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The protection of human life and the respect for human rights and human dignity are fundamental principles of migration management, in line with obligations under EU and international law.

In EU funded programmes, the Commission adopts a human rights-based approach, with human rights being considered in each phase of the project cycle. The Commission monitors EU funded programmes through several means, including regular reports from implementing partners, on the spot verifications, results oriented monitoring exercises and external evaluations. Furthermore, all contractual obligations include clauses, which entitle the Commission to suspend or terminate any contract if it has evidence that, or needs to verify whether, the beneficiary has breached any of its obligations. Respect of human rights is also reflected in the Commission's dialogue with partner countries.

The Commission, in close cooperation with the European External Action Service and EU Delegations, is currently reflecting on ways to further reinforce internal tools to strengthen the implementation of the human rights-based approach in all its interventions.

In line with the President of the Commission political guidelines¹, the Commission will further reflect on new ways to counter irregular migration, while respecting international law and ensuring sustainable and fair solutions for the migrants themselves. Particular attention will be paid to the respect of fundamental rights, including the respect of the principle of non-refoulement.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf