



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2025/503

of 18 March 2025

laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the template to be used by Member States to ensure that their national asylum and migration management strategies are comparable on specific core elements

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on asylum and migration management, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1147 and (EU) 2021/1060 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 7(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 introduces a comprehensive approach to migration management through integrated policymaking in the field of asylum and migration management, including both its internal and external components.
- (2) Article 7(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 requires the Member States to adopt national strategies establishing a strategic approach to ensure that they have the capacity and capability to effectively implement their asylum and migration management system, in full compliance with their obligations under Union and international law, including respect for fundamental rights. The national strategies are to include at least preventive measures to reduce the migratory pressure and contingency planning, information on the implementation at national level of the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility and information on the measures undertaken to take into account relevant results of the monitoring of the European Union Agency for Asylum (EUAA) and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex).
- (3) In order to establish such a strategic approach, the national strategies should convey the Member States' long-term vision through strategic objectives of an integrated asylum and migration management system at the national level, taking into account among other things their specific situation, in particular geographical locations and reflecting the comprehensive approach to asylum and migration management with its internal and external components, in accordance with Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, and the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility, in accordance with Article 6 of that Regulation.
- (4) To ensure that the national strategies are comparable, a template should be used by Member States when establishing their national strategies, providing for a common structure and necessary comparable elements, while maintaining Member States' discretion in deciding the nature and the scope of relevant measures. National strategies should not serve as a monitoring tool, as they only outline Member States' strategic approach to asylum and migration management and their future needs in this regard.
- (5) To ensure consistent implementation of Member States' national strategies, the Commission is to draw up, in line with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, a five-year European Asylum and Migration Management Strategy setting out the strategic and long-term approach to migration and asylum management at Union level. The European Asylum and Migration Management Strategy is to build upon and take into account the national strategies developed by Member States.
- (6) The template should support Member States in developing well-structured strategies for managing asylum and migration and help them formulate their strategic objectives for each area by identifying specific core elements. It should include specific essential elements and measures, so that all strategies are comprehensive and can be compared.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L, 2024/1351, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1351/oj>.

- (7) The national strategies should include a comprehensive approach to asylum and migration management based on the internal and external components referred to in Articles 3, 4 and 5 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351. Managing asylum and migration effectively requires measures aiming at the reduction of the migratory pressure, as well as actions to be taken both within the Member States and in cooperation with third countries. The national strategies should therefore set their strategic objectives accordingly and should consist of relevant measures and actions addressing the relevant migratory routes as well as reducing incentives for and preventing of absconding and unauthorised movements of third-country nationals or stateless persons between Member States. Such measures and actions within both, the internal and external components, are equally necessary to reduce the overall number of irregular arrivals into the Union, thus reducing the migratory pressure.
- (8) Taking into account Member States obligations under the external component of the comprehensive approach referred to in Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, the national strategies should include key measures and actions that would address the relevant migratory routes, such as measures promoting partnerships with third countries, promoting legal migration and legal pathways, supporting partner countries that host large number of migrants and refugees, preventing and reducing irregular migration, addressing the root causes and drivers of irregular migration, and enhancing return, readmission and reintegration, in full compliance with fundamental rights and in line with the international obligations of the Union. Those measures and actions are of key importance for migration management at national level and for reducing the risk of migratory pressure in the long term.
- (9) Taking into account Member States' obligations under the internal component of the comprehensive approach referred to in Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, the national strategies should include relevant key measures and actions to ensure the application of the rules on determination of the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection, measures to fight exploitation and reduce illegal employment, and prevent the exploitation of migrants in the labour market, as well as measures to ensure the effective management of the return of illegally staying third-country nationals. Those measures and actions are crucial for addressing effectively migratory challenges and limiting the possible abuses of the asylum procedures implemented at national level.
- (10) In order to ensure the effective functioning of the Union's asylum and migration policies based on the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility in the context of the obligations laid down in Article 6(2), point (a), and Article 7(1), second subparagraph, point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, the national strategies should include relevant key measures and actions in the field of border management, necessary to ensure a coherent and fair approach towards asylum and migration, such as measures dedicated to enhancing the border procedures, improving the issuing of visas and preventing abuse of visa-free schemes.
- (11) In order to ensure that the national asylum and migration systems provide for effective access to procedures for international protection, the national strategies should include specific key measures and actions for ensuring swift and effective access to asylum procedures in the territory of a Member State, measures indicating how the respect for fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and other relevant international treaties are ensured and monitored, measures aimed at building a robust reception system, measures to provide effective support to other Member States, measures to promote legal migration opportunities and well-managed mobility and measures creating the conditions for a successful integration. These measures are key for ensuring the effective implementation of Member States' obligations under Regulation (EU) 2024/1351. The strategic objectives encompassing these measures is of paramount importance in complying with the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility.
- (12) The strategic objectives and related measures included in the national strategies contribute to Member States' resilience and adaptability to future developments in the area of asylum and migration, and their preparedness to absorb fluctuations in the migratory situations as well as to address situations of crisis.

