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The position of the Commission is clear when it comes to human-rights based approach to migration management. The protection of life and the respect for human rights and human dignity of all migrants, refugees and asylum seekers are fundamental principles of all Commission's financial assistance, including those on migration and border management, in line with obligations under international law.

The EU is working with partner countries, international organisations, local partners, and civil society organisations, to improve the situation of migrants and refugees. When managing EU programmes, the Commission adopts a rights-based approach, embedding the respect of human rights in each phase of the project cycle. The Commission holds the partner countries' authorities and the implementing partners responsible for ensuring the respect and protection of human rights. In case of allegations, clarification and follow up process is taking place via the EU Delegation. Additionally, the contractual clauses 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.

Finally, the Commission has already in place several monitoring tools for its programmes, including regular reports from implementing partners, on the spot verification missions, results-oriented monitoring exercises and external evaluations. Work is ongoing in Tunisia to strengthen existing monitoring mechanisms and tools.