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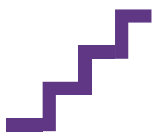
MALI

ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE-DECEMBER 2016



HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

- December** >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.
- November** >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy.
- October** >> Visit of Chancellor of Germany.
>> Visit of Minister of Foreign affairs of Mali to the Netherlands.
- September** >> Visit of Prime Minister of Estonia.
>> United Nations General Assembly bilateral meetings, several EU Member States, HR/VP Mogherini and Commissioner Avramopoulos.
>> Visit of Commissioner Mimica.
- July** >> Senior level mission (European External Action Service/Commission services and The Netherlands, Germany).
- June** >> Meeting of HR/VP Mogherini with Minister of Foreign Affairs at EU G5 Ministerial.



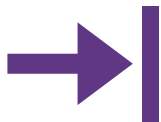
KEY PROGRESS BY MALIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Identification missions carried out to 5 Member States.
- >> Mali has worked with the EU in view of the return of persons irregularly staying in the Union on the basis of standard procedures finalised between the two parties respecting their mutual obligations. Missions have been carried out to this end.
- >> Mali appointed a focal point for migration issues, which will ensure a single contact point.



EU SUPPORT

- >> European Migration Liaison Officer to be deployed in early 2017.
- >> Mali remains one of the most important recipients of funds under the EU Trust Fund and three more projects are expected to be approved soon, including on biometric population registry, reintegration for returnees, awareness raising campaigns on the risks of irregular migration, and youth employment.
- >> The European Commission has been providing humanitarian support to Malian refugees in Burkina Faso, Mauritania and Niger. The EU Trust Fund for Africa will support the resilience and self-sufficiency of these refugee populations, contribute with UNHCR to maintain peaceful coexistence between displaced populations and communities and facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Maintain close dialogue with Mali as Chair of the Rabat Process, in the preparations of the Valletta Senior Officials Meeting in February 2017.
- >> Monitor and address the situation in terms of protection and displacement.
- >> Step up work with Mali on the transit dimension as a matter of priority.
- >> Strengthen return cooperation in terms of effective returns.