- (13) Taking into account the preparedness and the ability of Member States to adjust to the developing and evolving realities of asylum and migration management, the national strategies should embed a strategic approach to contingency planning needs, as well as ensure complementarity and consistency of various other instruments in the area of preparedness and contingency.
- (14) To ensure that the national asylum and migration systems are prepared for possible mass arrivals of third-country nationals or stateless persons, situations of instrumentalisation in the field of asylum and migration, or situations of *force majeure*, the national strategies should include measures dedicated to equipping those systems with necessary measures and tools providing for overall readiness to prepare for, respond to and resolve these situations.
- (15) In order to deliver on the integrated approach, the national strategies should also include strategic objectives, supported by relevant measures, to implement the principle of integrated policymaking and whole-of-government approach, as referred to in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 regarding the comprehensive approach to asylum and migration management.
- (16) In order to ensure coherence and effectiveness of the actions and measures taken by the Union and its Member States acting within their respective competencies, in accordance with the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility, regarding the need to ensure necessary human, material and financial resources as referred to in Article 6(2) point (b) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, the template should envisage measures to be included to ensure a sufficient capacity and capability to implement the different components of the strategy, considering that the national strategy is to be implemented over a period of five years.
- (17) Furthermore, in accordance with Article 7(1), second subparagraph, point (c), of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351, the national strategies are to contain information on how relevant results of the monitoring undertaken by the EUAA, established by Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 ⁽²⁾, and by Frontex, established by Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 ⁽³⁾, should be taken into account.
- (18) The strategies are also to take into account the Schengen evaluation carried out in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) 2022/922 ⁽⁴⁾, as well as relevant results of the monitoring of fundamental rights carried out in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1356 ⁽⁵⁾.
- (19) In accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of Protocol No 22 on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark is not taking part in the adoption of this Decision and is not bound by it or subject to its application.
- (20) In accordance with Article 4 of Protocol No 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Ireland has notified, by letter of 27 June 2024, its wish to take part in the adoption and application of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351. The participation of Ireland was confirmed by Commission Decision (EU) 2024/2088 ⁽⁶⁾. Ireland is therefore bound by this Decision.

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 (OJ L 468, 30.12.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2303/oj>).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624 (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1896/oj>).

⁽⁴⁾ Council Regulation (EU) 2022/922 of 9 June 2022 on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis*, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 (OJ L 160, 15.6.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/922/oj>).

⁽⁵⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1356 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 introducing the screening of third-country nationals at the external borders and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240 and (EU) 2019/817 (OJ L, 2024/1356, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1356/oj>).

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Decision (EU) 2024/2088 of 31 July 2024 confirming the participation of Ireland in Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and the Council on asylum and migration management, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1147 and (EU) 2021/1060 (OJ L, 2024/2088, 2.8.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/2088/oj>).

- (21) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee referred to in Article 77(1) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The template for the national strategies as referred to in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 shall be as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

**TEMPLATE TO BE USED BY MEMBER STATES TO ENSURE THAT THEIR NATIONAL ASYLUM
AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES ARE COMPARABLE ON SPECIFIC CORE
ELEMENTS**

1. NATIONAL ASYLUM AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT CONTEXT

Provide detailed summary of the current national asylum and migration situation, based, inter alia, on the results of risk analyses and assessments of the operational situation. Provide key elements of a strategic outlook, highlighting possible existing and future migratory risks, challenges, needs and opportunities taking into account Member States' specific situation, in particular their geographical locations.

2. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND KEY MEASURES IN THE FIELD OF ASYLUM AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

Establish under each of the following areas the strategic policy objectives and related key measures to effectively implement your asylum and migration management system, in accordance with the principle of solidarity and fair sharing of responsibility, the principle of integrated policy making and in full compliance with Union and international law and on the basis of full respect of fundamental rights. While designing these objectives, consider all identified current and future challenges, needs and opportunities for each heading. When describing the measures, consider which of them are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in the area concerned over the next five years. Include information on how the results of the monitoring undertaken by the EU Asylum Agency (EUAA) and the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex), as well as how other relevant evaluations and monitoring results ⁽¹⁾ are being taken into account. In addition, include, as necessary, references to other strategies and plans, including the national Strategy for Integrated Border Management and other relevant national contingency plans, in order to ensure synergies, consistency and complementarity.

