
THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF EU MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICY

Working together: A regional strategy

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■ OVERVIEW

- Regions are a relevant actor on migration governance.
- Regions play a crucial role in migrants' reception and integration, and regarding inclusion policies (Issue Paper on Migration and Asylum in EU Regions: Towards a multilevel governance approach).
- Regions could strengthen their role in the external dimension of migration governance.
- Identifying and highlighting actions that have been carried out so far by EU regions.
- Exploring new opportunities and new areas of participation.

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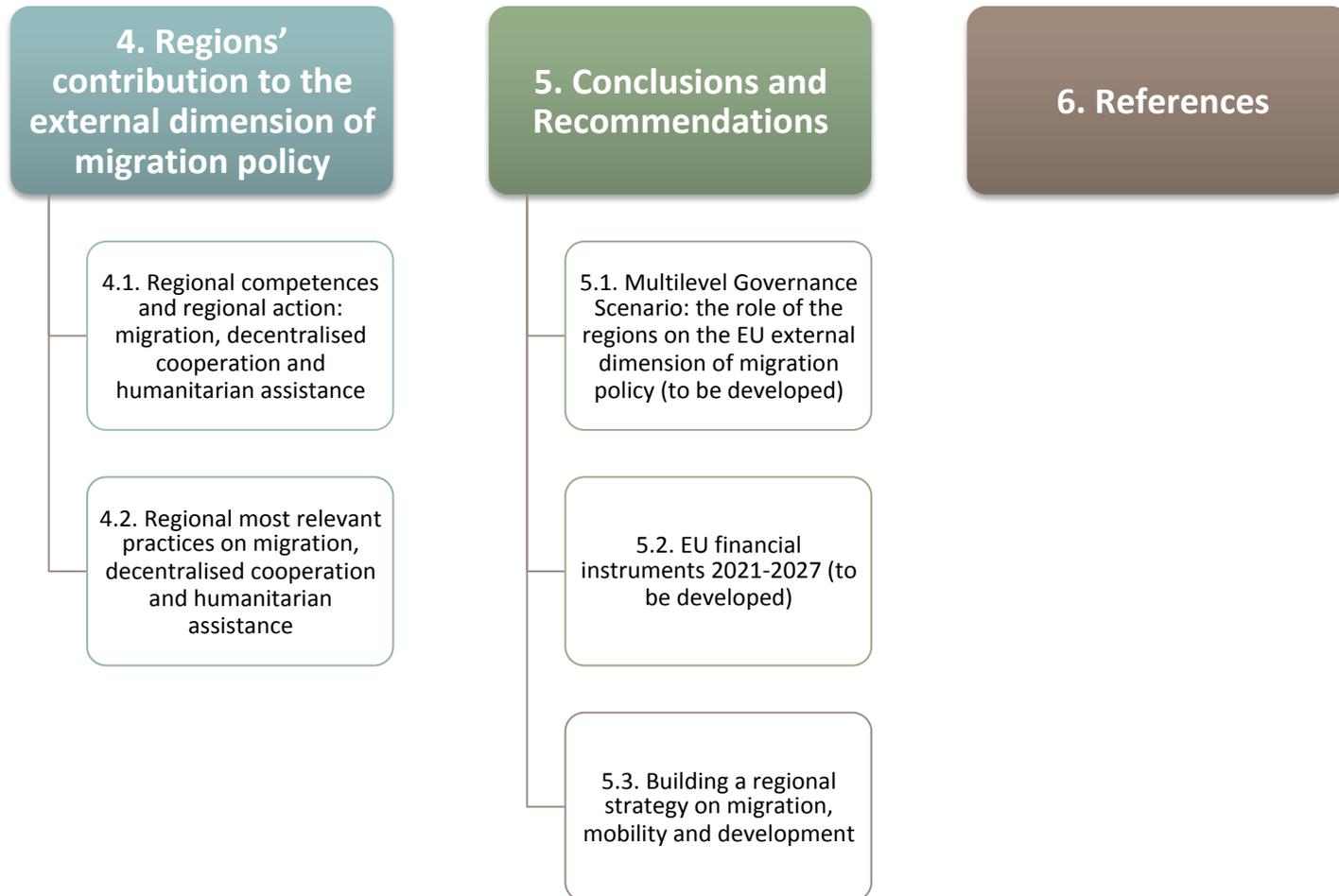
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■ The European Agenda on Migration

