



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MIGRATION AND HOME AFFAIRS

The Director-General (acting)

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Dear Ambassador,

As announced in Commissioner Johansson's letter of 15 March 2024 to all Member States on the operationalisation and implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum, I would like to share further details regarding the preparation and next steps in our work towards the Common EU Implementation Plan.

In Annex I we have identified the key building blocks that we would envisage for the Common Implementation Plan and which we would like to discuss with you. Our objective is to build a shared understanding of these building blocks as foundational concepts. I look forward to an exchange of view soon, to allow for a common understanding to emerge during the conference organised by the Belgian Presidency on 29 April dedicated to the Pact Implementation.

The Asylum Migration Management Regulation (AMMR) tasks the Commission, in preparing the Common Implementation Plan, to do a gap analysis with a view to identify the needs of each Member State. This should support you in the development of your national plan. To that end, as announced in Commissioner's Johansson letter, I have established country teams with a dedicated senior level contact point for each Member State (Annex II). The EU agencies are closely linked to these country teams as are other Commission services, where relevant.

I invite you to similarly identify a counterpart at senior level, and I would encourage you to establish the appropriate means to ensure coordination across relevant services in your Member State. We would appreciate if your authorities would communicate this information to the functional mailbox for your Member State (see Annex II) as soon as possible and in any event ahead of the Ministerial Conference on the Implementation and Operationalisation of the Pact on 29 April.

Given the first annual cycle of the AMMR should start already next year with the adoption of the first Annual Report in October 2025, the Commission intends to undertake a 'dry

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run' of the report in 2024. This would require first data gathering and preparations to start already before the summer and thus, for Member States, EU Agencies, and other actors to submit the requested data and information. The Annual Report is of critical importance for the whole future system to function. This 'dry run' will therefore help establish and test the cooperative data sharing and analytical workflows foreseen in the AMMR and provide the basis for a joint assessment of requirements and next steps. Further practical information will be provided in the Blueprint Network.

In close cooperation with the Belgian Presidency, the Commission foresees more detailed and technical discussions in different interinstitutional fora. The Commission will coordinate this process to ensure a coherent approach in this intense period ahead of us. As one important step, the Solidarity Platform (Pact format) will be transformed into the Pact's Solidarity Forum, providing a regular space for discussion and exchange of best practices and experiences gained.

Throughout, it will be important to ensure that the content of the Pact national plans is appropriately considered and reflected in the Member States AMIF and BMVI programmes at the time when they will be amended to receive the additional resources stemming from their mid-term review and from the recently agreed revision of the Multi-Annual Financial Framework (2021 - 2027).

I am looking very much forward to working with you during this important next phase, so that we can ensure together the successful delivery of the full potential presented by the adoption of the Pact.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: Annex 1: The draft Building Blocks for the Common Implementation Plan
 Annex 2: DG HOME Contact List by Member State – Pact Implementation

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