2.1. Effective management of the asylum and migration system aiming at the reduction of migratory pressure on the basis of the comprehensive approach

2.1.1. External dimension elements:

Considering your national context and geographic location and identified current and future challenges, as well as identified needs, describe how the strategic policy objectives will address the relevant migratory routes, in full compliance with Union and international law and in full respect for fundamental rights.

Describe which of the following key elements and measures are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

- How to best promote and build tailor-made and mutually beneficial partnerships with third countries of origin and transit and how to foster cooperation with relevant third countries at bilateral, regional and multilateral level, including on effective return.
- How to promote legal migration and legal pathways for third country nationals in need of international protection as well as for those otherwise admitted to legally reside in the Member State, including, where relevant, participation in EU Talent Partnership ⁽²⁾ and in the Union Resettlement Framework ⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ The evaluation carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/922 as well as of the monitoring carried out in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1356.

⁽²⁾ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Attracting skills and talent to the EU COM(2022) 657 final (ELI: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022DC0657>).

⁽³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1350 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 establishing a Union Resettlement and Humanitarian Admission Framework, and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 (OJ L, 2024/1350, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1350/oj>).

- Other measures that could facilitate your strategic objectives in this area, such as: measures to support third countries that host large numbers of migrants and refugees, measures to support third countries' operational capacities in migration, asylum and border management in full respect of human rights, measures to address root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement and to prevent and reduce irregular migration to the territories of the Member States, while ensuring the right to apply for international protection, measures to prevent and combat migrant smuggling and measures countering trafficking in human beings, while reducing the vulnerabilities caused by them, and to protect the rights of smuggled and trafficked human beings. Consider measures to address the root causes and drivers of irregular migration and forced displacement.

2.1.2. **Internal dimension elements:**

Considering your national context and geographic location and identified current and future challenges, as well as identified needs, describe the strategic policy objectives aiming notably to reduce incentives for and to prevent absconding and unauthorised movements of third country nationals or stateless persons between Member States.

Describe which of the following key elements and measures are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

- How to best ensure the correct and expeditious application of the rules on the determination of the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection, and where necessary, carry out the transfer to the Member State responsible. Furthermore, indicate measures aiming at an effective implementation of the take-back-and take-charge procedures, measures limiting abuses of the national asylum system, including through absconding and unauthorised movements, and how the results of the monitoring carried out in accordance with Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁴⁾ have been or will be taken into account, as relevant.
- Measures to fight exploitation and reduce illegal employment, in accordance with Directive 2009/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁵⁾, including measures to ensure the correct application of sanctions and to effectively prevent the exploitation of migrants in the labour market.
- Regarding the effective management of return, describe your strategic policy approach ensuring effective management of the return of illegally staying third country nationals, including their effective and dignified return, in accordance with Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁶⁾.
- Other measures that could facilitate your strategic objectives in the area of return management, such as: establishing cooperation between relevant actors and authorities, strategic planning of capacities, using relevant Frontex tools or developing reintegration support measures. Moreover, consider how the results of the monitoring undertaken by the EUAA and Frontex and the evaluation carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/922 ⁽⁷⁾ are being or will be taken into account, as relevant.

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2021 on the European Union Agency for Asylum and repealing Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 (OJ L 468, 30.12.2021, p. 1 ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2303/oj>).

⁽⁵⁾ Directive 2009/52/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 providing for minimum standards on sanctions and measures against employers of illegally staying third-country nationals (OJ L 168, 30.6.2009, p. 24, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/52/oj>).

⁽⁶⁾ Directive 2008/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals (OJ L 348, 24.12.2008, p. 98, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2008/115/oj>).

⁽⁷⁾ Regulation (EU) 2022/922 of 9 June 2022 on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis*, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 (OJ L 160, 15.6.2022, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/922/oj>).

2.1.3. *Measures to provide effective support to other Member States:*

- Describe your strategic approach to ensure the Member State capacity to provide effective support to other Member States in the form of solidarity contributions and under the Permanent EU Migration Support Toolbox referred to in Article 6(3) of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁸⁾.

2.2. *Effective management of the EU external borders*

Considering your national context and geographic location and identified current and future challenges, as well as identified needs, describe the strategic policy objectives to ensure an effective integrated management of the external borders.

