

**Question for written answer E-002888/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Appraisal of EU-Africa relations

Over the last few years, the approach taken by the European Union in its relations with African states has been increasingly criticised for the lack of strategic foresight and the partisan, left-wing and ideologically driven line that has been taken. This has been instrumental in the erosion of long-term partnerships and in a striking decline in the political and diplomatic influence of the EU in regions where it used to play a leading role. Attempts to reverse that trend – by exerting diplomatic, economic and informational pressure – appear to have had the opposite effect. A growing number of African governments are now insisting on coordinated reparations, formal apologies and a redefined basis for engagement.

1. Has the Commission conducted a thorough appraisal of how EU-Africa relations have changed? If so, what are the findings?
2. What specific steps has the Commission taken to revitalise the EU-Africa partnership in a way that factors in the EU's strategic interests?

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