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**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
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First Report on the progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement

Scaling up of funding under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey following the 18 March Statement

<p>Short-Term Measures Two pipelines of short-term measures have been devised. 1- For humanitarian aid, contracts signed or to be signed until July amount to €165 million. 2 - The EU Trust Fund for Syria (EUTF) has identified a pipeline of 9 projects worth €202 million to be launched.</p>	<p>At the first Steering Committee of the Facility on 17 February, the Commission was given a mandate to implement a pipeline of short-term measures focussing on further humanitarian aid and access to education, on the basis of the €250 million foreseen in the EU budget 2016 for the Facility.</p>				
	<p align="center">18 March</p> <p>First payments executed under the Facility (€40 million contract by the Commission with World Food Programme and regional contract signed by EUTF with UNICEF €37 million component for Turkey). Corresponding advance payments worth €65 million made.</p>	<p align="center">11 April</p> <p>EUTF Board endorses new concept notes - Preparations for pipeline of additional projects worth €165 million is underway.</p>	<p align="center">18 April</p> <p>The Commission has signed additional contracts with 15 humanitarian partners worth €50 million. Corresponding advance payments worth €5.6 million made¹.</p>	<p align="center">Until end of April</p> <p>EUTF to sign contracts worth €76 million with a focus on livelihoods, health, education and psycho-social support.</p>	<p align="center">Until July</p> <p>The Commission to sign new contracts amounting to €75 million². EUTF to sign new contracts worth €88 million with a special focus on the protection of vulnerable groups</p>
<p>Fast-track approach and Strategic Framework for Activities under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey</p>	<p>The fast-track approach to the implementation of the Facility provisionally comprises five strands of funding (humanitarian assistance, infrastructure and socio-economic support, additional areas of funding through the EU Trust Fund for Syria, a special measure on support to returned migrants and a special measure on education and health). It will be complemented by the results of the joint EU-Turkey comprehensive needs assessment to be made available by end-April and feed into a broader Strategic Framework for Activities.</p>				
	<p align="center">13-15 April</p> <p>Commission Programming Mission to Turkey : Fast-Track Approach presented and further elaborated to prepare Strategic Framework.</p>	<p align="center">End of April</p> <p>Members of the Steering Committee to receive a draft Strategic Framework of Activities together with the completed joint EU-Turkey comprehensive needs assessment.</p>	<p align="center">12 May</p> <p>2nd Steering Committee of the Facility is convened to monitor results achieved so far, examine the joint EU-Turkey comprehensive needs assessment and discuss and agree on Strategic Framework of Activities.</p>		
<p>Fast-track approach</p> <p>Timeline for the five strands</p>	<p>The Commission is working on all options for rapidly scaling up the flow of funding. Implementing partners will depend on the nature of the activity undertaken in order to maximise efficiency and sustainability.</p>				
	<p align="center">19 April</p> <p>First Special Measure of €60 million to provide food, shelter and health care for returned migrants from Greece agreed by the Commission. It will cover costs incurred as of 4 April, when first returns took place.</p>	<p align="center">22 April</p> <p>Roundtable with International Financial Institutions to develop a pipeline of activities in infrastructure and socio-economic support.</p>	<p align="center">End April</p> <p>Special Measure on Education and Health to be prepared.</p>	<p align="center">2nd half 2016</p> <p>The Commission to develop Emergency Social Safety Net approach and complementary measures in range of €435 million.</p>	<p align="center">Continuous</p> <p>New projects under EU Trust Fund for Syria in areas not covered by other strands: labour market access, community actions, smaller grant initiatives, other integration and soft measures.</p>

¹ For the Commission contracts advance payments of up to 80% of the contract value are in principle disbursed within 30 days following contract signature.

² For EUTF contracts, up to 90% of the budget for the first year are paid within 30 days following contract signature.