- Reducing incentives for irregular migration and **addressing the root causes** behind irregular migration in non-EU countries
- Developing a new policy on legal migration: to focus on attracting workers that the EU economy needs, particularly by facilitating entry and **the recognition of qualifications**.
- Facilitating return and **reintegration**
- Displacement and asylum in neighbour countries: from aid-dependence **to self-reliance**

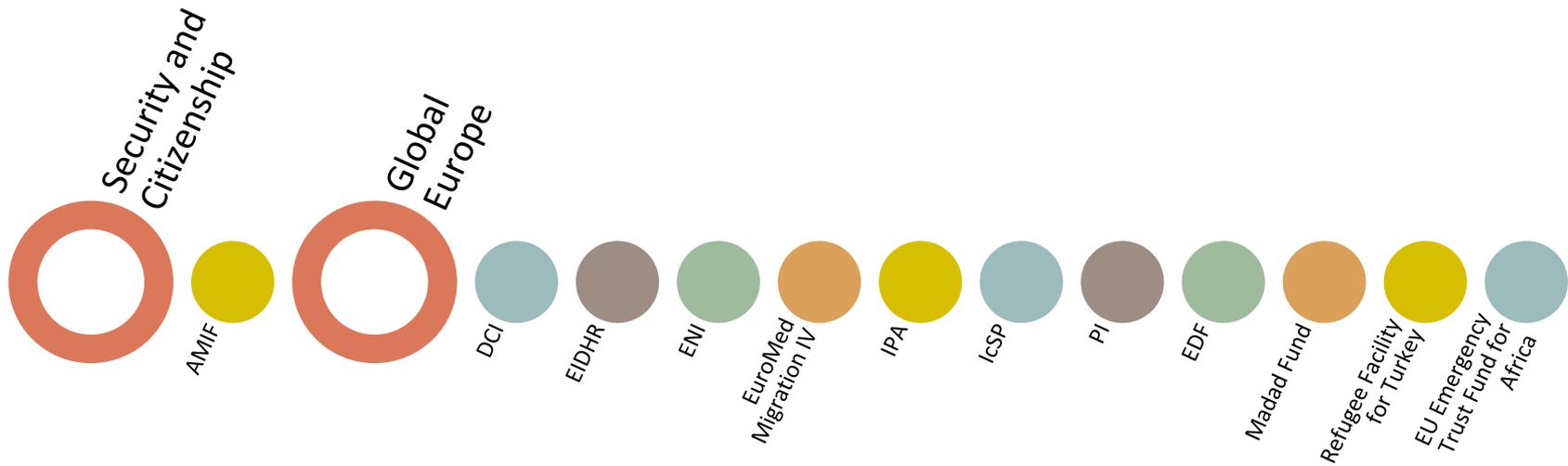
■ EU Political Instruments: from GAMM to Mobility Partnerships

- Cooperation on legal migration
- Reintegration of forced and voluntary returnees

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■ EU Financial Instruments

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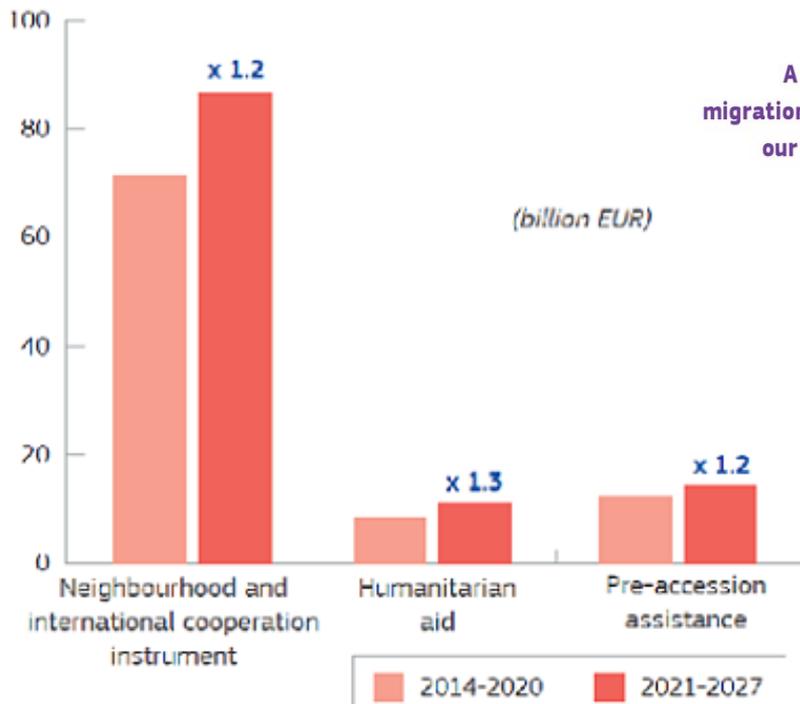


