

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 September 2024 14:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: information for [REDACTED] International relations

Hi there,

Few more insights based on the recent media reports:

- The structure is being referred to as 'hub ship'. Still to be confirmed whether the ship will be private and leased by IT or rather belong to navy (it will have rather small capacity though). It will be stationed in the southwest of Lampedusa (in a small patch of sea outside territorial waters but within the IT SRR zone).
- Two SOPs detailing the exact procedures under the 'IT-Albania deal' are currently being drafted.
- The following migrants will not be ideally transhipped to the hub ship: migrants with visible/evident vulnerabilities, e.g. minors, elderly, women, people with serious health condition, migrants who carry ID documents.
- Migrants ultimately transhipped to the hub ship will receive health assistance and will undergo a pre-identification led by the police (collection of personal and biometric data): only people originating from one of 22 safe countries of origin (as designated in the [decree](#) of 7th May 2024) will be ultimately eligible to undergo accelerated border procedure (as prescribed under asylum law) directly in Albania. Those originating from countries not designated as safe will be transferred to Italy.
- The hub-ship few times per month will navigate towards Shengjin port, where it will disembark migrants for which migration-related procedures (both asylum and return-related process) will continue in Albania. Should new vulnerabilities emerge there, those people would re-embark on the hub ship that will wait at anchor for up to 12 hours.
- The UNHCR will be present on the hub ship and in the hotspot in Albania, and it is likely that the IOM will also be deployed (the Ministry of the Interior is currently in discussions with the latter).
- The deal is expected to enter into force in October (according to the Minister's Piantedosi account last week).

We are meeting [REDACTED] on the 10th Oct so more up-dates may follow.

Best – [REDACTED] international relations

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Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 1:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: information for [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED], personal data x 3

Thank you for the reaction and the information. [REDACTED] please let me know if you have anything to add.

Thank you greatly for the quick message.

Best, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] personal data x 3
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To: [REDACTED]
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Hello [REDACTED], personal data x 5

When it comes to Italy, the information you stated is compatible with the latest news concerning the Italy-Albania migration deal. Italy has a pilot project to place a navy vessel near Lampedusa (in international waters) to screen whether migrants rescued at sea can be transferred to Albania (within the framework of the migration deal) or they have to be disembarked in Italy (e.g. vulnerable individuals, those in need of international protection). The initial plan was to have this setting operational already, but to my knowledge plans have been postponed several times. UNHCR will be monitoring the procedures onboard the vessel for 2/3 months. We had a meeting with them and we agreed to keep on exchanging on the matter. I am CCing [REDACTED] she has been following the matter closely and can provide more details if needed.

We have already discussed to update the briefing note on the Italy-Albania migration deal (we shared a first version some time ago) with a view to put all the info together and facilitate a FRO position on the matter. However, resources are limited and it may take some time...

Best,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 12:15 PM
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Hi [REDACTED], Hi [REDACTED], personal data x 2

We just came out of a meeting with [REDACTED] and there is some follow up Jonas is requesting of you/your team colleagues:

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1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
3. **Italy** – there is some talk about the Disembarkation Platform that the IT government would like to built / use an existing structure? Platform is referred to the literal use of this word – an actual structure in the sea. It is an idea that has allegedly been floated so that Italy can screen and process migrants to avoid their entering of the IT territory. It sounds very vague and quite improbable from the start but have you or the FROMs heard about it – it would be good we are on the same page.

Can I please ask you respond to this message with the info, as requested. Alternatively, with your permission I can reach out to the country monitors and ask for the info directly. The deadline is generous – until October 8th.

Thank you



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