Describe which of the following key elements and measures are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

2.2.1. *Effective management of the EU external borders and access to international protection:*

- How to achieve a high level of complementarity between this strategy and the national strategy for European Integrated Border Management as set out in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽⁹⁾. If relevant, consider measures ensuring full respect for the obligations laid down in international and Union law with regard to persons rescued at sea.
- How to ensure full implementation of the common visa policy at national level, including how to best organise the appropriate migration and security checks ahead of timely issuance of visa and how to prevent abuse of visa free schemes.
- How the main results of the monitoring undertaken by the EUAA and Frontex, and the evaluation carried out in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/922 of the European Parliament and of the Council as well as of the monitoring carried out in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1356 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁰⁾ are being or will be taken into account, as relevant.

2.2.2. *Effective access to international protection at the EU external borders:*

- How to best ensure timely and effective access to a fair and efficient procedure for international protection at the EU external borders, transit zones and the territorial seas.
- In relation to the need for a continuous and effective implementation of the border procedure set out in Regulations (EU) 2024/1348 ⁽¹¹⁾ and (EU) 2024/1349 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹²⁾ in the future, describe any relevant measures that will ensure, among other, its correct application at the borders and will preserve the right of asylum. Moreover, consider and describe how to best streamline the asylum and return procedure in case of a rejection of the application for international protection, including at the stage of the judicial review.

⁽⁸⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on asylum and migration management, amending Regulations (EU) 2021/1147 and (EU) 2021/1060 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 (OJ L, 2024/1351, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1351/oj>).

⁽⁹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2019/1896 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 November 2019 on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1052/2013 and (EU) 2016/1624 (OJ L 295, 14.11.2019, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1896/oj>).

⁽¹⁰⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1356 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 introducing the screening of third-country nationals at the external borders and amending Regulations (EC) No 767/2008, (EU) 2017/2226, (EU) 2018/1240 and (EU) 2019/817 (OJ L, 2024/1356, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1356/oj>).

⁽¹¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 establishing a common procedure for international protection in the Union and repealing Directive 2013/32/EU (OJ L, 2024/1348, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1348/oj>).

⁽¹²⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1349 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 establishing a return border procedure, and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1148 (OJ L, 2024/1349, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1349/oj>).

2.3. A fair asylum and integration system

Considering your national context and geographic location and identified current and future challenges, as well as already identified needs, describe the strategic policy objectives ensuring that the asylum management system provides an effective access to the international protection procedure that provides applicants with an adequate standard of living and grants international protection to applicants who are in need, ensuring their adequate integration.

Describe which of the following key elements and measures are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

2.3.1. Ensuring timely and effective access to fair and efficient asylum procedures in the territory of a Member State:

- Your strategic approach to ensure, at administrative and judicial level (courts and tribunals), in full respect of the principle of judicial independence, high quality and consistency of the administrative and judicial decision-making processes in timely manner in the Member State, including through measures aiming at convergence of asylum decisions and reducing the risk of abuse of the national asylum system.
- Measures aiming at strategic planning, ensuring necessary capacities at administrative and judicial level (courts and tribunals), in full respect of the principle of judicial independence, to correctly comply with the obligations laid down in Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 and (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹³⁾, regarding access to procedure and review of applications for international protection.

2.3.2. Procedural safeguards and fundamental rights:

- How the strategic policy approach, accompanied by relevant key measures ensuring respect for fundamental rights and safeguards, including those enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, including procedural safeguards and conditions of detention, is ensured, and monitored with due regard to national, Union and international case law. Take into account specific needs of unaccompanied minors and vulnerable applicants.

2.3.3. A robust reception system:

- Your strategic approach to best ensure that the reception system has the capacity to provide access for applicants to adequate reception conditions in accordance with Directive (EU) 2024/1346 of the European Parliament and of the Council ⁽¹⁴⁾.
- Other measures that could facilitate your strategic objectives in this area, such as: measures to ensure a sustainable, resilient and adequate reception system, measures to ensure the monitoring of adequate reception conditions (and basic needs, if applicable), measures to reduce the risk of abuses of the reception system, measures to cater for specific needs of unaccompanied minors and vulnerable persons; add measures related to integration, in accordance with Directive (EU) 2024/1346 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

2.3.4. Creating conditions for a successful and early integration:

- Your strategic approach to ensure successful integration of beneficiaries of international protection and beneficiaries of other national protection schemes, including the respect of the rights under Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 (education, including language courses, employment, healthcare, housing, social security and social assistance).

⁽¹³⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L, 2024/1347, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1347/oj>).

⁽¹⁴⁾ Directive (EU) 2024/1346 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 laying down standards for the reception of applicants for international protection (OJ L, 2024/1346, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1346/oj>).

2.4. Preparedness and contingency planning

Consider how, in relation to the current and future identified challenges, as well as identified needs, contingency planning and preparedness for crises are embedded in the strategic approach to asylum and migration.

