

PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 141/2019

Summary: Approves the National Implementation Plan of the Global Compact for Migration.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration was approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 19 December 2018 (Resolution A/RES/73/195). The Compact is based on 10 guiding principles which promote a vision centred on people, international cooperation, national sovereignty, the Rule of Law, sustainable development, respect for human rights, gender equality, the best interests of the child and a holistic approach to migration, while involving all levels of the Administration and civil society. These principles are reflected in the 23 objectives of the Compact and will continuously be implemented by the signatory States through national plans. In fact, in paragraph 53, the Compact « encourage[s] all Member States to develop, as soon as practicable, ambitious national responses for the implementation of the Global Compact, and to conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level, such as through the voluntary elaboration and use of a national implementation plan. Such reviews should draw on contributions from all relevant stakeholders, as well as parliaments and local authorities, and serve to effectively inform the participation of Member States in the International Migration Review Forum and other relevant forums ».

The Global Compact for Migration foresees the constitution of an International Migration Review Forum which, as of 2022, shall hold meetings every four years and work as the main global platform for sharing and debating the implementation of goals at local, national, regional and global levels.

Portugal has been committed to the process leading to the elaboration of the Compact since its launch, on September 2016, until its conclusion, two years later. It now aims to be one of the first countries to deliver and execute the Plan by immediately approving the respective National Implementation Plan.

The Plan follows the structure of the 23 objectives that comprise the Global Compact for Migration in order to cover all the relevant dimensions of the migration phenomenon. Implementation measures are defined for each objective, and the respective implementation deadlines and Government areas involved are defined. The Plan is therefore designed as an operational document, geared towards practical and accurate results.

The objectives and measures of the Plan enable the design of a national response on migration matters, in line with fundamental international partners. That response is organised around five fundamental axes.

First: the promotion of safe, orderly and regular migration as the most effective way of framing human mobility, managing demographic dynamics and enhancing their contribution to the development of countries of origin, transit and destination. Examples of measures included in the Plan which fall under this basic guideline are *i)* the approval and implementation of the Mobility Regime of the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP), *ii)* Portugal's bilateral agreements with third-party States for the organization of labour mobility flows, and *iii)* the mechanisms for attracting specific groups such as students, academics, investors and professionals to Portugal.

Second: the improvement of the processes of organization of migration flows and integrated border management, namely as regards visa applications and permits required for regular immigration and border security, by combating human trafficking, containing irregular migration and promoting document security. Examples of measures contained in the Plan that fall under this guideline are *i)* the incorporation in the residence permit title of information equivalent to that contained in the Citizen Card, *ii)* the creation of a Single Immigrant Desk, enabling the access of potential immigrants, through a single point of entry, to the various services they need to contact, and *iii)* the cooperation with countries of origin and transit in combating human trafficking.



Third: the promotion of immigrant reception and integration, ensuring that these individuals have a documented status, promoting family reunification, favouring mastery of the Portuguese language, the schooling of children and young people, and the education and vocational training of adults, improving the conditions of housing, health and social protection, and encouraging their integration and civic participation. Examples of measures contained in the Plan that fall under this guideline are i) the dissemination of a Welcome Guide for migrants, systematizing all the necessary information, ii) the increase in the teaching of Portuguese as a non-native language and iii) the reinforcement of the effectiveness of family reunification mechanisms.

Fourth: support of migrants' link to their country of origin and their plans to return to Portugal. Examples of measures in the Plan that fall under this guideline are (i) the *Regressar* [Return] Programme, (ii) the facilitation of 'remittance' transfer processes and (iii) the attraction of Diaspora investment.

Fifth: increased development partnerships with countries of origin and transit, thus addressing the root causes of migration and reducing the burden of factors linked to material deprivation, inequality and discrimination, lack of job opportunities and lack of minimum welfare conditions. Examples of measures contained in the Plan that fall under this guideline are (i) Portuguese participation in the new Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs and (ii) Portuguese development cooperation, both at a bilateral level, namely with Portuguese-speaking African countries and Timor-Leste, as well as at a multilateral level, namely within the framework of the CPLP [Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries], the Ibero-American Conference and the European Union.

