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The Commission is closely monitoring developments in the Middle East and is supporting partner countries, including through cooperation with international organisations. There are currently no indications of increased cross-border movements towards the EU.

Preparedness is ensured through the implementation of a comprehensive migration crisis response framework. Member States are responsible for contingency planning concerning border and migration management, which is complemented at EU level by coordination and support measures, including the EU Migration Preparedness and Crisis Blueprint Network¹, the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, the operational and technical support of EU agencies, and flexible EU funding.

The Commission recognises that Member States at EU external borders may be particularly exposed. The Commission is therefore providing targeted support, including reinforced operational deployments of EU agencies, to help ensure an effective migration management system and it is ready to step up assistance if needed.

The Pact on Migration and Asylum² offers a comprehensive approach and firm but fair rules to manage migration in a spirit of responsibility and solidarity. This includes strengthening preparedness, ensuring a coordinated crisis response and embedding migration in international partnerships, including the possibility to adapt to exceptional migration-related circumstances, as set out in the Crisis and Force Majeure Regulation³.

¹ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/1366 of 23 September 2020 on an EU mechanism for preparedness and management of crises related to migration, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reco/2020/1366/oj/eng>.

² https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en.

³ 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, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1359/oj/eng>.