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to the Commission

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Subject: EU cooperation on migration in Libya

On 13 October 2026, ahead of the European Council summit, the President of the Commission sent a letter¹ to EU leaders on migration, which also informed them about ‘achievements’ and ‘ongoing actions’.

Among such actions, the Commission President mentioned a EUR 25 million top-up for a project that will strengthen border management, search and rescue and anti-smuggling capacities, and reduce illegal departures and the loss of lives at sea, alongside support for the protection of refugees, with such activities being expanded to the eastern regions of Libya.

It is relevant to note that the EU supports the Government of National Unity, based in Tripoli. Moreover, despite technical cooperation on migration, the EU does not recognise the parallel structures governing eastern Libya, nor its military arm, the Libyan Arab Armed Forces (LAAF), led by Khalifa Haftar, which have reportedly been involved in war crimes and human rights violations at large, including executions carried out under the death penalty.

Taking this into account:

1. Can the Commission clarify whether this project will entail direct EU cooperation with the unrecognised eastern-based administration, and how will it ensure that no EU funds end up financing their parallel structures, particularly the LAAF?
2. Can the Commission share which implementing partners will manage this top-up, and what concrete monitoring mechanisms are in place to track it?
3. Does the Commission consider these de facto structures that allegedly carry out executions under the death penalty to be reliable partners?

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¹ https://www.politico.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/13/document-2026_10_34.pdf.