

**Question for written answer E-001990/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU funds sent to Africa: billions of euros wasted in fight to curb immigration

In 2015, following the migration crisis that occurred that year, the European Union established the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa. This fund is managed by the Commission and its budget has almost tripled since it was set up, ballooning from EUR 1.8 billion to EUR 5 billion.

According to recent surveys¹, despite the massive funding allocated for development assistance, immigration continues at much the same pace. In fact, these funds appear to be squandered on projects unrelated to the migration crisis. Attention must also be drawn to the responsibility borne by the African governments, who are benefitting from this aid without actually implementing effective reforms.

1. How does the Commission intend to respond to this blatant failure, and what monitoring mechanisms will it put in place to ensure that EU money is being used properly to combat illegal migration effectively?
2. Would it not be more appropriate to rethink this project, requiring concrete outcomes and making aid conditional on the relevant African countries truly cooperating in the fight against illegal immigration, particularly with regard to the return of their nationals?

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¹ https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/SR-2024-17/SR-2024-17_EN.pdf