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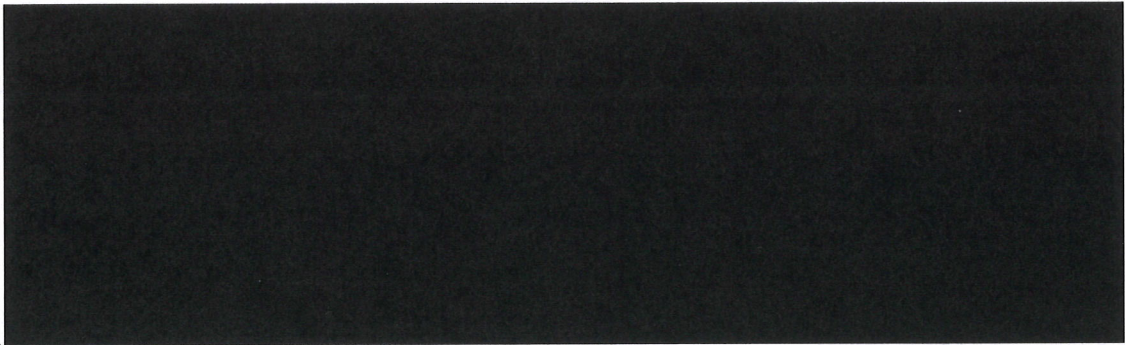
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Key messages:
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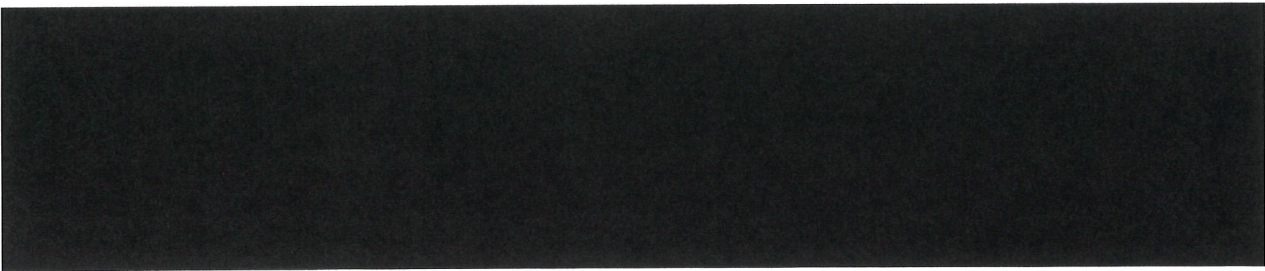
1. Highlights of major policy developments/migration policies

ITALY

Government approves a decree to use two Albanian centres as repatriation centres

On 28 March, the government approved a decree allowing one of two Italian-run facilities in Albania to be used as a repatriation centre (CPR) for irregular migrants. This includes migrants who have received a return decision or a detention order in Italy. The move follows the implementation of the protocol between Rome and Tirana for the accelerated border procedures of migrants at two facilities, which Italy opened in Albania last October. However, these procedures have been blocked by Italian courts. The two centres based in Albania are currently empty after Italy's courts did not validate the detention of the first three groups of migrants transferred there between October and January.

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) began hearing the case on the Italy-Albania protocol last month. The ECJ judges are examining referrals filed by Italian courts, which have raised concerns over the legitimacy of detentions ordered against migrants rescued at sea and transferred to Albania because their countries of Origin considered safe by the Italian government. Notably, the list of the "safe" countries includes: Egypt, Tunisia, Bangladesh –the top three nationalities arriving in Italy. ECJ's ruling is expected to take place in June. Under the decree approved by the government on Friday, the Gjader facility will host 144 irregular migrants directly transferred from Italy, joining the national network of CPRs. It should be noted that the original function of the centre, dedicated to accelerated border procedures, will be maintained depending on the the EU court's decision



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