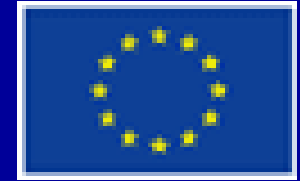


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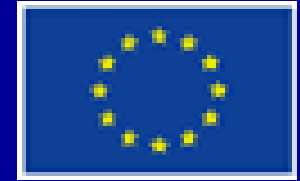
Migration on the EU's political agenda

- migration: a political priority
- the challenge of migration management
- the demographic context
- matching migration to needs
- the role of the Mediterranean countries



Migration and Development

- a new political priority
- the Global Approach



The Global Approach

- improving border control
- working on migration within the EuroMed framework
- extending the dialogue to African states
- closer cooperation at global level
- implementing the Migration and Development action plan



Policy Frameworks

- the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)
- EuroMed: the Barcelona Process



The European Neighbourhood Policy

- the action plans
- activities
 - strengthen institutional capacity
 - improve border controls
 - upgrade facilities for asylum seekers and refugees
 - fight illegal immigration and trafficking



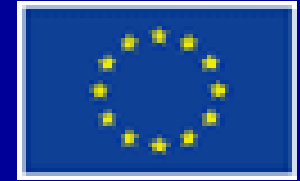
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- **new five-year programme**
 - **promoting legal migration for economic growth**
 - **improving integration and fair treatment for migrants**
 - **dealing with the brain drain**
 - **facilitating remittances**



Managing Migration in the Mediterranean

- Legal labour migration
- Illegal migration and border management



Legal Labour Migration

- creating transparency (future EU directives)
- fostering new forms of migration
- strengthening the integration of immigrants
- tackling the black economy



Illegal Migration and Border Control

- a problem in the news
- a European response
 - FRONTEX operations
 - Financial support
 - Commissioner's Task Force



In Conclusion

- the added value of an EU approach
- the key challenges for the future
 - development of partnerships with third countries
 - allocating financial resources