The approval of a national plan for the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration also reinforces the acknowledgement, by the Portuguese State, of the relevance of migration-related issues, already recognized in other public policy instruments in Portugal, namely the *Plano Estratégico para as Migrações* [Strategic Plan for Migration] 2015-2020, approved by Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 12-B / 2015, of 20 March, the *IV Plano de Ação para a Prevenção e o Combate ao Tráfico de Seres Humanos* [Fourth Action Plan for the Prevention and Fight against Human Trafficking] 2018-2021, approved by Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 80/2018, of 19 June, and the *Estratégia de Gestão Integrada de Fronteiras* [Integrated Border Management Strategy], approved by Council of Ministers Resolution 104/2017 of 17 July.

Finally, with a view to fulfilling the commitment to promote the periodic and inclusive evaluation of the implementation process of this plan, an inter-ministerial coordination committee responsible for this task shall be created.

Thus:

Under the terms of paragraph g) of article 199 of the Constitution, the Council of Ministers shall hereby:

1 — Approve the National Implementation Plan of the Global Compact for Migration (Plan), which is an annex attached hereto and forms an integral part hereof.

2 — Create an interministerial committee to oversee the implementation of the Plan.

3 — Determine that the inter-ministerial coordination committee, referred to in the foregoing paragraph, is chaired by the Government member responsible for the area of presidency and administrative modernization, and shall include the Government members responsible for the areas of Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, and Labour, Solidarity and Social Security, without prejudice to committee members being able to invite members responsible for other government areas to participate in its meetings, when deemed necessary.

4 — Establish that the inter-ministerial coordination committee meets on a quarterly basis to review and evaluate the implementation of the Plan, and its members shall not receive any compensation or allowance for their participation in the meetings.

5 — Create a network of focal points, each of whom is responsible for ensuring the contribution of the bodies, services and entities of the respective Government area to the definition, articulation, convergence and implementation of the measures, actions and projects contained in the Plan.

6 — Determine that, for the purposes of the preceding paragraph, a focal point should be designated by each Government area listed in the appendix to this resolution.

7 — Determine that this resolution shall take effect on the day following its publication.

Presidency of the Council of Ministers, 1 August 2019. — On behalf of the Prime Minister, *Augusto Ernesto Santos Silva*, Minister of Foreign Affairs.



APPENDIX

(relative to n.ºs. 1 and 6)

National Implementation Plan of the Global Compact for Migration

Implementation measures	Government area responsible	Government areas involved	Implementation deadline
Objective 1: Collect and utilize accurate and disaggregated data as a basis for evidence-based policies			
1 To create a network of focal points to standardize the collection of data regarding the reception and integration of migrants, increasing the quality of administrative and statistical information and ensuring its dissemination through annual reports prepared by the Migration Observatory.	Ministry of the Presidency and Administrative Modernization (MPMA)	All government areas except Ministry of Culture (MC) Ministry of the Sea (MM)	Continuous implementation measure
2 To map human capital needs in articulation with social partners, companies and business associations, working across the different Government areas, thus enhancing regular migration and integration and inclusion.	Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security (MTSSS)	Ministry of Home Affairs (MAI) Ministry of the Economy (MAEC)	Continuous implementation measure
3 To implement platforms which enable the collection of information regarding the demand for the services of the National and Local Centres for Migrant Integration Support (CNAIM and CLAIM) and the Network of Immigrant Professional Integration Offices (GIP-Immigrant), by breaking down data according to: the reason for the demand for services, gender, nationality, age, area of residence, education or vocational training, among other indicators deemed relevant.	MPMA	-	1Q 2020
4 To gather and systemize information by using a network of focal points which makes it possible to monitor racial or ethnic discrimination practices and proceedings with a view to their prevention and combat.	MPMA	MAI, Ministry of Justice (MJ) Ministry of Health (MS) MTSSS, Ministry of Education (MEDU), Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing (MIH)	4Q 2020
5 To update the statistical information system of the SEFSTAT Portal, adapting it to the new requirements resulting from the revision of Regulation (EC) no 862/2007 of 11 July of the European Parliament and Council, within the scope of EU statistics on migration and international protection.	MAI	MPMA	4Q 2020
Objective 2: Minimize the adverse drivers and structural factors that compel people to leave their country of origin			
6 To adopt, in a transversal manner, measures which promote Sustainable Development within the framework of the 2030 Agenda, namely through Strategic Cooperation Programs (PECs), Financing Lines for projects by Non-Governmental Organizations for Development (NGDOs), South-South Cooperation Agreements, Triangular Cooperation Agreements, the Lusophone Compact and Financial Instruments (SOFID), among others.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MNE)	Ministry of Finance (MF), MAEC, MTSSS, Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education (MCTES) and Ministry of Planning (MP)	Continuous implementation measure
7 To participate in both the implementation of the new Africa-Europe Alliance for Sustainable Investment and Jobs and its implementation policies, namely within the scope of the EU Multiannual Financial Framework, 2021-2027	MNE	MAI, MTSSS, MAEC and MP	Continuous implementation measure
8 To continue Portugal's participation in the Euro-African dialogues on migration, namely in the Rabat Process and in the La Valetta Process, monitoring ongoing projects funded by the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and encouraging applications for new funding.	MNE	MAI	Continuous implementation measure



