



EUROPEAN UNION

NIGERIA

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



HIGH LEVEL ENGAGEMENT

- November** >> Visit of Secretary of State of Slovakia to the 5th EU Nigeria Business Forum.
- October** >> Visit of President of Nigeria to Germany.
 - >> Visit of Minister of Interior to Italy.
 - >> Visit of Minister for EU Affairs and Trade of Sweden.
 - >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany.
 - >> Visit of Secretary of State of Portugal.
- September** >> United Nations General Assembly bilateral meetings, several EU Member States.
- August** >> Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy.



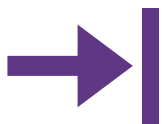
KEY PROGRESS BY NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Negotiations on a EU-Nigeria Readmission Agreement started in October.
- >> Identification missions took place in November to three European countries. Two more missions are planned before the end of the year.
- >> EU-Nigeria cooperation platform on migrant smuggling launched in October.
- >> Liaison officers from Nigeria are supporting identification upon arrival on the Central Mediterranean route.
- >> A European Migration and Liaison Officer will be deployed in early 2017.
- >> Appointment of points of contact in areas including readmission and smuggling.
- >> Work to enhance best practices for joint return operations.
- >> Nigerian participation at a European Border and Coast Guard event on return.
- >> Identification missions to Member States have been planned for November.



EU SUPPORT

- >> The EU Trust Fund for Africa mobilised projects addressing specific migration management issues, as well as root causes of irregular migration.
- >> Three projects have been approved under the EU Trust Fund for Africa in the field of resilience, three more are in the pipeline to address return and reintegration, and anti-radicalisation..
- >> Protection challenges in Nigeria are being addressed by mobilising different kinds of support (protection concerns are mainstreamed in the EU humanitarian response and specific support related to child protection is provided).
- >> In the framework of the EDF, cooperation is ongoing or planned in migration management and the fight against trafficking of human beings.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Further develop projects and initiatives addressing trafficking and smuggling including with the support of Europol and the European Border Coast Guard Agency.
- >> Conclude negotiations on EU-Nigeria Readmission Agreement and foster good practices in the field of return, also by addressing internal constraints.
- >> Develop initiatives to address root causes of migration and stimulate investments.