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**Question for written answer E-003042/24
to the Commission
Özlem Demirel (The Left)
(18 December 2024)**

Subject: Cooperation between the EU and Algeria on migration

Council document 12988/24 entitled ‘Migratory situation on the Western Mediterranean and Atlantic routes’ states that the EU has recently reinforced its engagement on migration with Algeria, following a request from the country for enhanced support in the voluntary return of migrants. Over the past 10 years, Algeria has installed many fortifications along its borders with Tunisia, Morocco, Libya and Mali, including border posts, sand barriers, ditches and walls.

1. Which projects and measures has the Commission (or the relevant EU agencies) financed, co-financed or supported by other means in Algeria since 2022 under the ‘Migrants Protection, Return and Reintegration Programme in North Africa’ (MPRR-NA) and the ‘Regional Police Cooperation’ programme (both mentioned in the above document)?
2. How much funding has the Algerian Red Crescent received from the EU/the Commission for projects in the fields of development, humanitarian aid and disaster management funded under bilateral or regional projects or EU funding programmes for the Algerian offices of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) or the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)? If this funding was earmarked for a specific purpose, for which measures were the allocated funds intended?
3. For which fortifications along Algeria’s land borders has the EU/Commission provided direct or indirect financial support since 2012?

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**Answer given by Ms Šuica on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU and Algeria regularly engage in migration dialogue in the framework of the Association Agreement ⁽¹⁾ (2005). Algeria is also involved in the Rabat Process ⁽²⁾, a regional platform for migration governance.

The EU does not provide any financial support to the Algerian government, including for the building of ‘fortifications’ along Algeria’s borders.

Algeria benefits from two EU-funded migration programmes under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe ⁽³⁾:

Between 2023-2024, the Migration, Protection, Return and Reintegration Program ⁽⁴⁾ (EUR 85.6 million) implemented by the International Organisation for migration (IOM) supported 8 540 assisted voluntary returns of migrants from Algeria to their countries of origin, provided protection and direct assistance to 784 beneficiaries, and supported the reintegration of around 90 returnees from Algeria.

The Regional Police Cooperation programme ⁽⁵⁾ (EUR 5 million, run by the International Criminal Police Organisation), focuses on building the technical capacity of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute criminal networks engaging in migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings. Both programmes operate across North Africa.

The Regional Development Protection Programme supports the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees (UNHCR) to provide protection and assistance to asylum seekers and refugees in Algeria.

EU humanitarian aid provided to UNHCR focuses on providing potable water to refugees near Tindouf. IOM and UNHCR cooperate with the Algerian Red Crescent, which, does not receive EU funding.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents/treaties-agreements/agreement/?id=2002036>

⁽²⁾ <https://www.rabat-process.org/en/>

⁽³⁾ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-technical-assistance/funding-instruments/global-europe-neighbourhood-development-and-international-cooperation-instrument_en

⁽⁴⁾ Adopted in 2021 https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/a60afbe4-31cd-4ded-bdb8-0a92b552fb4b_en?filename=C_2021_9615_F1_ANNEX_EN_V2_P1_1639232.PDF, and topped up in 2023 https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/ff5ece36-1ef3-4cfe-a40b-1648431c90a6_en?filename=C%282023%294402_AD%202023.PDF, with an additional top-up foreseen under the 2024 budget https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/ab2f12b1-06cf-40a3-bc56-73c76a54bf1c_en?filename=C_2024_7998_F1_ANNEX_EN_V2_P1_3737157.PDF

⁽⁵⁾ Adopted in 2022 https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/08f7ebe5-4466-479a-9cbf-fbf5292cfa7f_en?filename=C_2022_6933_F1_ANNEX_EN_V1_P1_2132129.PDF