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9	To develop multilateral cooperation projects, namely within the framework of the CPLP and the Ibero-American Conference, to enhance the institutional capacities of countries of origin and transit regarding education and vocational training, as well as the empowerment of youth and women.	MNE	MPMA, MAI, MEDU, MCTES and MTSSS	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 3: Provide accurate and timely information at all stages of migration

10	To include a section on the <i>ePortugal website</i> linked to the MNE <i>website</i> , which will centralize information falling under the scope of immigration policy, namely in matters such as obtaining visas, labour law, professional qualifications, internships and education, costs and living conditions and clarification on migrant reception and integration responses.	MNE	MPMA, MAI, MAEC, MTSSS, MEDU, MS, MCTES and MIH	4Q 2020
11	To create a nationally and internationally disseminated Welcome Guide for Migrants, with detailed information on rights and duties, on the legal framework for migratory processes, language, culture and social organization in Portugal, nationality acquisition, family reunification, labour market, access to public services, qualification recognition, among other matters deemed relevant.	MPMA	MAI, MAEC and MS	4Q 2020
12	To promote information sessions prior to migrants' departure — with the countries of origin and in cooperation with local authorities, diplomatic and consular missions and civil society organizations — on the available mechanisms for regular and orderly migration, alerting to irregular migration-related risks.	MAI	MNE	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 4: Ensure that all migrants have proof of legal identity and adequate documentation

13	To ensure the information contained in the residence permit is equivalent to that of the Citizen Card, namely the tax identification number (NIF), Social Security registration number (NISS) and National Health Service registration number (NSNS).	MAI	MPMA, MTSSS, MF and MS	1Q 2020
14	To simplify visa and residence permit issuing procedures by creating a one-stop-service at consulates, so that potential immigrants may access the services required in one place.	MNE	MAI	4Q 2020
15	To optimize consular assistance, including through decentralized consular services, and to strengthen the one-stop Citizen Space network located outside Portugal.	MNE	MPMA	Continuous implementation measure
16	To simplify and expedite the granting of Portuguese nationality.	MJ	MPMA, MAI	4Q 2020
17	To create and strengthen legal and institutional mechanisms to identify, protect and find appropriate solutions for the reception and integration of stateless citizens.	MPMA	MAI	Continuous implementation measure
18	To promote the « Immigration and Borders Service [Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras] SEF on the Move» programme to immigrants who request this service, particularly in the case of neglected minors, the elderly, pregnant women, the bedridden and / or hospitalized persons, persons with motor / sensory disabilities, inmates, among others.	MAI	-	Continuous implementation measure
19	To develop the joint activities of MAI and MEDU, in order to accompany and stimulate the integration process of immigrant students, namely the «SEF goes to School» programme.	MAI	MEDU	Continuous implementation measure



