

**Question for written answer E-015148/2015
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Subject: EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa

In March 2011, the EU adopted a comprehensive strategy for the Sahel region of Africa based on the assumptions that development and security are directly linked and that the issues faced in the Sahel require a regional response. The Commission has now earmarked EUR 1.8 billion in EU funding for an 'Emergency Trust Fund for stability' to help tackle migration and displaced persons in Africa.

Bearing in mind the large numbers of displaced persons and asylum applications in the region, particularly in Nigeria according to the latest EASO report, as well as jihadist activity, what proportion of the fund will the Sahel receive? What is the Commission's view of the work undertaken thus far to improve stability and reduce terrorist activity in the region? What role will be played by North Africa as a beneficiary of funding, given its relative proximity to our borders?