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Subject: Annual migration volumes expected as a result of the EU-Middle East North Africa pact

Building on the Barcelona Process the Commission has proposed a connected ‘Common Mediterranean Space’ as part of a pact for the Mediterranean. European taxpayers will fund projects benefiting the region while migrants from Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia will be welcomed to Europe under the guise of student exchanges¹².

‘Legal pathways for labour migration’ from Africa and the Middle East will increase and so called ‘talent partnerships’ will be scaled up. The pact will also be a stepping stone for increasing EU cooperation with partners beyond the Southern Mediterranean, including the Gulf, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Western Balkans and Türkiye. The Commission describes stepping up cooperation between the EU, the Middle East and North Africa, and the Gulf region as ‘a key objective of the pact’³.

The pact is proposed for political endorsement by the EU and southern Mediterranean partners in November 2025 on the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona process.

1. What is the Commission’s estimate of additional annual arrivals to the EU that are attributable to pact measures in 2026-2030, separated by legal pathways and by illegal entries?
2. What are the low and high scenarios and the underlying assumptions used to calculate the effect on migration to Europe?
3. Will the Commission publish projections for each Member-State before this EU-Middle East North Africa pact is implemented?

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¹ The pact consists of three parts: exchanges of people, trade and investment and security / migration management. This point is nothing else than an opening of more doors to Europe, for potentially millions from Africa and the Middle East. The clue is in what the Commission promises to promote: ‘a whole-of-route approach to migration management’.

² <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-expand-erasmus-program-southern-mediterranean-africa-middle-east/>.

³ Press release Oct 16, 2025 | Pact for the Mediterranean – One Sea, One Pact, One Future – a shared ambition for the region: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2384.