

**Question for written answer E-000381/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation with Tunisia on migration

On 16 July 2023, the Commission and the Tunisian Government signed a memorandum of understanding on a strategic and comprehensive partnership. The agreement included an important migration component, with the EU committing to provide adequate additional financial support for the necessary acquisitions, training and technical support, in particular for coast guards with a view to improving protection of Tunisia's borders. In return, Tunisia undertook, for example, to support the return of irregular migrants in Tunisia to their countries of origin. In October 2023, however, President Kais Saied returned to the Commission the EUR 60 million in EU funds he had already accepted under the agreement.

In this context:

1. Can the Commission give an overview of how the migration component of this memorandum of understanding has been applied to date (EU funds disbursed, actions taken, tangible results achieved, etc.)?
2. What further steps is the Commission planning to take to strengthen cooperation with Tunisia in the fight against irregular immigration?

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