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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
Permanent exchange of information	1. Nominating contact points within 24 hours	✓ All participating countries, institutions and agencies nominated contact points ✓ Increased bilateral contacts - X Insufficient prior notification about changes in national policies - X Unilateral measures including de facto nationality-based entry conditions and fence constructions
	2. Joint needs assessments within 24 hours	✓ Initial assessment and subsequent on-the-spot missions carried out by the Commission - X Await final needs assessment from Greece
Limiting Secondary Movements	3. Discouraging the unannounced movements of refugees or migrants	✓ Increased of cooperation and communication between border authorities - X Lack of political will to create reception capacity for stays of more than 24 hours
Supporting refugees and providing shelter and rest	4. Increasing support to refugees, including through the Civil Protection Mechanism	✓ EU funding supported all countries along the route ✓ Croatia and Greece activated Civil Protection Mechanism - X Majority of requests for assistance for ongoing Civil Protection Mechanism operations have not been met
	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	✓ Network set up to coordinate work - X Need to develop medium- and long-term responses
Managing the migration flows together	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	✓ EU support on return - X Need to step up return operations
	12. Stepping up cooperation on readmission	✓ High-level dialogues with third countries - X Obstacles to effective readmission
Border Management	13. Increase efforts to manage borders	✓ Activation of EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan ✓ Frontex operations under way on most key borders, including at sea (Poseidon) and at Bulgaria/Turkey and Greece/former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia borders ✓ Formal request by Greece for the deployment of a Rapid Border Intervention Team ✓ Strengthening the Frontex Western Balkans Risk Analysis Network - X Insufficient border-related confidence-building measures between Greece and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - X Guest police officers in Slovenia short of target - X Still obstacles in provision of Frontex assistance to Croatia and Serbia

	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
Tackling smuggling and trafficking	15. Stepping up actions against migrant smuggling and trafficking of human beings	✓ Memorandum of understanding to allow the exchange of personal data between Europol and Frontex ✓ Establishment of the European Migrant Smuggling Centre by Europol ✓ Support to large-scale operations
Information on the rights and obligations of refugees and migrants	16. Using all available communication tools to inform refugees and migrants	✓ Task Force on Communication X Launch of first communication operations
Monitoring	17. Monitoring the implementation of these commitments on a weekly basis	✓ Weekly video conferences with a very good level of participation