

**Priority question for written answer P-001621/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation between the EU and Algeria in the area of migration

Non-governmental organisations and journalists have reported time and again that the Tunisian authorities are dumping refugees at the country's border with Algeria. According to estimates by the news agency AFP, between June and September 2023 alone, more than 3000 people were left at Tunisia's border with Algeria. According to the human rights organisation FTDES, in May 2024, a single large-scale operation saw the deportation of around 300 refugees to the border area.

1. What is the current state of EU-Algeria cooperation in the field of migration, and what (framework) agreements or specific arrangements are currently in place that go beyond specific actions under the 2002 Association Agreement?
2. Are there any formal requests from Algeria, informal discussions or reflections by the Commission to support and/or fund projects to secure the border with Tunisia?

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