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on behalf of the European Commission
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1. In response to the Court of Auditors' (ECA) 2018 recommendations¹, detailed operational frameworks were approved in 2019 by the Operational Committees for the three EU Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF)² windows, representing the basis for the identification and formulation of programmes. In addition, the voting members of the Operational Committees are the financial contributors of the EUTF (including Member States) and have approved the budgets that are included in the fund. The EUTF Operational Committees have regularly considered the prevailing challenges and provided strategic guidance to the Commission for the development of EUTF actions for the three regions.

2. The contributions to the EUTF from France can be found in the Annual report³ and amounts to EUR 9 million.

3. The EUTF has financed projects aiming at countering smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings⁴. Moreover, the EUTF has funded projects providing tangible real alternatives to trafficking by offering technical assistance, skills development, and economic opportunities to population located along the migratory routes.

¹ ECA special report 32/2018:

https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR18_32/SR_EUTF_AFRICA_EN.pdf

² As per 2019 Operational Committee minutes.

³ Chapter 3, Table 4 of the Annual Report. The Annual Reports are available on the library section of the https://trust-fund-for-africa.europa.eu/library_en

⁴ Example of projects can be found in the EUTF Annual Report 2023: https://trust-fund-for-africa.europa.eu/document/download/2e5df06d-1998-4a5a-b2d8-b343fe8dc1b6_en?filename=EUTF-REPORT-2023-EN-WEB.pdf