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The North of Africa Window of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa¹ covers Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt. The initial EUR 200 million allocated to this window has been intended to cover programmes in all of them.

Under the EU Trust Fund for Africa, the EU's strategy in the Kingdom of Morocco is articulated along four main strands of action: 1) Support to migration governance; 2) Promotion of legal migration and mobility; 3) Strengthening information and protection of migrants in Morocco and along the migratory routes; and 4) Development of sustainable return and reintegration systems. Accordingly, border control measures, such as those described in the question, fall outside the scope of the above mentioned strategy.

The EU Trust Fund for Africa has adopted two programmes benefitting Morocco that aim to prevent racism and xenophobia towards migrant populations in Morocco and strengthen South-South Cooperation on migration. Programmes under the Trust Fund complement actions provided by various instruments: the European Neighbourhood Instrument², the Development Cooperation Instrument³ and the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights⁴.

Western Sahara is listed by the United Nations (UN) as a non-self-governing territory. The final status of Western Sahara remains the object of a negotiation process conducted under the auspices of the UN, the outcome of which cannot be prejudged. The European Union supports the efforts of the UN to achieve a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution that will ensure the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara through arrangements that are consistent with the principles and the purposes of the Charter of the UN.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/africa/eu-emergency-trust-fund-africa_en

² http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/european-neighbourhood-and-partnership-instrument-enpi_en

³ http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/dci_en.htm_en

⁴ <http://www.eidhr.eu/>