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Objective 5: Enhance availability and flexibility of pathways for regular migration				
20	To contribute to the approval and implementation of the CPLP Mobility Regime, which will facilitate and organize the circulation and residency processes for CPLP nationals in the various CPLP Member States.	MNE	MAI	4Q 2020
21	To conclude specific bilateral agreements with countries of origin in priority geographical areas, in order to meet national labour market needs (namely seasonal needs), and to regulate immigrant flows within the scope of «circular migration» dynamics.	MNE	MTSSS and MAI	Continuous implementation measure
22	To evaluate the different types of existing visas and residence permits, namely StartupVisa, TechVisa and Investment Residence Permits (ARI), in light of the objectives for which they were created, presenting proposals for their improvement.	MNE	MAI	4Q 2020
23	To promote initiatives to increase the attraction of human capital overseas, fostering the elimination of intermediaries associated with irregular migration and facilitating, where applicable, family reunification processes.	MNE	MPMA, MAI and MAEC	4Q 2020
Objective 6: Facilitate fair and ethical recruitment and safeguard conditions that ensure decent work				
24	To assess the impact of Law No. 28/2019 of 29 March, which amended articles 88 and 89 of Law No. 23/2007, to regulate the abeyance of immigrants who, having entered Portugal irregularly, were already integrated in society, with employment and contributions to Social Security for a year or more..	MAI	MTSSS and MPMA	4Q 2020
25	To strengthen the capacity of labour inspectors and SEF inspectors in terms of supervision mechanisms and the pre-certification of recruiters, employers and service providers in all sectors, namely by assessing their reputation and legitimacy.	MAI	MTSSS	4Q 2020
26	To ensure that immigrants working in the informal economy have access to safe reporting and to complaint and protection mechanisms, in the event of exploitation, abuse or violation of their rights in the workplace.	MTSSS	MAI, MPMA and MAEC	4Q 2020
27	To expand the Network of Immigrant Professional Integration Offices (GIP-Immigrant) together with the Institute for Employment and Vocational Training and the National Support Centres for Migrants' Integration, contributing to raising qualifications and competences and to certified training.	MTSSS	MPMA	4Q 2020
28	To reassess the contingent mechanism provided for in article 59 of Law No. 23/2007 of 4 July, considering its elimination or the introduction of amendments geared towards its automatic adjustment.	MTSSS	MAI	4Q 2020
Objective 7: Address and reduce vulnerabilities in migration				
29	To evaluate immigrants' access conditions to legal aid and representation in court cases involving them, and to make any improvements deemed necessary.	MJI	-	2Q 2020
30	To ensure responses to migrants in vulnerable situations, involving public and civil society entities in their identification, referral, training and support during their migratory experiences.	MPMA	MTSSS	Continuous implementation measure
31	To take forward leadership empowerment projects within the scope of migrant associations.	MPMA	-	Continuous implementation measure
32	To assess current family reunification mechanisms with a view to improving their effectiveness as a facilitator of integration, identifying possible obstacles and critical factors.	MAI	MPMA	2Q 2020
33	To train professionals in different public services, namely in the areas of education, health, social security, justice and internal administration, on matters related to interculturality and the fight against discrimination.	MPMA	MEDU, MS, MTSSS, MJ and MAI	Continuous implementation measure



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34	To carry out actions aimed at the higher participation of religious communities in the integration of migrants in Portugal.	MPMA	-	Continuous implementation measure
35	To boost the performance of Local Security Contracts in the «MAI Cidadão [Citizen]» typology, namely by including the training of professionals to signal cases of human trafficking.	MAI	MPMA	4Q 2020

Objective 8: Save lives and establish coordinated international efforts on missing migrants

36	To strengthen coordination between the Maritime Rescue Centres (MRCC), within the National Maritime Authority, the Coastal Control Unit of the National Republican Guard and the Eurosur National Coordination Centre (NCC), among other entities, through the conclusion and operationalization of a protocol under the aegis and coordination of SEF.	MAI	Ministry of Defence (MDN)	1Q 2020
37	To conclude protocols involving the Armed Forces, the National Republican Guard, SEF and the National Maritime Authority for the sharing of maritime risk assessment concerning route profiles and risk levels of coastal areas with a view to creating a National Maritime Risk Analysis Network (RNARM).	MAI	MDN	1Q 2020
38	To conclude Cooperation Agreements for the repatriation of immigrants, including, among other matters, the transportation of migrants deceased in Portugal.	MNE	MAI	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 9: Strengthen the transnational response to smuggling of migrants

