

Background and purpose of the meeting

On 17 December 2014, the European Parliament adopted a Resolution on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration. The Resolution instructed the competent Committee, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, to assess the various policies at stake in the area of migration, asylum and border control, develop a set of recommendations and to report to Plenary in the form of a strategic report before the end of 2015.

Following this, the LIBE Committee has begun working on a strategic own-initiative report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic approach to migration (co-rapporteurs: Ms Roberta Metsola, EPP, and Ms Kashetu Kyenge, S&D). In the course of its work on this report, the Committee has heard from numerous experts in the area, focusing on 8 subject-matters:

- 1) Article 80 - Solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility, including search and rescue obligations;
- 2) Tackling criminal smuggling, trafficking and labour exploitation of irregular migrants;
- 3) Border management and visa-policy, including the role of Frontex and other relevant Agencies;
- 4) Developing safe and lawful routes for asylum seekers and refugees into the EU including the Union resettlement policy and corresponding integration policies;
- 5) The strategy on cooperation with third countries, in particular on regional protection programmes, resettlement, returns and to address the root causes of migration;
- 6) Developing adequate legal economic migration channels;
- 7) Analysis on how Home Affairs funds are spent in migration & development context, including emergency funds;
- 8) Effective implementation of the Common European Asylum System, including the role of EASO.

In the meanwhile, the European Commission has adopted, in May, its Communication “A European Agenda on Migration”, in which it announced the creation of hotspots, where relevant EU agencies would work on the ground with frontline Member States to swiftly identify, register and fingerprint incoming migrants. Hotspots are being set up in Italy and in Greece.

Against this background, the Inter-Parliamentary Committee Meeting will provide an opportunity for an in-depth discussion of the hotspots approach, together with the EU’s Justice and Home Affairs Agencies and the national Parliaments of all Member States. It will furthermore allow Members of the LIBE Committee to have a meaningful exchange of views with Members of National Parliaments on migration, asylum and border policies, to see how they are being discussed and dealt with at the national level.

Order of business

Wednesday, 23 September

- 09.00 – 09.10 Introductory remarks by Claude MORAES, Chair of the LIBE Committee (EP)
- 09.10 – 09.20 Introductory remarks by Roberta METSOLA and Kashetu KYENGE, Co-Rapporteurs of the LIBE Strategic report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic approach to migration
- 09.20 – 09.30 Introductory remarks by Claude ADAM, Member of the Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, on Defense, Cooperation and Immigration, Chamber of Deputies of Luxembourg

09.30 – 12.30	SESSION I: The role of Justice and Home Affairs Agencies in the hot spot concept
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- 09.30 – 09.40 Marta CYGAN, Director, DG HOME, European Commission
- 09.40 – 09.50 Mario MORCONE, Head of the Italian Department of Civil Liberties and Immigration
- 09.50 – 10.00 Jean-Pierre SCHEMBRI, EASO
- 10.00 – 10.10 Klaus RÖSLER, Director of Operations Department, Frontex
- 10.10 – 10.20 Michael RAUSCHENBACH, Head of Business Area “Serious and Organised Crime”, Europol
- 10.20 – 10.30 Nikolaos ORNERAKIS, National Member for Greece, Eurojust
- 10.30 – 10.40 Ann-Charlotte NYGARD, Programme Manager, Asylum, Migration and Borders, Freedom and Justice Department, FRA
- 10.40 – 12.30 Questions & Answers / Debate

15.00 – 18.30

SESSION II: Addressing migration at the national and local level

- 15.00 – 15.15 Roberta METSOLA and Kashetu KYENGE, Co-Rapporteurs of the LIBE Strategic report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic approach to migration
- 15.15 – 15.25 François DECOSTER, Committee of the Regions’ Chair of the CIVEX Commission and Rapporteur for the upcoming Opinion on the European Agenda on Migration
- 15.25 – 15.35 Yiannos LAMARIS, Chair of the House Standing Committee on Internal Affairs, House of Representatives of Cyprus
- 15.35 – 15.45 Gennaro MIGLIORE, Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry into the reception, identification and holding of migrants.
- 15.45 – 15.55 Francisco MARQUEZ DE LA RUBIA, Committee of Home Affairs, Congress of Deputies of Spain
- 15.55 – 16.05 Kari HENRIKSEN, Standing Committee on Justice, Parliament of Norway
- 16.05 – 16.15 Keith VAZ, Chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, House of Commons, UK
- 16.15 – 16.25 Stefano MALLIA and Cristian PÎRVULESCU, European Economic and Social Committee’s Co-Rapporteurs for the upcoming Opinion on the EU Agenda on Migration
- 16.25 – 18.00 Questions & Answers / Debate
- 18.00 – 18.30 Conclusions by Roberta METSOLA and Kashetu KYENGE, Co-Rapporteurs of the LIBE Strategic report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic approach to migration

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