Consider and describe key elements and measures that are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. Consider that Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 and (EU) 2024/1359 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁵⁾ stipulate that the elements listed below are to be covered in the strategy. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

- How to best ensure that the obligations in Regulation (EU) 2024/1359, Regulation (EU) 2019/1896, Directive (EU) 2024/1346 and Regulation (EU) 2021/2303 of the European Parliament and of the Council are taken into account and reflected when implementing the national strategy.
- How to achieve, on a strategic level, and based on continuous analysis of emerging challenges and possible future risks, the relevance of your contingency plans on asylum and migration, while also ensuring the obligations laid down in Directive (EU) 2024/1346 of the European Parliament and of the Council are met. Moreover, consider how to ensure that the national strategy is consistent with and strategically complements other relevant national contingency and preparedness strategies, such as in the area of security.
- How to make use of reports issued by the Commission within the framework of the Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint⁽¹⁶⁾, so that they support your contingency planning needs.
- How to ensure that your national system is equipped with necessary measures to prepare for, respond to and resolve exceptional situations of mass arrivals of third-country nationals or stateless persons in your Member State by land, air or sea, including of persons that have been disembarked, where relevant. Including through measures to protect the fundamental rights of applicants and beneficiaries of international protection and of other forms of protection.
- How to ensure that your national system is equipped with necessary measures providing for overall readiness to prepare for, respond to and resolve situations of instrumentalisation in the field of migration and asylum, where a third country or a hostile non-state actor encourages or facilitates the movement of third-country nationals or stateless persons to the external borders or to your Member State, with the aim of destabilising the Union or a Member State, and where such actions are liable to put at risk essential functions of a Member State, including measures to protect the fundamental rights of applicants and beneficiaries of international protection and other forms of protection.
- How to ensure that your national system is equipped with necessary measures to prepare for, respond to and resolve situations of *force majeure*, including measures to protect the rights of applicants and beneficiaries of international protection and other forms of protection.

2.5. Delivering on the integrated approach – measures to implement the principle of integrated policymaking

Consider how the implementation of the principle of integrated policy making on the basis of a comprehensive approach to the asylum and migration management policies is ensured and further developed on a strategical level, including the consistency between the internal and external components of those policies and the necessity for close inter-institutional collaboration at national level.

⁽¹⁵⁾ Regulation (EU) 2024/1359 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 addressing situations of crisis and force majeure in the field of migration and asylum and amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1147 (OJ L, 2024/1359, 22.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1359/oj>).

⁽¹⁶⁾ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/1366 of 23 September 2020 on an EU mechanism for preparedness and management of crises related to migration (Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint) (OJ L 317, 1.10.2020, p. 26, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reco/2020/1366/oj>).

Consider and describe which of the following key elements and measures are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

- How to best set up institutional arrangements for migration and asylum governance based on the comprehensive approach to migration and asylum management at the national level, including coordination structures between various government departments (relevant ministries and agencies) to deliver on the internal and external components of the comprehensive approach to migration and asylum and their mutual coherence.
- How to ensure effective arrangements aiming at efficient coordination and cooperation between the government and the judiciary (courts and tribunals), in full respect of the principle of judicial independence, and between different State levels (national, regional, local), as appropriate and in accordance with national law.
- How other stakeholders, including international and non-governmental organisations, economic and social partners and migration organisations, can be meaningfully involved.
- How the overall cooperation with other Member States is ensured (including exchange of information required under Union law) and how the consistency with the actions by other Member States and Union institutions is ensured.

2.6. Ensuring sufficient capacity and capability for an effective implementation of the national strategy

Considering the identified current and future challenges, as well as identified needs, describe your strategic policy objectives to ensure sufficient human resources, material and financial capacity to implement the different components of the strategy.

Describe which of the following key elements and measures are relevant for achieving your current and future strategic objectives in this area. In addition, include any other measures that you consider the most relevant for achieving the strategic objectives.

- How the availability of the necessary human, material and financial resources and infrastructure to effectively implement this strategy is best ensured, considering that the strategy will be implemented over a period of five years.
- How modern digital data management and communication tools are used for an effective asylum and migration management system at national level, including the large-scale IT systems and tools of the Union, managed by eu-LISA.
- How the available operational support tools set up at Union level are or could be used for an effective asylum and migration management system, such as those provided by the EUAA and Frontex or the Permanent EU Migration Support Toolbox.
- How to best ensure that available financial support by the Union can efficiently contribute to support the implementation of the strategy, while complementing national funds, and to ensure effective functioning of the asylum and migration management system.