39	To evaluate the existing national legal framework on the smuggling of migrants, considering possible adjustments to the sentences foreseen.	MJ	-	4Q 2020
40	To strengthen police cooperation with partners from third-party States, particularly with countries of origin or transit of the main migratory routes, with a view to sharing good practices, skills and expertise.	MAI	MNE	Continuous implementation measure
41	To strengthen threat prevention mechanisms related to the European Union's crime priorities by increasing concerted actions to combat criminal networks.	MNE	MNE	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 10: Prevent, combat and eradicate trafficking of persons in the context of international migration

42	To evaluate the existing national legal framework in the context of human trafficking, considering possible adjustments to the sentences foreseen.	MJ	MAI	4Q 2020
43	To provide SEF specialized teams with border control and criminal investigation expertise for the detection and potential integrated investigation of Human Trafficking.	MAI	-	4Q 2020
44	To conclude a protocol to ensure the definition of procedures for the prevention, detention and protection of child victims of Human Trafficking, pursuant to Action Plan IV for the Prevention and Fight against Human Trafficking 2018-2021.	MAI	MPMA, MEDU, MS, MTSSS and MJ	4Q 2020
45	To develop cooperation projects with other countries in the context of Human Trafficking, particularly with the main countries of origin of immigration to Portugal.	MPMA	MNE and MAI	Continuous implementation measure
46	To enhance the involvement of municipalities with Local Security Contracts in the «MAI Cidadão» typology, with the most vulnerable groups or sectors, with a view to recognizing, preventing, reporting and combating Trafficking in Human Beings.	MAI	MPMA	Continuous implementation measure



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Objective 11: Manage borders in an integrated, secure and coordinated manner				
47	To establish appropriate structures and mechanisms for more effective and integrated border management, including through the pre-screening of persons, reports by carriers of passengers and the use of information technologies.	MAI	-	Continuous implementation measure
48	To implement collaborative measures with neighbouring States to control border crossing, namely through the conclusion of agreements for joint inspections including on matters relating to the posting of workers.	MAI	MNE and MTSSS	Continuous implementation measure
Objective 12: Strengthen certainty and predictability in migration procedures for appropriate screening, assessment and referral				
49	To provide training for civil servants and other relevant authorities and services in order to facilitate the identification and monitoring of both victims of human trafficking and vulnerable migrants.	MF	MEDU, MS, MTSSS, MAI and MJ	Continuous implementation measure
50	To adopt the «SEF+» system for more efficient and integrated document management, with a particular focus on expediting the decision-making process for the attribution of the resident status to foreign citizens.	MAI	-	1Q 2020
Objective 13: Use migration detention only as a measure of last resort and work towards alternatives				
51	To establish mechanisms for the referral of irregular immigrants, in cases where it is only a matter of regularizing their situation with SEF, CNAIM and CLAIM, in order to ensure a swifter process.	MPMA	MAI	3Q 2020
52	To enhance the implementation of the provisions of articles 88 and 89 of Law No. 23/2007, namely through information campaigns with immigrants and protocols with partner entities.	MAI	-	2Q 2020
53	To provide translations of sample notification models of migrant citizens subject to a detention measure on the intranet of the concerned institutions.	MAI	-	3Q 2020
Objective 14: Enhance consular protection, assistance and cooperation throughout the migration cycle				
54	To conclude bilateral or regional agreements to strengthen cooperation with consulates.	MNE	-	Continuous implementation measure
55	To progressively adapt the structure and services of the Portuguese consular network to the evolution of the emigration flow, taking full advantage of digital technologies and platforms and increasing the support provided to Portuguese citizens living overseas.	MNE	-	Continuous implementation measure
56	To conclude the Emigrant Support Offices network, in cooperation with Local Authorities.	MNE	MAI	4Q 2020
Objective 15: Provide access to basic services for migrants				
57	To promote the access to support services for the integration of migrants throughout Portugal, by means of CNAIM and CLAIM, including Mobile CNAIM in areas of the country where there are no services provided by the Migration Integration National Support Network (RNAIM).	MPMA	-	Continuous implementation measure
58	To provide a quality and inclusive educational offer to migrant children and young people by promoting the teaching and learning of Portuguese as a non-native language and facilitating access to vocational training and lifelong learning.	MEDU	MTSSS	Continuous implementation measure



