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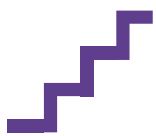
# NIGER

## ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE – OCTOBER 2016



### HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

- >> Joint migration declaration and HR/VP Mogherini meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs at EU G5 Ministerial (June)
- >> Visit of Commissioner Stylianides (July)
- >> Visit of Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (August)
- >> United Nations General Assembly bilateral meetings, several EU Member States, HR/VP Mogherini and Commissioner Avramopoulos (September)
- >> Visit of Chancellor of Germany (October)



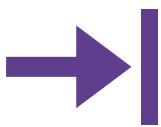
### KEY PROGRESS BY NIGERIEN AUTHORITIES

- >> Establishment of a local coordination platform on migration (“Cadre de Concertation”), with participation of senior officials from EU Member States.
- >> Creation of dedicated agency to combat human trafficking.
- >> Finalisation of Action Plan to fight against smuggling, decrease irregular migration, and provide alternative economic opportunities.
- >> Significant action against migrant smuggling.
- >> Application of stricter measures to control irregular migrants going to Libya or Algeria.  
Awareness campaigns directed towards potential migrants.
- >> Several hundreds of irregular migrants returned to Agadez.
- >> Significant increase in voluntary returns.



## EU SUPPORT

- >> Field office established in Agadez (under CSDP mission to Niger (EUCAP Sahel Niger), providing training and advice.
- >> Support of border management and action against criminal networks, as well as addressing the root causes of irregular migration, such as through youth job creation.
- >> EU Trust Fund for Africa projects on Migrant Resource and Response Mechanism, capacity building, and support to the economy of Agadez.
- >> Four transit centres for migrants supported by the EU, with 1,500 places in total, assisted over 12,000 migrants from November 2015 to July 2016.
- >> Member States' provision of key equipment to assist the Niger authorities.



## NEXT STEPS

- >> Establishment of a dedicated office to enhance national risk analysis capacity and regional cooperation and exchange of information.
- >> Continued engagement through the “Cadre de Concertation” and with high level visits.
- >> Full operational capacity for the field office in Agadez and stronger CSDP cooperation.
- >> Deployment of the European Migration Liaison Officer.
- >> Focus of EU support on the dedicated agency to combat human trafficking.
- >> Support to communities and individuals affected by the smuggling and trafficking business by providing alternative livelihood opportunities.
- >> Support to the implementation of the Action Plan against smuggling in the Agadez region.
- >> Step up financial assistance for reintegration of returning migrants and host communities.
- >> Continue delivery of training and equipment.