

**Question for written answer E-000544/2019**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Louis Michel (ALDE)**

Subject: Trust Fund for Africa

In a report dated 5 December 2018, the European Court of Auditors stated that the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa, which aims to combat the root causes of irregular migration, was not specific enough and that adjustments should be made as soon as possible.

The Court criticised the fact that the objectives of the fund (EUR 4.1 billion to finance activities in 26 countries) were too broad and risked duplicating measures taken under other EU instruments.

How will the Commission refine the fund's objectives to rule out any overlap with other instruments, such as the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations or the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace?