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European Migration Agenda Migration Summit in Valletta, Malta EU hotspots approach Launch of the EU Integrated Return Management System (IRMS)	Council of the EU reaches agreement on key asylum and migration laws (putative) closure of Balkan Route EU-Turkey refugee agreement	EU Return Manual adopted together with the EU Action Plan	Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and Global Compact for Refugees	New Regulation on Family Reunification Act Second Act to improve the enforcement of the obligation to leave the country ('Law of orderly return', with toleration [Duldung] 'light')	EU Commission's Migration and Asylum Package: New Framework for long-Term Migration Management and Normalization of Migration European Commission publishes strategy on voluntary return and reintegration	EU agrees to strengthen border management with the help of Frontex, Europol and the asylum agency EASO	Decision to activate Directive 2001/55/EC (mass influx and temporary protection) by the Council of the European Union	Policy Document: Towards an operational strategy for more effective returns Council of the EU reaches agreement on key asylum and migration laws: Regulation on Asylum and Migration Management, Asylum Procedure Regulation, and Regulation addressing situations of crisis and force majeure in the field of migration and asylum EU-migration agreement with Tunisia closed (July 2023) and undone (Oct 2023) ECJ-ruling on possibility of refugee status revocation for criminals who are potential threats for security (three cases BE, AU, NL), 6.7.23
Asylum Package 1 (Asylum Procedure Acceleration Act): Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro declared safe countries of origin Admission of more than 1 million refugees Special initiative 'Flight/Displacement' (Sonderinitiative Flucht) active (launched 2014) Law to change Asylum-Seekers' Benefits Act	EU and D agreement with Afghanistan on forced and voluntary repatriation Government allocates 10 mio euros for voluntary return assistance programs (mainly REAG/GARP) Act on Facilitated Deportation of Delinquent Foreigners	Act to improve the enforcement of the obligation to leave the country more than 200 baseless control raids by Bavarian police in migrant shelters (permitted by Integration Act)	counseling centers open in Nigeria and Iraq		OVG basic decision that migrant shelters are protection spaces in accordance with Article 13 of the Basic Law (GG), prohibiting arbitrary raids	new Law on the Central Register of Foreigners (Ausländerzentralregister, AZR): extending access and type of stored data; new Regular Needs Assessment Act	Emergency aid and one-time payment law with changes in residence and social law for war refugees from Ukraine as of 01.06.2022 BAMF-measures to accelerate decision-making for protection applications	Appointment of the new special representative for migration agreements First migration package Law to speed up asylum court proceedings and asylum procedures 45 politically motivated attacks on asylum seekers' accommodation registered Jan-March 2023 (more than twice in comparison 1st qu. 2022)
notion of 'prospect of staying' introduced in Germany, those without good prospects subject to return policy/deportability	Asylum Package 2 incl. Act on the Introduction of Accelerated Asylum Procedures Integration Act and Program for the admission of labor migrants from western Balkan states tolerated migrant kills 12 people, injures 48 in terrorist attack at Berlin Christmas market (19 Dec 2016)	Measures on return and reintegration come into force, "Perspektive Heimat", "StarthilfePlus", Joint Return Support Center (ZUR), Information on return and reintegration support when applying for asylum counseling centers open in Morocco, Tunisia, Ghana and Senegal	Masterplan Migration introduced (BMI). This is preceded by a government crisis Third law amending the Asylum Act	The Gambia and Pakistan will be included in the "Perspektive Heimat" program		Coalition agreement of the "Ampel" government provides for a paradigm shift toward a "modern immigration country". At the same time, a "repatriation offensive" is envisaged/ concerted effort on return.	counseling center opens in The Gambia	Cabinet agrees draft of a new Repatriation Improvement Law (Oct 2023) Cabinet agrees on draft to include Georgia and Moldova in list of safe countries of origin (Aug 2023)
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			Germany					
			Return					