

**Question for written answer E-000434/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Memorandum of understanding with Tunisia

In July 2023, the Commission signed a memorandum of understanding on a partnership with Tunisia that includes migration. Human Rights and media organisations have reported the repeated practice, employed by some Tunisian coastguards, of dismantling the engine of intercepted migrant boats and leaving the migrants adrift at sea.

1. Does the Commission know whether Tunisian coastguards will be formally trained on such practices as part of the 'Strengthening the Tunisian coast guard training pillar' project coordinated by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development?
2. Does the Commission have any indication whether Tunisian coastguards have been infiltrated by criminal groups, as Libyan coastguards have been, as noted by EU Commissioner Ylva Johansson in a statement on 6 July 2023?

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