

The European Parliament's perspective on the EU Resettlement Framework

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22. Points out that, given the unprecedented flows of migrants that have reached and continue to reach the Union's external borders, and the steady increase in the number of people asking for international protection, the Union needs a binding and mandatory legislative approach to resettlement, as set out in the Commission's agenda for migration; recommends that, to have an impact, *such an approach must provide for resettlement of a meaningful number of refugees*, with regard to the overall numbers of refugees seeking international protection in the Union, *and taking into account the global resettlement needs published annually by the UNHCR;*

Article 4

Regions or third countries from which resettlement is to occur

- (d) a third country's effective cooperation with the Union in the area of migration and asylum, including:
- (i) reducing the number of third-country nationals and stateless persons irregularly crossing the border into the territory of the Member States coming from that third country;
 - (ii) creating the conditions for the use of the first country of asylum and safe third country concepts for the return of asylum applicants who have irregularly crossed the border into the territory of the Member States coming from or having a connection with the third country concerned;
 - (iii) increasing the capacity for the reception and protection of persons in need of international protection staying in that country, including through the development of an effective asylum system; or
 - (iv) increasing the rate of readmission of third-country nationals and stateless persons irregularly staying in the territory of the Member States such as through the conclusion and effective implementation of readmission agreements;

Delivering on Quality and Quantity

- Exclusion grounds
- Integration , permanent residence permits
- Family reunification
- Role of UNHCR ?
- Undermining national programmes

Quantity:

- Numbers resettled

Funding

*The Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (**AMIF**) was set up for the period 2014-20, with a total of 3.137 billion euros for the seven years. It will promote the efficient management of migration flows and the implementation, strengthening and development of a common Union approach to asylum and immigration.*

= 44,800 persons / year

International Rescue Committee (IRC):

” An EU-wide resettlement programme, taking 108,000 refugees per year over five years, is a humane, orderly and legal alternative.”