

Rabat Process

Portuguese Chairmanship Thematic Priorities

Thematic Priority of the Chair	Area of the Cadiz Action Plan (CAP)	Identified CAP objectives and actions	Proposed activity and objectives under Chairmanship programme	Previous RP activity to build upon	Tentative timeline
Migration and development nexus, Diaspora engagement, investment, and entrepreneurship	AREA 1: Development benefits of migration and addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement.	Objective 1: Maximise the positive impact of regular migration. → Action 3: Promote actions to raise awareness of and support for entrepreneurship and productive investment by young people from the African diaspora and women and encourage them to use their skills for the benefit of their countries of origin.	Thematic Meeting “ Promoting the positive effects of regular migration for countries of origin: the role of entrepreneurship and diaspora engagement ”. Co-chaired by Portugal and Senegal. <u>Objectives:</u> -Provide a venue where European and African countries can share experiences and practices put in place to maximise the positive impacts of regular migration for countries of origin and reflect together on ways forward. <u>Specific objectives:</u> -Provide a theoretical and evidence-based framework to discuss the links between regular migration and development in countries of origin and the role of diasporas. -Hear the experiences of migrants and their descendants engaged in development projects in their country of origin, their strategies, challenges and results.	12-13 May 2022: TM on “Migration and Development in 2022: The role of cooperation in Migration; New actors for a new context” (Madrid, Spain) 19-20 November 2023: TM on “Migration, youth, and development”. (The Hague, The Netherlands)	15-16 May 2024 in Lisbon, Portugal

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Identify examples of best practices and case studies from various organisations and governments that facilitate diaspora engagement and entrepreneurship in countries of origin, with a specific attention to those involving women and young people. -Pinpoint existing challenges and barriers that might hinder further diaspora engagement and look at recommendations to minimise them. -Identify strategies to increase the dialogue between countries of origin and destination to promote the transfer of skills, knowledge and resources to countries of origin. <p><u>Expected results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased awareness of the role of diasporas for the sustainable development of countries of origin. -Better knowledge of positive experiences of the impact of regular migration in countries of origin through the promotion of entrepreneurship and diaspora engagement. -Recommendations on ways forward to increase the potential of the positive impact of migration for sustainable development in countries of origin. 		
Developing pathways for legal migration, Talent Partnerships	AREA 2: Regular migration and mobility	Objective 3: Promote regular migration and mobility, in particular of young people and women, between and within Europe, North, West and Central Africa, including through Talent partnerships.	<p>Thematic Meeting (title and objectives to be presented at the Steering Committee)</p> <p>Co-chaired by Portugal and Cabo Verde as reference countries for Area 2.</p>	16-17 December 2021: Virtual meeting on legal migration, with a focus on labour migration (Online)	20-21 June 2024, in Mindelo, São Vicente Island – Cabo Verde

		<p>→Action 6: Promote high-level dialogue between authorities of departure and destination countries, as well as employers, to identify scope for labour mobility schemes – including, for example, in the context of Talent Partnerships with identified countries.</p> <p>→Action 8: Promote, within national legislative frameworks, the recognition of diplomas and work experience, portability of social rights of regular migrants and their families, for example through the conclusion and implementation of appropriate bilateral, regional or international agreements.</p> <p>→Action 10: Promote communication, awareness raising and access to information on regular channels of migration by involving all stakeholders (the State, the diaspora, the media, social networks, civil society, international organisations and the private sector).</p>		<p>29-30 September 2022: TM on “State Cooperation as key to success in labour migration”</p> <p>(Malaga, Spain)</p>	
Other proposals from the Chair to be explored for the second semester 2024	AREA 3: Protection and Asylum	<p>Objective 5a: Promote measures to enhance the protection of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.</p> <p>→Action 13: Identify existing cross-border and regional protection initiatives in the Dialogue sub-regions and propose actions to stakeholders to improve the protection of refugees and forcibly</p>	<p>Technical meeting or Roundtable discussion (title, format, and objectives to be defined).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unaccompanied minors 2. Employability of asylum seekers and refugees 	<p>7th July 2021: Virtual roundtable: “Asylum procedure for unaccompanied minors”</p> <p>13th October 2021: Roundtable “Protection and asylum: risks, support and durable solutions, in particular for unaccompanied minors”</p>	Second semester 2024

		<p>displaced persons, including through capacity building of national institutions in charge of asylum systems and in particular their registration. Particular attention will be paid to taking into account the most vulnerable persons, gender specific needs, the best interests of the child, and the needs of unaccompanied minors.</p> <p>→Action 14: Prioritise the needs of unaccompanied minors, focusing on reducing the risks of neglect and exploitation they face, including through appropriate individual assessment of their situation and needs.</p>		<p>20-21 September 2022: TM on “Family separation and Missing Persons in the Context of Migration”</p>	
	TBD	TBD	<p>Joint KP-RP Thematic Meeting (thematic focus to be defined at a later stage in consultation with Egypt and in line with their programme of activities as upcoming Chair of the Khartoum Process).</p> <p>Co-chaired by Portugal and Egypt.</p>		<p>Second semester 2024 (Portugal)</p>

Chair suggestions for knowledge building activities	AREA 2: Regular migration and mobility	<p>Objective 3: Promote regular migration and mobility, in particular of young people and women, between and within Europe, North, West and Central Africa, including through Talent partnerships</p> <p>→Action 8: Promote, within national legislative frameworks, the recognition of diplomas and work experience, portability of social rights of regular migrants and their families, for example through the conclusion and implementation of appropriate bilateral, regional or international agreements.</p>	Skills development, recognition of qualifications and transferability		TBD
Communication activities			<p>Communication plan:</p> <p>→Tailored visual products: Chairmanship video, video interview with experts, video highlights 2024 and animated infographics.</p> <p>→ Media communication packages ahead of Dialogue meetings</p> <p>→Dissemination of outputs through RP website and social media channels (LinkedIn and Twitter)</p>	<p>Final outputs to be presented during the Senior Officials' Meeting in January 2025</p> <p>Information to be shared regularly via the designed RP website and social media channels throughout the year</p>	Ongoing