

**Question for written answer E-004710/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Spanish Government builds migrant detention centres in Mauritania

The Spanish Government, through the Foundation for the Internationalisation of Public Administration (FIAP), has promoted the creation of two migrant detention centres in Mauritania. An investigation by *El Salto*¹ reveals that its construction and equipment were financed with Spanish and EU public funds under both the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and the Common Operational Partnership, a police cooperation project coordinated by FIAP.

The purpose of those centres is to arbitrarily detain migrants and asylum seekers in conditions that do not fall under either its oversight or the application of legal guarantees. The use of EU funds to build detention centres in non-EU countries violates Articles 2, 3 and 78 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

1. Is this initiative part of the EU's border externalisation policy?
2. What safeguards are in place to guarantee the right to seek asylum?

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¹ 'Spanish Government opens two migrant prisons in Mauritania', *El Salto*, 5 November 2025, <https://www.elsaltodiario.com/fronteras/gobierno-espana-abre-dos-carceles-migrantes-mauritania>.