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Summary: Interceptions of people at sea by the Tunisian authorities doubled last year to 81,000. Two-thirds of the €105mn pledged under the deal are dedicated to border management, according to figures seen by the FT. Overall, the EU is projected to spend €278mn on migration in Tunisia until 2027. The 2017 agreement between Italy and Libya, under which the EU pledged funds to curb migration, including €59mn to strengthen the Libyan coastguard. Critics of the policy point out that outsourcing the challenges with immigration is only a short-term fix that also leaves the EU open to blackmail. Erdoğan, for example, has repeatedly used refugees as a bargaining chip to extract more funds and concessions from Europe. In 2020, he “opened the gates” to Europe, prompting thousands of Syrian refugees to attempt to cross the Greek border. In response, Greece deployed tear gas and live rounds against them.

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