Question for written answer E-000289/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Making financial aid conditional on Algeria's cooperation on migration

The European Union and its Member States, particularly France, send a significant amount of aid to Algeria. Between 2017 and 2022, France gave Algeria approximately EUR 842 million in development aid[1]. Similarly, the EU provided Algeria with a total of EUR 273.3 million of financial assistance between 2011 and 2015[2], plus it adopted projects totalling EUR 40 million in 2023[3].

Despite these contributions, the Algerian economy is still fragile and, to a great extent, dependent on hydrocarbons, which comprise over 86% of its exports. This economic situation is fuelling significant immigration to Europe. In addition, Algeria does not cooperate in any way in either the readmission of irregular migrants from Algeria or the fight against illegal immigration.

1. Does the Commission intend to make EU financial aid conditional on concrete commitments by Algeria on the management of migration flows, particularly regarding the readmission of its nationals?

2. What measures are planned to systematically incorporate migration conditionality into agreements with Algeria and ensure effective cooperation on migration?

3. How does the Commission ensure that the funding sent to Algeria goes towards sustainable development and reduces the causes of emigration rather than exacerbating migratory instability?

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[1] https://www.20minutes.fr/economie/4111460-20240923-france-donne-800-millions-algerie-tous-ans-pourquoi-affirmations-doivent-etre-nuancees
[2] https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_17_487
[3] https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_17_487