



Labour migration, legal mobility and development

Perspectives of the European Union

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Global framework

2030 Agenda and
European Consensus on Development

SDGs 10.7

"To facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies. Other targets that directly reference migration mention trafficking, remittances, international student mobility and more. In addition to this, migration is indirectly relevant to many more targets across topics"

Legal migration and professional mobility in the EU: Normative framework

- Shared competences between the EU and Member States
- Standards at European level to facilitate legal mobility
- Recent internal evaluation (fitness check)

The EU approach

- Global approach, with strong external dimension
- Growing commitment in countries of origin, transit and reception, especially in Africa

Main priorities:

- Addressing the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement
- Strengthen capacities on migration management
- Maximising the development impact of migration and mobility



EU support

Different instruments, traditional and innovative:

- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
(AMIF, 2014)
- Emergency Trust Fund for Africa
(ETF, 2015)
- The External Investment Plan
(EIP, 2016)

Concrete examples

- MIEUX (www.mieux-initiative.eu)
- REFRAME (ILO)
- Social protection for migrant workers in African RECs (ILO)
- MigrACTIONS Project (consortium of PES)
- Free movement in West Africa (<https://fmmwestafrica.org>)
- Erasmus+, Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Pilot projects professional mobility

- European Commission, Member States and third countries
- Several pilots in preparation
- Objectives:
 - Strengthen bilateral relations on migration
 - Offer alternatives to irregular migration
 - Maximize development impact on country of origin
 - Respond upon request in certain sectors of destination countries