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**REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND  
THE COUNCIL**

**on the follow-up to the Leaders' Meeting on refugee flows along the Western Balkans  
Route**

## Annex: Summary of delivery of the Leaders' Meeting Plan of Action

Action plan		Status
<b>Permanent exchange of information</b>	1. Nominating contact points within 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ All participating countries, institutions and agencies nominated contact points</li> <li>✓ Increased bilateral contacts</li> <li>X Insufficient prior notification about changes in national policies</li> <li>X Unilateral measures including de facto nationality-based entry conditions and fence constructions</li> </ul>
	2. Joint needs assessments within 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Initial assessment and subsequent on-the-spot missions carried out by the Commission</li> <li>X Await final needs assessment from Greece</li> </ul>
<b>Limiting Secondary Movements</b>	3. Discouraging the unannounced movements of refugees or migrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increased of cooperation and communication between border authorities</li> <li>X Lack of political will to create reception capacity for stays of more than 24 hours</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting refugees and providing shelter and rest</b>	4. Increasing support to refugees, including through the Civil Protection Mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ EU funding supported all countries along the route</li> <li>✓ Croatia and Greece activated Civil Protection Mechanism</li> <li>X Majority of requests for assistance for ongoing Civil Protection Mechanism operations have not been met</li> </ul>
	5. Increase in reception capacity in Greece to a total of 50,000 places by the end of the year	X Reception capacity short of target
	6. Increase of reception capacities by 50,000 places along the Western Balkans route	X Reception capacity short of target
	7. Working with International Financial Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Network set up to coordinate work</li> <li>X Need to develop medium- and long-term responses</li> </ul>
<b>Managing the migration flows together</b>	8. Ensuring a full capacity to register arrivals	X Hotspots in Italy and Greece not fully operational
	9. Exchanging information on the size of flows	✓ Frontex daily reporting
	10. Working with EU Agencies to swiftly put in place this exchange of information	✓ Frontex daily reporting
	11. Stepping up action on return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ EU support on return</li> <li>X Need to step up return operations</li> </ul>
	12. Stepping up cooperation on readmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ High-level dialogues with third countries</li> <li>X Obstacles to effective readmission</li> </ul>
<b>Border Management</b>	13. Increase efforts to manage borders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Activation of EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan</li> <li>✓ Frontex operations under way on most key borders, including at sea (Poseidon) and at Bulgaria/Turkey and Greece/former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia borders</li> <li>✓ Formal request by Greece for the deployment of a Rapid Border Intervention Team</li> <li>✓ Strengthening the Frontex Western Balkans Risk Analysis Network</li> <li>X Insufficient border-related confidence-building measures between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</li> <li>X Guest police officers in Slovenia short of target</li> <li>X Still obstacles in provision of Frontex assistance to Croatia and Serbia</li> </ul>

	14. Reconfirming the principle of refusing entry to third country nationals who do not confirm a wish to apply for international protection	X Need for action to mitigate potential build-up of people stranded at the border
<b>Tackling smuggling and trafficking</b>	15. Stepping up actions against migrant smuggling and trafficking of human beings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Memorandum of understanding to allow the exchange of personal data between Europol and Frontex</li> <li>✓ Establishment of the European Migrant Smuggling Centre by Europol</li> <li>✓ Support to large-scale operations</li> </ul>
<b>Information on the rights and obligations of refugees and migrants</b>	16. Using all available communication tools to inform refugees and migrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Task Force on Communication</li> <li>X Launch of first communication operations</li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring</b>	17. Monitoring the implementation of these commitments on a weekly basis	✓ Weekly video conferences with a very good level of participation