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Subject: European Development Fund as a financial instrument for the Partnership Framework on migration

On 7 June 2016 the Commission published its communication on the Partnership Framework on migration, which will use part of the European Development Fund (EDF) budget as one of its financial instruments. However, much of the EDF budget for the 2014-2020 period has already been committed through national and regional indicative programmes. Furthermore, the EDF's objectives are those of long-term poverty reduction and eradication (Article 1(2) of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/322 on the implementation of the 11th European Development Fund). The EU has set itself the goal of having 90 % of its external EDF spending recognised as official development assistance (ODA) spending.

- To what extent will the EDF budget already committed through national and regional indicative programmes be used within the Partnership Framework to manage migration?
- What impact will the Partnership Framework have on the implementation of the indicative programmes already planned and agreed, bearing in mind the mostly very limited references to migration (e.g. in Ethiopia and Eritrea's national indicative programmes)?
- How does the Commission plan to achieve the 0.7 % ODA target and the target of having 90 % of its external assistance recognised as ODA, now that some of the existing funds will be used for non-development purposes?