

Call for consultants

EU Trust Fund for Africa monitoring Report

Monitoring the EU Trust Fund for Africa and Migration Compacts: Partnership or Conditionality?

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CONCORD is seeking a consultant to research and draft a publication on the EU Trust Fund for Africa-Monitoring the EU Trust Fund for Africa and Migration Compacts: ‘Partnership or Conditionality?’

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Background

The decision to start a monitoring on the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa came from the CONCORD Migration group (involving experts and development practitioners belonging to CONCORD member organisations and members of members in the EU Member States and outside Europe) and it was motivated by a reversal to increased conditionality and decreased coherence, making Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) efforts more difficult.

Despite the ‘EU trust fund for Africa’ that has been launched at the Valletta Summit on Migration on 12 November 2015 by the European and African partners, should help foster stability in the regions and contribute to better migration ‘management’, in terms of impact of this instrument in partner countries civil society and NGOs observe that:

- it could lead to the criminalisation of migrants, disrupting positive migration flows, increases tensions among African countries and could even justifies human rights violations;
- it could undermine the basis of the EU-Africa partnership and portrays EU applying double standards especially in front of countries that have for decades hosted large number of refugees. Moreover, the changing EU approach towards migration may in fact lead to higher number of migrants towards Europe if the African partners choose to follow the new EU policy approach towards migrants and refugees;

- these trends are augmented by increased funding diverted from ODA budgets towards migration control and security activities and projects as well as by the opacity on information, assessment and evaluations of ODA channelled through the EUTF and reduced consultations with civil society organisations.

Aims and objectives of the publication

- Fact findings raising and production of a policy report on the EU Africa Trust Fund to be used in promoting awareness in EU member states and the European Council on the need to establish “True Partnerships” based on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD), human rights and do-no-harm approach with African governments and local civil society organisations. This should take into account the ACP-EU and EU-Africa processes: the policy recommendations arising from EUTF monitoring could nurture Concord Europe positioning in sight of AU/EU summit of November 2017 and other relevant moments in the EU/Migration policies agenda.
- The paper will be used to interact with the European Commission (DG DEVCO, DG Home Affairs and DG ECHO), as well as National Development Agencies on the Migration agenda
- To strengthen ties with Members of the European Parliament and National parliaments on the monitoring of the EU Africa Trust Fund and Migration Compacts to raise their knowledge, sensitiveness and capacity to interact with national governments and the EU Council and European Commission
- To ensure CSOs and local actors are consulted in the programming, monitoring and evaluation of the EUTF for Africa
- To demonstrate need for adaptation of EUTF modalities and projects

Methodology

- CONCORD members and partners (in EU and non-EU countries) are collecting facts and data (via interviews) on EUTF for Africa projects in June/ July/ August 2017 according to a ToR ([see annex](#));
- The consultant selected will be asked to collate and analyse data, proceeding to a draft report (between end of August and end of September 2017);
- The draft should be based on the following outline:
 - Executive summary – one page
 - Introduction on the creation of EUTF and the evolution of EU policies on migration and development since 2015 (EU Agenda on Migration) and objective of the policy paper – 2 pages
 - First chapter on traffic light assessment methodology and explanation of the selection of the case studies – max 3 pages
 - Second chapter on Libya case (with box on Italian policy) – 3 pages
 - Third chapter on Niger case (with box on French policy) – 3 pages

- Fourth chapter on Ethiopia/Sudan (with box on German policy) – 3 pages
 - Conclusions and recommendation – 2 pages
- **The consultant will present a first draft that will be commented by CONCORD Migration group (and some key focal points in other CONCORD structures)** and will be asked to incorporate and consolidate all comments.
 - The final report in English should be ready at the beginning of October - see below the tentative timeline.

The role of the Concord National platform (in EU Member States) representatives in the data collection phase of this research is key. It is envisaged that the responsibility for obtaining the necessary and appropriate data lies with CONCORD members and members of members. This will allow the consultant to concentrate on the collation and analysis of information.

Deliverables

1. **A final written report** will be made available at the beginning of October 2017 (first week).
2. A draft report will be made available to the CONCORD Migration EUTF task force in mid-September 2017.
3. A brief presentation of the findings before the finalisation of the report would also be expected to CONCORD members followed by a commenting process. The consultant will be asked to incorporate and consolidate the comments before delivering the final version of the report.

Skills and Qualifications

The consultant is expected to have:

- Experience in working for or understanding of European Migration and Development policies
- Significant understanding of the EU Development Cooperation, EU institutions set up and relevant stakeholders (national, EU and UN level)
- Experience of policy analysis, report writing and political communication, incl. ability to clearly formulate key recommendations
- Experience in quantitative and qualitative research
- Excellent English writing and editing skills; ability to write about complex issues in an engaging way

Details

The consultancy can be undertaken remotely.

If needed, CONCORD may be able to help and coordinate meetings with members/institutions.

Total days of work will depend on the structure of the final report and on the amount of data and

survey's answers received by CONCORD members that will be timely communicated to the consultant.

Indicative Timeline¹

July- August	Recruitment of the consultant
In August	Initial meetings with CONCORD (or teleconf) and induction
Until mid-August	Interviews / survey will be conducted by CONCORD members
Second half of August - whole September	Report drafting based on the data that CONCORD members (via CONCORD Secretariat) are providing Presentation of the first findings to the CONCORD Migration group
End of September	Consolidation of comments and 1 or 2 meetings/skype calls with CONCORD members (EUTF task force)
End of September	<u>Finalisation of paper in English</u> incorporating and consolidating final comments by CONCORD Migration group (especially EUTF Task force)
Beginning of October	Final draft ready by the first week of October

Application procedure

Please send the following elements:

- a **CV** outlining your relevant expertise for this assignment;
- a **short proposal** (max. one A4 page) on how you will undertake this data analysis, including a suggested number of days and their distribution between the different tasks and phases of the work, as well as your daily rate;
- Send your application by **Sunday 6 August midnight Brussels time**, to:
francesca.minniti@concordeurope.org and policy@focsiv.it;
- Please include CONCORD – Migration EUTF consultant plus your name in the **subject of the email**.

¹ This timeline can be adapted and updated depending on the data collection by CONCORD members