Question for written answer E-002741/2022/rev.1 to the Commission

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Subject: EU allocations for the Egyptian Coast Guard

The Commission is set to allocate EUR 80 million to the Egyptian Coast Guard to prevent irregular migration via boat to Italy, according to an internal paper obtained by *EUobserver*, dated 15 June 2022¹.

- 1. Can the Commission share whether these funds have been earmarked, and if so, for what purpose, within the scope of which cooperation scheme, and when will they be provided?
- 2. Has the Commission, or one of the EU's agencies, previously cooperated with the Egyptian Coast Guard to curb migration from the country's coastline and/or secure maritime trade routes, and if so, what details can it provide regarding the provision of equipment or training to the Egyptian Coast Guard by any EU agency in the framework of such cooperation?
- 3. During Commissioner Johansson's visit to Cairo in November 2021 as part of the EU-Egypt Migration Dialogue, she announced the EU's intention to deepen migration cooperation with Egypt and provide additional funding. Which projects, allocations or cooperation schemes have been implemented through the EU-Egypt Migration Dialogue since then, and what actions are scheduled for 2022 and 2023?

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