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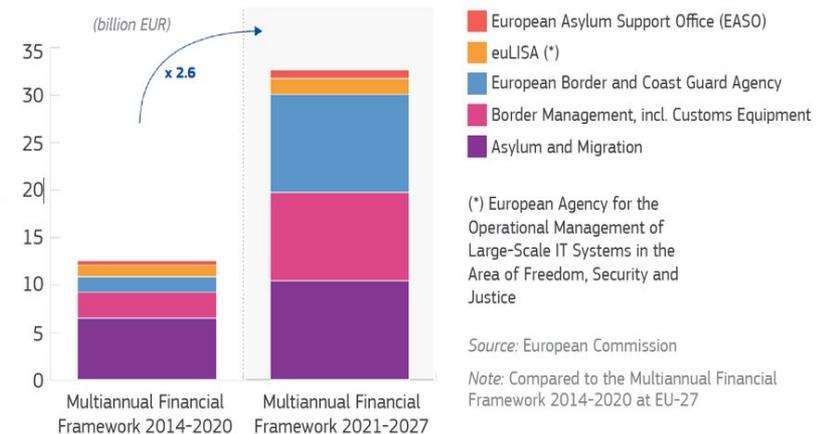
■ EU Financial Instruments

□ MFF 2021-2027

The EU budget for the management of external borders, migration and asylum will be significantly reinforced, overall, reaching more than €34.9 billion, compared to €13 billion for the period 2014-2020.



A strong focus on migration and protecting our external border



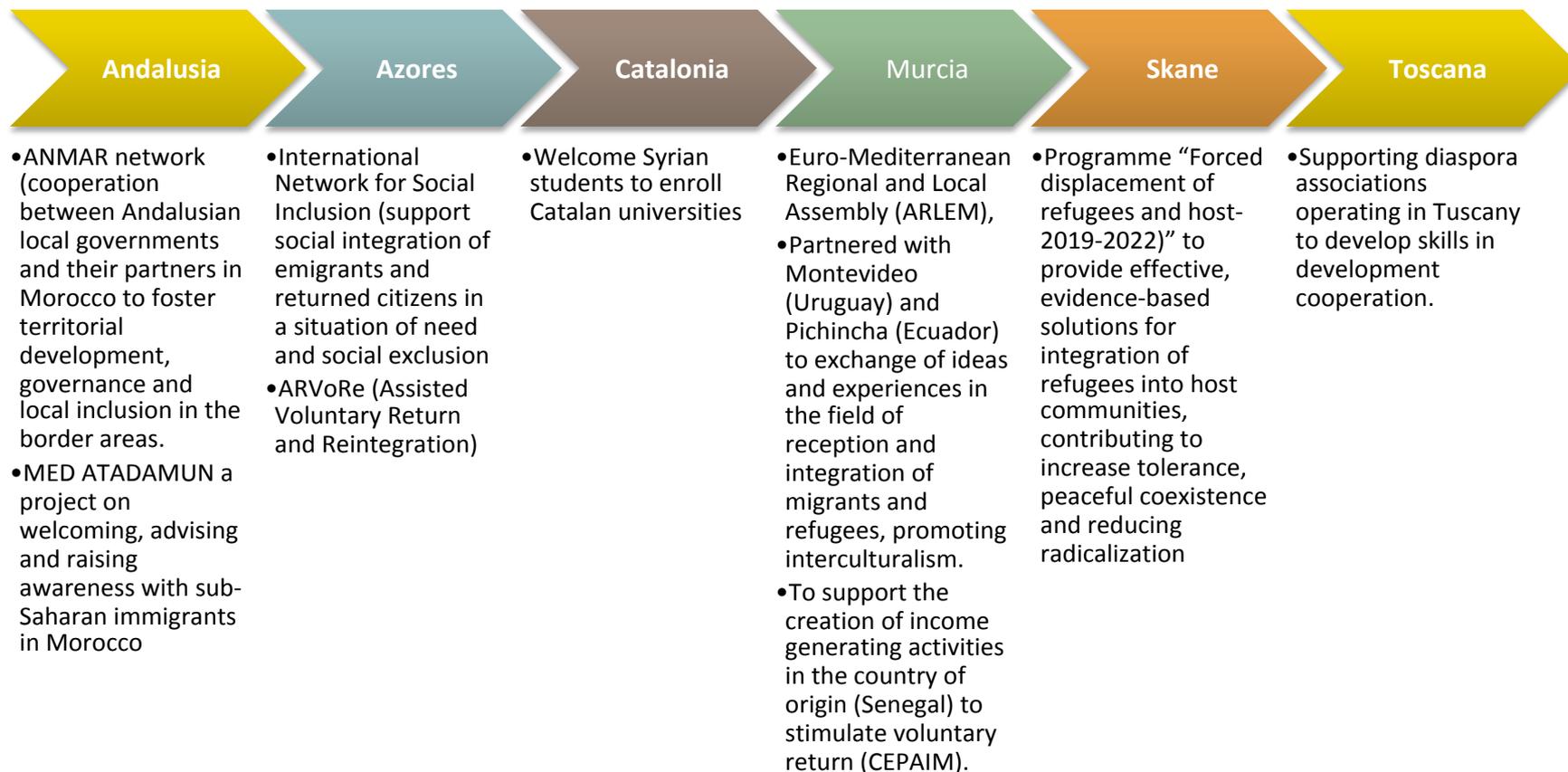
REGIONS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE EU MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICIES

