



EU SUPPORT ON MIGRATION IN TUNISIA

EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa – North of Africa window

Tunisia is an important country of origin and transit of migration along the Central Mediterranean route. Established in November 2015, the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF) supports Tunisia in addressing the challenges of instability and irregular migration as well as reap the benefits of better managed migration flows.

The Trust Fund's support to Tunisia is worth around **€ 60.5 million** and the EU stands ready to increase its support given the challenging regional environment of Tunisia.

The Trust Fund supports Tunisia in the implementation of the priorities of the National Strategy on Migration such as:

- mobilising Tunisians abroad for investment in the country;
- providing social and economic assistance to Tunisian returnees;
- supporting young Tunisians prone to migration in regions most affected by emigration;
- supporting Tunisia in the development of an Integrated Border Management system.

Overall EU support to Tunisia

Some programmes funded under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) are directly complementary to the support provided by the Trust Fund, notably in the areas of asylum, border management, and the implementation of the EU-Tunisia Mobility Partnership.

Since 2011, EU bilateral assistance to Tunisia amounted to over **€ 1.7 billion** in grants.

For the period 2020-2017, it focuses on the three following priority sectors:

- Promoting good governance and the rule of law;
- Investing in the future: stimulating sustainable economic growth and generating jobs;
- Reinforcing social cohesion between generations and regions.

Projects are implemented by international partners on the ground, such as UN agencies, EU Member States and non-governmental organisations

RESULTS SO FAR

Migration governance

Around 60 Tunisian public servants have been trained to contribute to the improvement of migration management in Tunisia, in particular in the field of migrants returns.

A survey “TUNISIA HIMS has been also launched to have more reliable and representative figures on migration dynamics in Tunisia.

Mobilising diaspora

More than 10.000 people of the Tunisian diaspora have been mobilised through digital platforms (website “Tounsi du monde”), of whom 450 members have been informed on investment opportunities

Socio-economic reintegration of migrants

A dozen of migrants benefit from social reintegration and business creation services

Local management of migration

Around 60 young migrants develop their projects in the framework of “entrepreneurship clubs” in several regions of Tunisia



"It was in a young and friendly atmosphere that the setting up of business incubator, dedicated to the Tunisian diaspora, was recently launched.

This collaboration will allow Tunisians living abroad, particularly in France, Italy, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland, to embark on creating innovative companies.

The Progrès Migration programme, which is Implemented by “The German Development Agency” (GIZ) in partnership with the Ministry of Industry and SMEs with co-funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the European Union, aims to strengthen and mobilise the diaspora for the country's economic development via a digital support-and networking platform as well as through a financial support mechanism. “

EU TRUST FUND: PROGRAMMES IN TUNISIA

Implementation of Tunisia's National Strategy on Migration

€ 12.8 million



Objective: This programme supports Tunisia in the implementation of the priorities of the National Strategy on Migration. It aims at reinforcing socio-economic opportunities for young Tunisians in the regions most affected by emigration, mobilising Tunisians abroad to invest in the country, as well as setting up a mechanism for the sustainable reintegration of Tunisian returnees. The programme is implemented by: ICMPD (Component 1: migration governance); GIZ (Component 2: mobilizing diaspora); Expertise France (EF) in cooperation with the French Office of Immigration and Integration (OFII) (Component 3: socio-economic reintegration of migrants); and the French Development Agency (AFD) in cooperation with Mercy Corps and the NGO GRDR Migration-Citoyenneté-Développement (Component 4: local management of migration).

Border management programme for the Maghreb region – Tunisia component (ICMPD)

€ 24.5 million

Objective: The EU will support efforts of national institutions in Tunisia to save lives at sea, improve maritime border management and fight against smugglers operating in the region. The project will aim at strengthening technical capacities of the Tunisian Coast Guard (National Guard) by focusing on capacity building and providing and maintaining equipment.

EU-IOM Facility for Migrant Protection and Reintegration in North Africa (IOM)

€ 2.5 million

Objective: Through this action, the EU will contribute to the strengthening of migrant protection and sustainable reintegration systems in North Africa by improving protection and enable the assisted voluntary return of stranded migrants and migrants in transit in North Africa.

Towards a Holistic Approach to Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility in North Africa (GIZ, IOM, ILO and Enabel)

€ 7.5 million

Objective: The Regional Programme on Labour Migration, adopted in December 2018, aims to boost the labour migration governance in the North African countries by strengthening the policy, legislative and institutional framework on labour migration, while also helping to set-up and implement mobility schemes from three countries (Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia) to Europe.

"Mediterranean City-2-City Migration (MC2CM) – phase two" (ICMPD)

€ 1.8 million

Objective: The programme represents a milestone in developing the necessary framework and methodology to engage major cities as present and future key stakeholders of migration. The pilot project ending at the beginning of 2018 was very successful in introducing migration mainstreaming in the local development planning of important Mediterranean cities (Tunis, Algiers, Amman, and Beirut).

"Dismantling the criminal networks operating in North Africa and involved in migrant smuggling and human trafficking" (UNODC)

€ 3.1 million

Objective: The programme focuses on regional dimension of the fight against smugglers and traffickers. It targets the public sector of the countries in the region (in particular the Ministries of Interior, Justice, Finance, and Health). Under this programme, implemented by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), capacity-building as well as light equipment, such as IT and forensic tools, are provided to actors dealing with law enforcement and criminal justice. The final beneficiaries are the general public, victims of trafficking, smuggled migrants, and families of the latter two categories.

"Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) for North Africa" – phase I and II (IOM)

€ 2 million

Objective: The programme is contributing to strengthening the resilience of migrants and internally displaced populations, be they nationals or migrants displaced populations, together with their host communities, by addressing challenges to socio-economic integration and promoting a culture of rights, dialogue and social cohesion.

Support the Tunisian diaspora in Europe for the creation of economic activities and employment opportunities in Tunisia - MEET Africa phase 2 (implemented by Expertise France)

€ 2.5 million

Objective: The programme aims to increase the mutually beneficial legal migration and mobility through support to the diaspora in Europe for the creation of economic activities and employment opportunities in Tunisia.

Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) for North Africa – development and protection programme – phase III (to be implemented by civil society organisations)

€ 2 million

Objective: The programme aims to contribute to the establishment or reinforcement of inclusive services, fostering social cohesion and employment opportunities at community/decentralized levels.

Enhancing self-reliance and access to rights for refugees and asylum-seekers in North Africa (to be implemented by UNHCR)

€ 2 million

Objective: The programmes aims increaseto stability through enhanced access to rights for refugees and asylum-seekers in four North African countries and to reduce the risk of dangerous onwards movements to Europe.

Implementing agencies:

GiZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
ICMPD – International Centre for Migration Policy Development
ILO – International Labour Organization
IOM – International Organization for Migration
UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency
UNODC – United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

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