 m.

Implemented in regions of Maradi, Agadez and Niamey. Focus on areas affected by migration and displacement. It will strengthen the promotion of technical and vocational education and training, especially for women and youth, and help create, expand and diversify formal businesses and decent jobs in flourishing sectors

**Nexus – Trois Frontières**, funded under the Country MIP 2021-2027, EUR 50 m EUR. To achieve stabilisation, security and return of the State in the three borders - Tillabéry region. The project will target local communities, internally displaced people, and refugees living in conditions of vulnerability.

**Budget support under a State Building and Resilience Contract (SRBC)**, with a total EU contribution of EUR 195 m EUR, supporting the policy dialogue with Niger on migration and includes as one of its outputs a strengthened migration management.

Two information and awareness-raising campaigns funded under AMIF WP 2021-2022 (total of approx. EUR 3 m) covering Senegal, the Gambia and Niger as well as Niger, Nigeria and Tunisia respectively.

EUAA – Regional Pilot Project for North Africa and Niger, aiming notably at enhancing asylum and reception capacity in Niger - Total: EUR 1,030,000 – EUAA; EUR 550 000 - DK; EUR 550 000 – CZ.