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The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) was established to foster stability and improved migration management, including by addressing root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement. It was an implementing tool with flexible objectives to respond to challenges stemming from complex crises in the three regions it covered.

The overall conclusion¹ of the recent European Court of Auditors (ECA) audit states that the EUTF delivered on many planned outputs. The EUTF put in place a detailed and transparent monitoring and reporting system on the performance and achievements of its actions.

Evaluations and lessons learned from the EUTF are integrated in the robust monitoring and results mechanisms for migration related actions under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) – Global Europe². The ECA recommendations will contribute to strengthening future migration related actions.

The EU Pact on Migration and Asylum³ calls for strong EU cooperation with third countries of origin and transit, some of them hosting large numbers of migrants and refugees, in order to promote tailor-made and mutually beneficial partnerships. NDICI-Global Europe applies a ‘flexible incitative approach’ to encourage cooperation with third countries, opening the possibility to adjust allocations of funding related to migration, in line with the programming principles of this regulation. It means that additional funds can be mobilised for partners when these can further strengthen cooperation on migration management (‘more for more’), including on returns, or encourage a partner to implement policies that will improve the management of migrant and refugee situations.

¹ <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/publications?ref=SR-2024-17>

² Regulation (EU) 2021/947, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R0947>

³ COM(2020) 609 final, https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en