

**Question for written answer E-002329/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights impact assessment in the context of the EU-Tunisia Memorandum of Understanding

On 11 April 2024 the Ombudsman opened an own-initiative inquiry into how the Commission intended to guarantee respect for human rights in the context of the EU-Tunisia Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), in particular with regard to the migration and mobility pillar.

From that investigation the Ombudsman learned that the Commission had not adopted a stand-alone human rights impact assessment before signing the MoU, nor had it carried out regular impact assessments of actions implemented under the MoU.

However, the Ombudsman noted that a risk management exercise had been completed by the Commission prior to the signing of the MoU.

1. When will the Commission publish on its website – as suggested by the Ombudsman – a summary of the risk management exercise it conducted for Tunisia before signing the MoU?
2. Will the Commission publish the results of the regular human rights monitoring carried out by partners implementing the projects launched in Tunisia following the implementation of the MoU?
3. Does the Commission intend – as also suggested by the Ombudsman – to establish criteria on the basis of which contracts should be suspended in the event of proven human rights violations in the implementation of EU-funded projects under the MoU?

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