

**Question for written answer E-002048/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Funding of maritime border monitoring assets for Egypt

In addition to Tunisia and Libya, Egypt is also receiving EU support to monitor its maritime borders. Funding has been or is being allocated via the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa or the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI). The focus is on the coastguard, which is being equipped with vessels to bring back refugees seeking to cross over into the EU in boats. As in the case of Libya, communications equipment for maritime rescue coordination centres is also being funded by the EU.

1. What NDICI funding has Egypt received to date for capacity building for the coastguard and land border forces, and what is the funding breakdown for the various phases of the project?
2. To what extent are patrol boats and other vessels for the coastguard also being funded via the NDICI, how large are they and/or what class or classes do they belong to?
3. What is the timetable for the call for tender for those seagoing units and for building and delivering them?

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