The EU has a long-standing cooperation with Morocco in the area of migration, dating back to 2004. Cooperation intensified further in 2013, with the conclusion of a Mobility Partnership Agreement and EU support to the implementation of Morocco's National Strategy on Migration and Asylum (SNIA).

The EU has devoted around €1.5 billion to overall bilateral cooperation with Morocco between 2014 and 2020, including under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF). The EU also allocated €631 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, i.e. the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF).

EU migration support under the EU Trust Fund

The EUTF has been the EU's main tool to support Morocco in the area of migration, with a total of €234 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, protection and community stabilisation, support to labour migration and to improved migration governance and assisted voluntary returns. 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, €150 million have been allocated in 2022 for 4 years to Morocco, in the form of a Budget Support programme, whose main objective is to strengthen the EU-Morocco cooperation and the dialogue on migration, while contributing to SNIA's objectives.

In addition, Morocco also benefits from regional support under the following actions* for North Africa:

▶ €10 million regional action to prevent irregular migration and the smuggling of migrants.
▶ €60 million regional action to support protection and fostering return, readmission and sustainable reintegration.
▶ €5 million regional action to support Labour Migration Governance and Labour Mobility.
▶ €18 million regional action to support legal migration, mobility and skills partnerships.

* the amounts correspond to the regional financial envelope
Results of EU support through the EUTF*

- **30,795 people reached** by information campaigns and workshops on migrants' rights, available services and awareness on health and protection of children and women.
- **22,362 people** with improved access to basic social benefits and benefitting from Covid-19 emergency response activities.
- **2,908 voluntary returns** supported to the countries of origin.
- **16 strategies, laws, policies and plans** developed with EU support to assist migration management.
- **1,785 staff** trained on migration, governance, conflict prevention and human rights.

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

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