

EU measures to address migration crisis

The European Union is implementing a series of measures to manage the escalating number of people seeking asylum in the bloc



■ **Naval mission:** EU rescue efforts aimed at migrant boats crossing Mediterranean. Operation against people-smugglers began in June

■ **Emergency assistance:** €2.4bn approved for countries struggling with migrant surge – almost half going to Italy and Greece. Aid given to UK and France over Calais migrant crisis

■ **Relocation:** EU states pledging to take in about 32,000 asylum-seekers from Italy and Greece – short of 40,000 target. Permanent relocation system to be agreed later this year

■ **Resettlement:** Pilot scheme to take in 22,000 Syrian refugees from camps outside Europe to begin soon

■ **Hotspots:** Other EU states to assist Italy and Greece in identifying and fingerprinting migrants at ports of Catania and Piraeus

■ **Deportation:** Economic migrants whose claims for refugee status fail will be returned home more quickly. EU compiling list of “safe” states for whose citizens deportation will be almost automatic

■ **Development aid:** EU to use funds to reduce factors driving migration and urge governments to tackle people-smuggling gangs

■ **Foreign missions:** EU embassies to have immigration officers to monitor migration trends