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59	To incorporate the health needs of migrants into the national and local health policies and plans, ensuring non-discriminatory access and seeking to reduce communication barriers (with support, for example, from the translation resources of the Office of the High Commissioner for Migration (ACM)).	MS	MPMA	Continuous implementation measure
60	To ensure migrants' access to adequate housing through the 'Porta de Entrada', Urgent Accommodation Support Programme — and the '1.º Direito' — Housing Access Support Programme.	MIH	MPMA	4Q 2020
61	To promote awareness raising actions on the rights and duties of seasonal migrant workers in specific sectors of activity, such as agriculture among others, with the involvement of social partners and through Local Security Contracts.	MTSSS	MAI	Continuous implementation measure
62	To increase the capacity of the video call system, within the scope of the Migrant Helpline, to provide online services in places where there is no response from CNAIM and CLAIM and in assistance support (namely in translation) in various public services (Health, Social Security, etc.).	MPMA	-	4Q 2020

Objective 16: Empower migrants and societies to realize full inclusion and social cohesion

63	To develop intercultural awareness projects, mobilizing primary and secondary schools, higher education institutions and local authorities, among others, promoting the integration of international students.	MPMA	MEDU, MCTES and MAI	Continuous implementation renewed yearly
64	To increase the number of national and local migrant integration plans, in cooperation with CNAIM and CLAIM, and considering the Local Security Contracts.	MPMA	MAI	Continuous implementation measure
65	To revise the «Português para Todos» programme, in order to cover all the Portuguese language learning needs of migrant adults in Portugal and to disseminate the «Plataforma Português online», as a free Portuguese language teaching and learning tool.	MEDU	MTSSS I	4Q 2020
66	To reinforce funding levels, within the scope of the integration measures, in the regions with the highest concentration of migrants, by taking advantage of the available funding sources.	MPMA	MP	Continuous implementation measure
67	To create a micro-credit instrument to help strengthen the insertion of migrant communities in the labour market.	MAEC	MTSSS	2Q 2020
68	To foster programmes and initiatives to promote interculturality at a national level, encouraging the appreciation of cultural diversity and interreligious dialogue.	MPMA	-	Continuous implementation measure
69	To strengthen, under the 'Escolhas' [Choices] Programme, projects to support children and young people from migrant communities.	MPMA	--	4Q 2020
70	To encourage the civic participation of migrants by revising the Migrant Associations Act and extending the network of partners of the «Mentors for Migrants» program to new territories.	MPMA		Continuous implementation measure
71	To develop training actions, using the ACM Training Scholarship, in the following areas: i) Intercultural Education, improving the respective School Network; ii) Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue, involving migrant communities, public and private entities and the host society itself.	MPMA	MAI and MEDU	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 17: Eliminate all forms of discrimination and promote evidence-based public discourse to shape perceptions of migration

72	To enhance media awareness of migration issues through the training plans of the Protocol Centre for Vocational Training for Journalists (CENJOR), in conjunction with the Directorate of Legislative Media Policy Services (DSPLM).	MC	-	Continuous implementation measure
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73	To single out the attribution of the Human Rights & Integration Journalism award (a partnership between the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the National Commission of UNESCO), by holding a ceremony with greater public visibility.	MNE	MC	Continuous implementation measure
74	To mobilize the Coordination and Regional Development Commissions responsible for giving public incentives to local or regional media for compliance with the principle of tolerance, encouraging the report (to the Media Regulatory Authority and the judicial authorities) of any situation of intolerance, xenophobia, racism or discrimination against migrants.	MC	MP	1Q 2020
75	To promote awareness-raising campaigns targeting communities of origin, transit and destination in order to improve public perception and awareness of the positive contributions of migratory phenomena to the country of arrival, as well as the importance of regular migration, and renewed publication and dissemination of material such as publications already produced by the ACM on migration.	MPMA	-	Continuous implementation measure
76	To assess the adequacy of current national legislation on hate crimes against migrants, with a view to their possible revision.	MJ	MPMA	4Q 2020

Objective 18: Invest in skills development and facilitate mutual recognition of skills, qualifications and competences

