



EUROPEAN UNION

MALI

ACTION AND PROGRESS UNDER THE MIGRATION PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK JUNE 2016 - JUNE 2017

The EU has continued to actively support Mali's efforts to achieve lasting peace, stability and sustainable development. The EU is a key political, security and 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. Two EU Common Security and Defence Policy missions are actively supporting stabilisation efforts through training, advice and mentoring. 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

- June** >> Participation of HR/VP F. Mogherini in the G5-EU Ministerial Meeting in Mali. Meeting of HR/VP F. Mogherini meeting with President of Mali Mr I. Boubacar Keïta and Foreign Minister A. Diop
- >> Visit of German Minister of Defence to Mali
- >> High-level mission from Sweden to Mali
- May** >> Visit of the Minister for Malians Abroad A. Sylla to Brussels
- February** >> Meeting between HR/VP F. Mogherini and A. Sylla, Minister for Malians Abroad, in the margins of the Valletta Senior Officials Meeting.

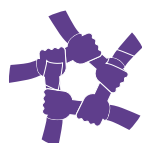
2016

- 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.



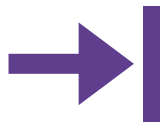
KEY PROGRESS BY MALIAN AUTHORITIES

- >> Adoption of National Border Strategy and related Action Plan.
- >> Malian authorities continued efforts to facilitate the voluntary return of Malian citizens stranded in Niger and in Libya. 404 people have been assisted so far.
- >> Reinforcement of government actions to improve monitoring of migration flows along key border areas
- >> Development of a regional approach to address smuggling and human trafficking



EU SUPPORT

- >> European Migration Liaison Officer deployed to the EU Delegation in Mali in May 2017.
- >> Reinforcement of the migration dimension of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) mission operating in Mali.
- >> EU Trust Fund Projects launched to support the redeployment of Malian internal security forces and reinforce border control in central Mali.
- >> Mali benefits from nine projects supported under the EU Trust Fund for Africa, with an important emphasis on security, for example by enhancing coordination. Job creation projects focus on vocational training and integrating especially young people into the labour market, and further programmes aim at assisting and protecting migrants in their return and sustainable reintegration. Work is ongoing to identify options for new projects on smuggling, reinforcing law enforcement, and control and identification of transit routes.
- >> €50 million funding announced on 5 June for the G5 Sahel Joint Force to help increase security and boost cross-border cooperation in the region.



NEXT STEPS

- >> Explore options for cooperation and strengthening of capacities for border management and the fight against smuggling.
- >> Strengthen cooperation on effective return of irregular migrants including of Malians attempting to cross the southern Libyan border irregularly.
- >> Put in place efficient working methods with Malian authorities on identification and documentation of undocumented irregular migrants.