- **Areas in which regions could reinforce their role in the external dimension of the EU Migration and Asylum policies:**
 - Reinforcing welcome and reception instruments and inclusion policies;
 - Strengthening and rethinking decentralised cooperation;
 - Contributing to humanitarian assistance in migration and asylum matters;
 - Participating in international and regional networks.

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- Strengthening and rethinking decentralised cooperation:
 - Reinforcing institutional capacities (capacity-building)
 - Participating in peer-to-peer actions and learning;
 - Specialized knowledge-transfer
 - Specialized training (officials)
 - Study visits
 - Promoting social and economic development
 - Developing specific projects
 - Role of diasporas and civil society in general
 - Promoting grass-roots participation (entities and actions)
 - Training (social actors)
 - Knowledge-transfer
 - Networking

REGIONS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION OF THE EU MIGRATION AND ASYLUM POLICIES – EXAMPLES (&3)



CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



Regions should develop their own vision on how to work on migration and development, both fostering the development potential of migrants and working with the tools of the development policy to strengthen regions of origin and destination.

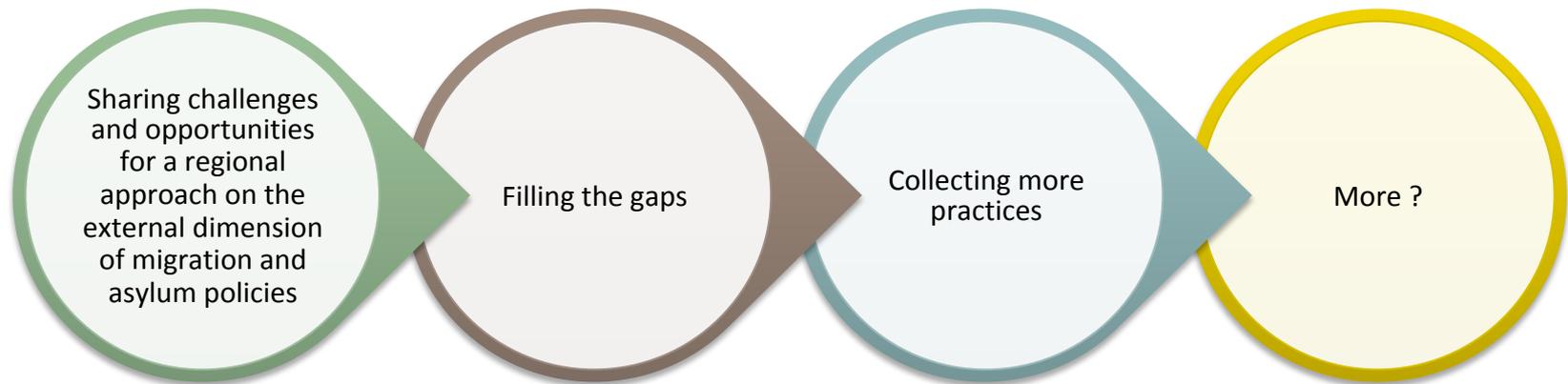
EU financial instruments 2021-2027

- Cohesion Fund
- Asylum and Migration Fund (AMF)
- Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)

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NEXT STEPS





Thank you for your attention!

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