

**Question for written answer E-001311/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Operation Wuambushu and migrants from mainland Africa

After Operation Wuambushu was launched together by the French Minister of the Interior and the Minister for Overseas France<sup>1</sup>, 'the Comoros warned that they 'do not intend to receive' persons expelled from Mayotte [...] This threat was carried out on Monday 24 April by the Comorian Minister of the Interior, who announced that he had refused a boat transporting migrants permission to dock, as reported by the Le HuffPost<sup>2</sup>.

Furthermore, an article published in the online version of La Croix on 9 May 2023 recalled that 'in 2019, an agreement [had] called on Anjouan to cooperate on immigration in exchange for EUR 150 million in development aid'<sup>3</sup>.

According to the *Outremers360*<sup>4</sup> news site, the French Minister of the Interior had noted the 'more complicated departure procedures to be put in place for Africans from the Great Lakes region'<sup>4</sup>, and later announced that he would travel to 'Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Mozambique' to 'negotiate readmission agreements'.

The the EEAS's page for the Delegation of the European Union to Rwanda indicates that the financial allocations earmarked for the country by the EU for the initial period 2021-2024 are set at EUR 260 million<sup>5</sup>.

While in a factsheet, the EEAS mentions that under the National Indicative Programme of the 11th European Development Fund (2015-2020), the European Union allocated EUR 697 million in grants to Mozambique<sup>6</sup>.

And lastly, under the International Partnerships section of the European Commission's website, it is indicated that the EU is supporting the development plans of the Tanzania and Zanzibar through the Global Europe Multiannual Indicative Programme (2021-2027) with a EUR 426 million allocation for the initial period<sup>7</sup>.

Does the Commission intend to adjust this aid to reflect the degree of cooperation on migration?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.huffingtonpost.fr/international/article/mayotte-l-operation-wuambushu-dans-le-viseur-des-comores\\_216770.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.fr/international/article/mayotte-l-operation-wuambushu-dans-le-viseur-des-comores_216770.html).

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.huffingtonpost.fr/france/article/operation-wuambushu-les-comores-ferment-leurs-ports-a-la-france\\_217030.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.fr/france/article/operation-wuambushu-les-comores-ferment-leurs-ports-a-la-france_217030.html).

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.la-croix.com/France/Mayotte-Comores-Paris-veut-croire-retour-liaisons-maritimes-2023-05-09-1201266644>.

<sup>4</sup> <https://outremers360.com/bassin-indien-appli/mayotte-gerald-darmanin-annonce-une-nouvelle-formule-pour-l-operation-wuambushu-sortie-de-shikandra-2>.

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/rwanda/european-union-and-rwanda\\_en?s=115#:~:text=The%20EU%20development%20cooperation%20with,set%20at%20EUR%20260%20million](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/rwanda/european-union-and-rwanda_en?s=115#:~:text=The%20EU%20development%20cooperation%20with,set%20at%20EUR%20260%20million).

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/mozambique\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/sites/default/files/mozambique_factsheet.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> [https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/countries/tanzania\\_en](https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/countries/tanzania_en).