

“Migration is a fundamental issue when we speak about Libya but it is not the only one, security is also an aspect. And it is also an economic aspect” (Federica Mogherini, the High Representative/Vice-President)

In the past few days, Malta’s demand to make an agreement with Libya similar to the one that Greece and Turkey made. The European Commission has rejected such a work due to the crucial difference between two contexts.

The question is that how European institutions would conduct projects and policies to reach their aims. It is apparent that any measures could succeed apart from precautionary measures that remove the causes that galvanize masses to pass countless borders. This is what Europe now faces. In this way, European Marshall Plan to Africa, with an approach that sees Africa as a *trade partner* and an *investment opportunity*, aims to support local economies to boost employment opportunities. The assumption is if people who try to reach European shores now have better living conditions in their own homelands, they will not put at risk their lives. EU is declaring projects with an emphasis on financial allocation basically in Africa.

A list of measures includes suggesting concrete actions to save lives at sea by impeding the business networks of human smugglers. An additional €200 million is planned to put in operation in this year.

On 25 January, the High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini has opened EU’s new way of operating in Northern Africa to get rid of menaces of illegal immigration flow in the Mediterranean at a press

conference. *"The real solution comes with the economic development of Africa," she said. "We are implementing with 5 key countries [Senegal, Ethiopia, Niger, Nigeria, Mali], with the [European] External Investment Plan, with the Trust Funds and the Valetta Summit that we had last year with the African partners."*

A new precautionary model encompasses working with key countries like Senegal, Ethiopia, Niger, Nigeria, and Mali. External Investment Plan with the Trust Fund, EU aims to hamper massive migration flows "on-site".

Mogherini highlighted a new partnership model with Libyan authorities on the basis of three sections:

- Concentrating on the training of Libya coast guards.
- Cooperation for the border security
- Supporting IOM and UNHCR missions in Africa.

We will see whether such "remote-control" may work or be useless. If EU will convince people to avoid from embarking a very dangerous journey across the Mediterranean, it works. Otherwise, we will mention another migrant crisis every year, with rising concerns.