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Regulation (EU) 2024/1351¹ reforms the rules for determining the Member State responsible for examining an asylum application and establishes a mandatory but flexible solidarity mechanism to support Member States under migratory pressure, like Greece². Member States can choose the type of solidarity contribution: relocation, financial contributions or alternative measures.

The Council adopted the Annual Solidarity Pool for 2026³, which includes the solidarity contributions of Member States. These contributions will need to be distributed among benefitting Member States in a fair and balanced manner. This process is coordinated at EU level by the EU Solidarity Coordinator. The Commission will closely monitor the implementation of the annual migration management cycle to ensure that Member States under migratory pressure are adequately supported and that responsibility and solidarity are applied in a balanced and effective manner across the EU.

The Commission does not comment on bilateral arrangements between Member States. Such initiatives need to be compatible with EU law.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 on asylum and migration management: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024R1351>.

² Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2323 of 11 November 2025 pursuant to Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council, OJ L, 2025/2323, 14.11.2025: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/2323/oj.

³ Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/2642 of 22 December 2025 on the establishment of the Annual Solidarity Pool for 2026, OJ L, 2025/2642, 23.12.2025: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2025/2642/oj.