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Subject: Migrant and regional crisis

At the initiative of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Paolo Gentiloni, the foreign ministers of the six signatory states to the Treaty of Rome met in Rome on 9 February 2016 against the backdrop of deep divisions between the current 28 Member States caused by the migrant crisis. This meeting served mainly as an opportunity to look at the ways in which the EU integration process could be relaunched.

During a reception held for the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA) region in Brussels on 11 February 2016 by the President of the Commission, it was stressed that the future of the Schengen area would be uncertain for as long as migration policies and social benefits remained unharmonised. Budgetary allocations have been established to support cooperation between regions such as PACA and those on the other side of the Mediterranean in the areas of the police and justice. However, regional authorities in France do not have authority in such matters, and the police are under national authority in the Maghreb countries.

How does the Commission intend to tackle these jurisdictional barriers?