

EU SUPPORT ON MIGRATION IN MOROCCO

EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa – North of Africa window

In 2019, the total number of arrivals to Spain via the Western Mediterranean route witnessed a substantial decrease in comparison to 2018. This change reflects the effectiveness of efforts made by the EU, in close cooperation with Morocco and Spain. EU-Morocco cooperation in the field of migration has spanned over 10 years, and the EU is Morocco's most longstanding partner in terms of technical and financial cooperation.

Since 2013, the EU supports the implementation of Morocco's National Strategy on Migration and Asylum (Stratégie Nationale d'Immigration et d'Asile). The EU and Morocco concluded in 2013 a Mobility Partnership Agreement which saw a promising relaunch in 2019. Cooperation also takes place through regional dialogues under the Rabat Process and through the African Union.

Among its neighbours, the EU's second largest cooperation portfolio on migration is with Morocco, with a total of **€342 million**, out of which around **€235 million** are drawn from the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa and the rest from other EU financial instruments.

All projects are implemented by international partners on the ground, such as UN agencies, EU Member States and civil society organisations.

THE TRUST FUND FOCUSES ON:

- Protecting vulnerable migrants and refugees, including victims of trafficking of human beings and smuggling of migrants, promoting the rights of unaccompanied minors, and accompanying and funding the voluntary return of migrants and their reintegration
- Saving people's lives through institutional support for migration management, capacity building in respect of human rights, and support to border management
- Creating economic opportunities as alternatives to irregular migration

Overall EU support to Morocco

Via the European Neighbourhood Instrument, the EU is also funding programmes on the socio-economic integration of migrants, border management as well as on migration governance, including through the support to Morocco's National Strategy on Migration and Asylum (SNIA).

Beyond migration challenges, the Commission has also mobilised under the bilateral cooperation around **€1 billion** since 2014 to support Morocco on:

- Equitable access to basic social services
- Democratic governance, rule of law and mobility
- Wider and inclusive employment opportunities, and sustainable and inclusive growth
- Strengthening Civil society capacities

RESULTS SO FAR

- 1954 vulnerable migrants benefitted from emergency accommodation
- 104 migrants (23 women and 81 men) received cash assistance to cover their most urgent needs after their return
- 26 Moroccan who returned on voluntary basis to their country received reintegration support
- 482 police vehicles (including 227 motorcycles) have been handed over the Moroccan authorities to support their border management capacity

EU TRUST FUND: PROGRAMMES IN MOROCCO



PROTECTION AND RIGHTS

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ▶ Social, medical and psychological support to 7.600 migrants, including pregnant women and children
- ▶ Support to 2.000 migrant minors by informing them about their rights and giving access to social services
- ▶ Assisted voluntary returns to 5.500 migrants with reintegration support

PROGRAMMES

- **€1.8 million** Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) for North Africa – phase II to strengthen resilience of displaced people in Morocco and provide protection and direct assistance to migrants - by IOM
- **€2 million** Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP) for North Africa – development and protection programme – phase III - by civil society organisations
- **€1.6 million** Enhancing self-reliance and access to rights for refugees and asylum-seekers in North Africa - by UNHCR
- **€4.1 million** Facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration management through the development and implementation of dignified, rights- and development-based return and sustainable reintegration policies - by IOM
- **€5.5 million** Fight against racism and xenophobia towards the migrant community within a human rights-based approach and gender dimension - by AECID
- **€4.6 million** Promoting the rights of migrants to legal assistance, including of unaccompanied minors - by CTB/ENABEL
- **€6.5 million** Protection services to the most vulnerable migrants, in particular migrant women who are victims of violence and trafficking and unaccompanied minors
- **€1 million** Fast track emergency response to COVID-19 in NoA countries for the most vulnerable populations - by IOM, UNHCR and WHO



INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND BORDER MANAGEMENT

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ▶ Training to 120 members of the Moroccan institutions on the legislative and institutional framework related to the rights of migrants

PROGRAMMES

- **€8.6 million** Strengthen South-South cooperation on migration governance - by GIZ
- **€3.4 million** Fight against human trafficking and migrant smuggling and protection of victims, including children - by UNODC
- **€1.9 million** Establish a network of Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Profiles and Dialogue in order to facilitate the exchange of best practices and improve migration management - by ICMPD
- **€44 million** Support to integrated border and migration management in Morocco with the view to strengthening their border management capacity and saving lives, in line with international standards and in respect of human rights - by FIAPP
- **€30.4 million** Support the national institutions of Morocco dealing with border management, irregular migration and protection of vulnerable migrants - by ICMPD
- **€101.7 million** Support to the actions of the Moroccan authorities on the management of migratory flows, including the strengthening of integrated border management, the fight against networks facilitating irregular migratory flows to improve the protection of migrants and the awareness raising of young people to the risks of irregular migration.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ▶ Information/ training to 2.200 migrants in job search/ entrepreneurship skills
- ▶ Support to 240 entrepreneurship projects for refugees and migrants, including the creation of 10 start-ups by migrants.

PROGRAMMES

- **€8 million** Support the migration legislative and institutional framework to promote social inclusion at the local level through enhancing employability of both the Moroccan diaspora and the migrants living in Morocco - by ENABEL
- **€7.5 million** Foster mutually beneficial legal migration and labour mobility - by ILO / IOM, GIZ and Enabel
- **€2.5 million** Support the Moroccan diaspora in Europe for the creation of economic activities and employment opportunities in Morocco - MEET Africa phase 2 - by Expertise France

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Implementing agencies:

AECID - La Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo
CTB - Coopération Technique Belge
FIAP - La Fundación Internacional e Iberoamericana
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