



EUROPEAN UNION

MALI

ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

JUNE 2016 - MARCH 2017

The EU has actively supported Mali's efforts to achieve lasting peace, stability and sustainable development for many years. The EU is a key development partner for Mali, investing in projects from food security, youth, economic development and on improving access to education. Mali is a priority country under the Partnership Framework, and one of the main beneficiaries of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. The role of Mali as chair of the Rabat Process, in particular in the preparation of the Malta Senior Officials Meeting in February 2017, was key to the success of the meeting. In the coming months, Mali and the EU will be stepping up their engagement to address the issue of migrant smuggling and human trafficking, while enhancing their dialogue around other pillars of the Valletta Action Plan.



HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

2017

February >> Meeting between HRVP F. Mogherini and A. Sylla, Minister for Malians Abroad, in the margins of the Valletta Senior Officials Meeting.

2016

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.

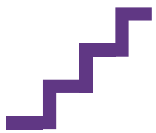
September >> Visit of Prime Minister of Estonia.

>> 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.



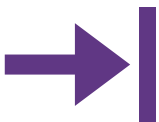
KEY PROGRESS BY MALIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Development of National Border Strategy and a related Action Plan.
- >> Capacity building of the police forces in charge of border management.



EU SUPPORT

- >> European Migration Liaison Officer deployed to the EU Delegation in Mali in February 2017.
- >> Stepping up migration dimension of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) mission operating in Mali.
- >> Projects adopted under the EU Trust Fund for Africa in December 2016 to improve biometric population registry, support reintegration of returnees and youth employment.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Deployment of a mission at technical level to explore options for cooperation and strengthening of capacities for border management and the fight against smuggling..
- >> Step up work with Mali on the transit dimension, focusing on voluntary return of transiting migrants.
- >> Strengthen cooperation on effective return of irregular migrants including of Malians attempting to cross the southern Libyan border irregularly.
- >> Maintain close dialogue with Mali as Chair of the Rabat Process.