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Dear Sirs

### **The Global Approach to Migration**

ICAEW welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation on the Global Approach to Migration paper published by the European Commission in April 2011. ICAEW is listed in the Commission's Interest Representative Register (ID number: 7719382720-34).

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ICAEW response to the consultation is detailed in the questionnaire template provided in the Appendix below.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss any of the points raised in this response.

Yours sincerely

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# Public consultation on the Global Approach to Migration

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## I. ROLE IN EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1. Action in the external dimension of EU migration policy has added value because...

...it is important that the EU acts in a balanced way in relation to various migrant source and transit countries/regions.

Agree

...action by the whole of the EU or jointly by several EU countries can be more effective than action by a single country.	Agree
...joint action can save resources for EU countries and the EU as a whole.	No opinion
... lack of EU action would have negative consequences for EU countries.	Agree

Further comments:

## 2. The Global Approach should be based on clearly defined goals regarding priority countries/regions outside the EU. It should therefore become a more strategic, long-term policy framework for the EU's internal and external priorities, including how migration ....

... can boost economic growth and help Europe address demographic change and labour market shortages ( <a href="#">Europe 2020 strategy</a> ).	Strongly agree
... affects trade relations and capital/investment flows.	No opinion
... can improve relations between different cultures.	No opinion
... helps the transfer of skills and innovation.	Agree
...can drive growth in developing countries.	Agree
... can be managed as part of broader security policy.	No opinion
... can be managed where it is generated by natural disasters and land degradation, including effects of climate change.	No opinion

Further comments:

## 3. Action under the Global Approach should become more strategic and systematic by introducing...

... an overall planning framework based on regional and thematic priorities.	Agree
...strategic targets (e.g. specifying the number and type of dialogue processes and tools in place by a specific year).	Disagree
...indicators for assessing how strategic targets are being met.	Agree

Further comments:

## 4. The Global Approach should be better integrated into and linked with related EU policy areas, notably:

	Agree
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Foreign policy	
Development cooperation	Agree
Trade	Agree
Internal EU migration and integration	Agree
Employment	Strongly agree
Education and vocational training	Agree
Crisis management and security	Agree
Environment and climate change	Agree

Further comments:

In an increasingly global economy which places a premium on professional skills, it is important that appropriately qualified individuals have professional mobility under agreed rules.

### 5. Should EU countries adopt specific measures (policy, legislation, research, financial assistance, etc.) to address environmentally induced migration?

Policy	Agree
Legislation	No opinion
Research	No opinion
Assistance to non-EU countries	No opinion

Further comments:

## II. GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AND PRIORITIES

### 6. Which of the following regional frameworks for dialogue and cooperation on migration has contributed most to the implementation of the Global Approach? Please rank the alternatives in the list below.

5+5 Dialogue on Migration in the Western Mediterranean	No opinion
ASEM (Asia-Europe meeting on migration)	No opinion
Budapest process	No opinion
Brdo-process	No opinion
EU-ACP dialogue on migration, in the framework of the Art 13 Cotonou Agreement	No opinion
EU-Africa Partnership on Migration, Mobility and Employment (MME)	No opinion
EU-LAC structured dialogue on migration	No opinion
European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)	No opinion
	No opinion

Eastern Partnership	
Mediterranean Transit Migration Dialogue (MTM)	No opinion
Prague process (Building Migration Partnerships)	No opinion
Rabat/Paris-process	No opinion
Söderköping process	No opinion
Union for the Mediterranean	No opinion

Further comments:

**7. EU migration dialogue, cooperation or project activities are ongoing or planned with a number of countries. Please list the top 10 non-EU countries you think should be given priority in descending order of importance.**

### III. THEMATIC BALANCE AND PRIORITIES

**8. How important is EU action in non-EU countries in the following areas covered by the Global Approach? Please rank each action.**

Organising legal migration more effectively	2
Preventing and addressing irregular migration	No opinion
Improving synergies between migration and development	2
Supporting international protection and the external dimension of asylum (including Regional Protection Programmes)	No opinion
Protecting the rights of migrants	No opinion

Further comments:

**9. Regarding legal migration, how important is EU action in non-EU countries on the following issues? Please rank each action.**

Information for potential migrants on legal migration opportunities (including rights and obligations on EU labour markets, access to employment, social services and social security benefits) in the EU	2
Recruitment and cooperation between labour market agencies in the EU and selected non-EU countries	No opinion
Recognition of foreign qualifications and skills (to counteract "brain waste")	2
Pre-departure skills upgrading and language training	2
Protection of the rights of migrants	No opinion
Preparation of return and labour market reintegration	No opinion

Further comments:

We believe it is important to build qualification and professional recognition between countries where possible. This often requires extensive guidance and collaboration to achieve the necessary quality outcomes

**10. Regarding irregular migration, how important is EU action in non-EU countries on the following issues? Please rank each action.**