77	To simplify the granting of residence visas for research and study by anticipating student application and selection processes at academic institutions to the end of May of each year.	MCTES	MNE and MAI	Continuous implementation measure
78	To continue to establish vacancies for international students annually at least up to 30% of the total vacancies of the general admission regime and institutional calls.	MCTES	-	Continuous implementation measure
79	To develop a campaign for the promotion of higher education and research in Portugal, through the Website «Studying and researching in Portugal».	MCTES	MNE	Continuous implementation measure
80	To improve procedures for the recognition of competences and qualifications of foreign citizens.	MCTES	MEDU and MTSSS	Continuous implementation measure
81	To create alternative verification systems of the higher education qualification diplomas held by overseas citizens, for the purpose of recognising foreign qualifications, with a particular focus on applicants in an emergency situation for humanitarian reasons.	MCTES	-	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 19: Create conditions for migrants and diasporas to fully contribute to sustainable development in all countries

82	To cooperate with the embassies and consulates of the countries of origin of migrants resident in Portugal, within the scope of the respective migrant monitoring and return programmes.	MNE	-	Continuous implementation measure
83	To conduct campaigns among the Portuguese Diaspora, to attract emigrant students and students of Portuguese descent, promoting the «Return Programme».	MNE	MCTES and MTSSS	Continuous implementation measure
84	To create and disseminate a Holiday Programme for youth of Portuguese descent, allowing these young people to get to know the country and to have contact with its different educational institutions.	MAEC	MNE	4Q 2020
85	To develop a Network of Traders in the Portuguese Diaspora, with a view to promoting the commercial establishments of Portuguese citizens overseas, strengthening the ties among the Portuguese citizens resident in Portugal or overseas, and establishing closer relations with Portuguese communities in the Diaspora.	MAEC	MNE	4Q 2020



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86	To foster the uptake of Diaspora investment, emphasising the opportunities offered by the inland territories, such as the case of the Programme to attract Investment for the Interior.	MNE	MAEC	4Q 2020
87	To ensure improved articulation between the Emigrant Support Offices and Business Spaces, and also between the Investor Support Offices and the Entrepreneurship Support Offices, with a view to attracting investment from the Portuguese Diaspora.	MAEC	MNE, MAI	Continuous implementation measure
88	To simplify the process of creation of companies by foreign citizens, namely within the scope of the <i>Portugal In</i> Mission Structure, through translation services and the facilitation of compliance with legal requirements for the creation of companies in Portugal by foreigners, in the support services of the National Register of Legal Persons.	MJ	MPMA	4Q 2020

Objective 20: Promote faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster financial inclusion of migrants

89	To perfect the Non-Habitual Resident Tax Regime, particularly in terms of revising the decree on the professions that benefit from the regime.	MF	-	3Q 2020 (in effect from 01.01.2020)
90	To assess the legal and administrative conditions of remittance transfer processes of emigrants to the respective countries of origin, eliminating possible obstacles to their accomplishment in a timely and simple manner.	MF	-	1Q 2020

Objective 21: Cooperate in facilitating safe and dignified return and readmission, as well as sustainable reintegration

91	To improve mechanisms for articulation with the International Organization for Migration in the context of the voluntary return of migrants, giving value to the role of National and Local Migrant Integration Support Centres.	MPMA	-	Continuous implementation measure
92	To conclude bilateral agreements with countries from which most irregular migrants originate, with a view to improve the sharing of information and the procedures of return and readmission.	MAI	MNE	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 22: Establish mechanisms for the portability of social security entitlements and earned benefits

93	To conclude bilateral agreements establishing mechanisms for the portability of rights, namely in the context of social security and other acquired benefits.	MTSSS	MNE	Continuous implementation measure
94	To implement multilateral agreements related to social rights, namely within the scope of the EU and CPLP.	MTSSS	MNE	Continuous implementation measure

Objective 23: Strengthen international cooperation and global partnerships for safe, orderly and regular migration

95	To participate in the international monitoring of the Global Compact for Migration, in accordance with the terms laid down therein, and taking into account the coordinating role of the International Organisation for Migration.	MNE	-	Continuous implementation measure
96	To strengthen cooperation with Portuguese speaking countries, namely within the framework of the implementation of the future CPLP Mobility Regime.	MNE	MAI	Continuous implementation measure
97	To actively participate in all the organisations and forums of international cooperation in the area of migration, namely within the framework of the United Nations, the EU and in collaboration with the African Union.	MNE	-	Continuous implementation measure