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**Executive summary**

- Italian Prime Minister announces opening of migrant centre in Albania on 1 August 2024

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REPORT

1. Internal political context and key developments/ migration policies

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During a brief visit to Albania on 5 June to assess progress on the implementation of the Italy-Albania migration protocol from November 2023, Italian Prime Minister announced that the disembarkation, reception, and housing facilities for migrants at the port of Shëngjin and the nearby site of Gjadër (75 km north of Tirana) would be fully operational by 1 August. She attributed the two-month delay from the initial planning on 20 May to the challenging terrain at Gjadër.  reiterated that pregnant women, children, and elderly people rescued or intercepted at sea would not be transferred to Albania. She disclosed that the funds allocated for implementing the protocol total EUR 670 million over the first five years (EUR 134 million per year), representing 7.5% of the expenses related to migrant reception on national territory. Albanian Prime Minister, who accompanied  during the site inspection, stated that "we are on Italian territory." He affirmed that Albania had not requested financial compensation and reaffirmed Albania's close ties and strategic partnership with Italy.  also highlighted Italy's unwavering support for Albania in Brussels during its EU accession process. 

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The first migrants are expected to arrive in Shëngjin, as of 1 August 2024.

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