Return and readmission	No opinion
Border management	No opinion
Fight against trafficking in human beings	No opinion
Fight against smuggling of migrants	No opinion
Document security and biometrics	No opinion
Networks of immigration liaison officers in EU countries' embassies	No opinion
Protection of the rights of migrants	No opinion

Further comments:

**11. Regarding migration and development, how important is EU action in non-EU countries on the following issues? Please rank each action.**

Remittances (cutting costs, informing about options, making them more productive)	No opinion
Reducing brain drain/waste and facilitating brain circulation	2
Facilitating initiatives by diaspora associations to promote source-country development	No opinion
Circular migration (legal frameworks and/or projects that facilitate it)	No opinion
Social aspects of migration and development (reducing social costs)	No opinion
Protection of the rights of migrants (in the EU and source countries)	No opinion
Facilitating transfer of pension rights	No opinion
Facilitating transfer of social security benefits (e.g. health)	No opinion
Coherence between migration policy and development/external cooperation	2
Adapting to climate change	2

Further comments:

**IV. EFFICIENCY AND FLEXIBILITY**

12. Should the EU use its available leverage with non-EU countries (e.g. offering benefits through visa policy, opportunities for mobility, or funding for capacity building) more systematically to achieve its policy goals?

Disagree

Further comments:

13. Current EU financial assistance for the Global Approach is provided through a range of external instruments, both geographic and thematic, with different programming and management cycles. These funds are intended to help non-EU countries manage migratory flows and tackle the root causes of migration. Do you think the Global Approach can be adequately implemented through these existing instruments?

No opinion

Further comments:

**14. The Global Approach could be better adapted to the specific relationships with and conditions in various non-EU countries and regions by ...**

... inviting non-EU countries at an early stage to identify their concerns and interests as part of dialogue and cooperation.

Agree

... differentiating more clearly between various types of partnerships, ranging from basic dialogue to more advanced and committed cooperation.

Agree

... setting up a solidarity mechanism for coordinating and pooling the resources of interested EU countries in relation to priority non-EU countries.

No opinion

... designing a transparent procedure for priority partner countries, offering increasing levels of cooperation with correspondingly increased access to visa facilitation/liberalisation, mobility and funding opportunities as EU objectives are met.

Agree

Further comments:

## V. TOOLS FOR THE GLOBAL APPROACH

**15. How important for the Global Approach are the following tools and support for capacity building in non-EU countries? Please rank each action.**

Migration profiles	No opinion
Migration missions	No opinion
Cooperation platforms	No opinion
Mobility partnerships	No opinion
Building capacity for migration governance	No opinion

**16. The main tools of the Global Approach should be improved in the following areas:**

Migration profiles	
Migration missions	
Cooperation platforms	
Mobility Partnerships	

Please give more information - your own assessment and suggestions for improving these tools under the Global Approach:

**17. Mobility partnerships are intended to be a sophisticated and elaborate tool for migration cooperation between the EU and non-EU countries. They can be made more efficient by...**

...setting up a list of priority countries.	Disagree
...defining criteria for initiating negotiations with non-EU countries (e.g. number of interested EU countries, interest expressed by the non-EU country).	Agree
...setting a target of the number of new mobility partnerships per year.	Disagree
...the EU / EU countries making more substantial offers (e.g. projects or other initiatives to facilitate legal migration, address irregular immigration or improve synergies between migration and development).	Agree

Further comments:

**18. The EU is developing systematic cooperation with a group of non-EU countries within the Eastern Partnership. This framework offers a broader perspective, linking prospects of mobility, visa facilitation and visa liberalisation with readmission agreements and progress concerning security, and addressing irregular immigration, as well as improved conditions in the area of good governance, democracy and human rights. Should the Global**

No opinion



Approach use a similar strategic framework for cooperation with priority non-EU countries and regions?	
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Further comments:

## VI. INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COORDINATION

**19. Regular information exchange between EU countries, the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the European Commission on bilateral external cooperation and EU action should be improved by....**

... establishing focal points in EU countries, EEAS, Commission, EU delegations and EU countries' embassies.	Agree
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...the systematic use of an internal, secure EU-website so up-to-date information can be shared quickly.	Agree
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Further comments:

**20. Should local coordination involving EU delegations and EU countries' embassies in non-EU countries be improved, to ensure implementation of the Global Approach?**

No opinion

Further comments:

**21. Is the involvement of these EU agencies increasingly important for the consistent implementation of the Global Approach?**

European Agency for the Management of External Borders (Frontex)	No opinion
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European Asylum Support Office (EASO)	No opinion
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European Training Foundation (ETF)	No opinion
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Further comments:

**22. Would it be useful to set up a network / support mechanism (with due recognition of EU countries' competences) to help EU countries share information and best practice on cooperation with non-EU countries on the issues of recruitment, matching supply and demand on national labour markets and skills upgrading?**

No opinion

Further comments:

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## VII. ANY OTHER COMMENT

23. We would welcome any other comment you may have about the Global Approach to Migration. You can either enter your comments below or upload a document.