

The Challenges and Opportunities of the EU Migration Partnerships: A North African

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Migration has proved to be a major challenge for Europe. It was one of the top priorities for the Juncker Commission and will remain so for the Von der Leyen Commission, with external action remaining a crucial component of the EU's migration policy. The EU's Partnership Framework approach launched in 2016 by the EU High Representative and Vice President Mogherini was in many regards a key evolution which signaled an altogether new approach both for the EU's internal policy-making process and its cooperation with third countries in the field of migration. On the basis of an analysis of key elements of the Partnership Framework approach, and in light of subsequent developments and the overall institutional and policy dynamics, a series of positive and negative lessons can be drawn as to the opportunities it offers and the challenges that its implementation has been faced with until now. Given the indisputable importance of the Maghreb region in the EU's overall external migration policy, it would be interesting to proceed to an indepth analysis of the EU's relations with the Maghreb countries under the lens of the opportunities and challenges that the EU's migration policy choices could offer and be faced with.