

**Question for written answer E-000122/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU Trust Funds to mitigate migration crisis

'Europe and the countries in Syria's neighbourhood are facing the biggest refugee crisis since the end of World War II, affecting all of us. [...] With fifteen Member States already contributing, the EU Trust Fund embodies this common effort and already bears fruit: within a very short timeframe, we have managed to launch the single biggest aid package ever in response to this crisis. I am convinced that this is the most effective way to address the root causes of the current migration crisis, and to turn despair into hope and future for the refugees.'

Given the significant humanitarian components of the response to the crises in Africa and the Middle East and in light of the significant migration component of the Africa Trust Fund, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

1. How will the Trust Fund implementation strategy ensure that the humanitarian response remains clear of political objectives?
2. What concrete mechanisms will be put in place to ensure transparent implementation of the Trust Funds, together with monitoring and reporting? What will be the role of affected countries?
3. To what extent will partners be able to implement projects with as much flexibility as possible?