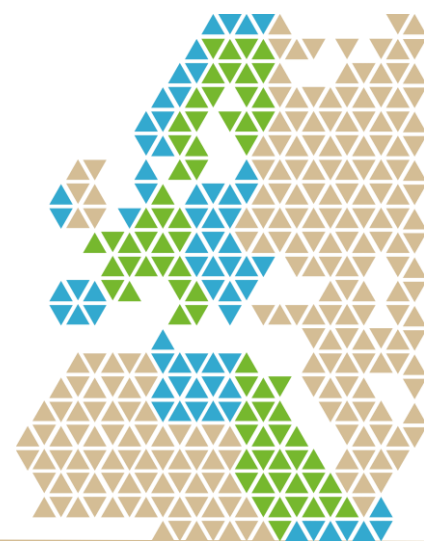


Khartoum Process

EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative



What is the Khartoum Process?

The **EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative** (Khartoum Process) is a regional migration dialogue. It serves as a platform for political cooperation amongst the countries along the migration route between the Horn of Africa and Europe and facilitates collaboration and information exchange.

Established: November 2014

Current Chair: France

Upcoming Chair: TBD

Secretariat:

African Union Commission,
European Commission, ICMPD

Member States

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Austria	Belgium
Bulgaria	Croatia
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Finland	France
Germany	Greece
Hungary	Ireland
Italy	Kenya
Latvia	Libya
Lithuania	Luxembourg
Malta	The Netherlands
Norway	Poland
Portugal	Romania
Slovakia	Slovenia
Somalia	South Sudan
Spain	Sudan
Sweden	Switzerland
Tunisia	Uganda



Other Stakeholders

Various EU bodies, such as the European Commission (DG Home, DG INTPA) and the European External Action Service, actively participate in the Khartoum Process.

International organisations and institutions, such as ICMPD, IGAD, IOM, UNHCR, and UNODC regularly partake in the dialogue.

The African Union Commission and the European Commission are in charge of the Secretariat of the Khartoum Process.



Activities

The Khartoum Process organises meetings at the **political and technical level**. In doing so, the Khartoum Process seeks to create:



A common understanding of
human trafficking and
smuggling of migrants



Opportunities for balanced
partnership



A spirit of shared responsibility
and enhanced cooperation

Strategic Framework

The [Cairo Declaration](#) and [Cairo Action Plan](#) set out the strategic framework for the Khartoum Process going forward. These documents build upon the foundational principles established by the **Rome Declaration** of 2014 and the five domains of the **Joint Valletta Action Plan** of 2015, reinforcing commitments to addressing migration challenges collaboratively.

ABOUT THE CAIRO DECLARATION

On 9 April 2025, the Khartoum Process partner states, the European Commission, African Union Commission and partner organisations met in Cairo for a Ministerial Conference and adopted the Cairo Declaration and Cairo Action Plan reaffirming their commitment to cooperate on migration issues through a balanced, rights-based migration approach, grounded in partnership, trust, and shared responsibility.

CAIRO ACTION PLAN

1. Development and Root Causes
2. Legal migration and mobility
3. Protection and asylum
4. Preventing Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Human Beings
5. Return, readmission, reintegration

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