



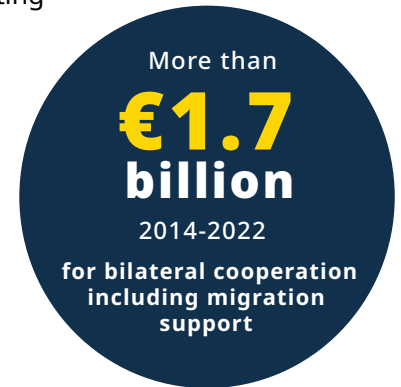
# EU MIGRATION SUPPORT IN TUNISIA

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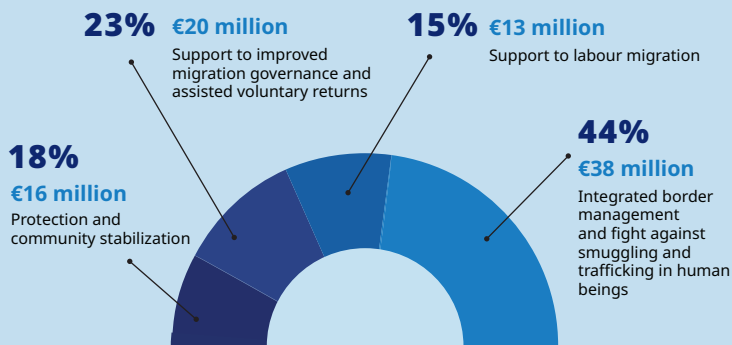
Tunisia is a key country on the Central Mediterranean Route, accounting for more than half of the departures to Italy in 2022 and reaching unprecedented levels since 2011. Other than being a country of origin and transit, Tunisia is increasingly becoming a destination for migrants and asylum-seekers. In this context, the EU has been working to **protect migrants** and **refugees** and **support local communities** in Tunisia, while taking action to **promote legal pathways of migration** and to **reduce irregular departures** by supporting measures to **enhance border management and anti-smuggling** and **anti-trafficking** in human beings.

The EU has devoted around **€1.4 billion** to overall **bilateral cooperation** with Tunisia between 2014 and 2020, under various funding instruments, including the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF). The EU also allocated **€334 million** between 2021 and 2022 under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI – Global Europe). The country is also a recipient of EU funding for migration under other financing instruments, e.g. the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).



## EU migration support under the EU Trust Fund

The EUTF for Africa has been the main tool to support Tunisia in the area of migration, with a total of **€87 million** committed between 2015 and 2021, via bilateral and regional contracts. The majority of these funds go to **integrated border management** and **fight against smuggling and trafficking** in human beings, support to **improved migration governance** and **assisted voluntary returns, protection** and **community stabilization** and support to **labour migration**. The implementation of EUTF projects will run until December 2025.



## EU migration support under the NDICI-Global Europe

Building on the work of the EUTF, **€48 million** have been allocated to Tunisia in 2021 and 2022 to strengthen **border management / Search and Rescue** (€35 million), **protection and socio-economic integration** (€13 million).

In addition, Tunisia also benefits from regional support under the following actions\* for North Africa adopted in 2021 and 2022:

- ▶ **€5 million** regional action to support labour migration governance and labour mobility
- ▶ **€18 million** regional action to support legal migration, mobility and skills partnerships
- ▶ **€6 million** regional action on cross-border cooperation
- ▶ **€10 million** regional action to support police cooperation with Interpol
- ▶ **€60 million** regional action on protection, return and sustainable reintegration

\* the amounts correspond to the regional financial envelope

A further allocation of **€105 million** is foreseen for 2023 covering the fight against irregular migration to and from Tunisia and the prevention of loss of life at sea (including fighting against smugglers and human traffickers, strengthening border management, registration and voluntary return in full respect of human rights).

# Results of EU support through the EUTF\*



**433**  
people reached

benefitting from professional trainings (TVET) and / or skills development



**7,520**  
people with improved access

such as health, water, basic education and housing



**6,264**  
migrants<sup>1</sup> in transit assisted

benefitting from short-term protection measures or direct assistance

<sup>1</sup>Refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons



**822**  
voluntary returns supported

to the countries of origin



**316**  
staff<sup>2</sup> trained

on governance conflict prevention and human rights

<sup>2</sup> from governmental institutions, internal security forces and relevant non-state actors

The collection of results of EU actions funded under NDICI-GE (2021- 2027) is ongoing.

\*Source: North of Africa (NoA) - Monitoring and Learning System (MLS) carried out by InProVE EEIGH Consortium (EU-funded project) covering the period 2017-2022