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<b>Hello and good afternoon everyone.</b>

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<b>Welcome to today's seminar, </b>

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<b>part of the series "Conversations on Migration </b>

<b>and Integration - Researchers meet practitioners.".</b>

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<b>My name is Anders Bjers, I'm from </b>

<b>the Swedish Research Council.</b>

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<b>I have the pleasure to be the </b>

<b>moderator of today's session.</b>

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<b>The seminar series is organised by Delmi, </b>

<b>the Migration Studies delegation.</b>

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<b>In collaboration with the Swedish </b>

<b>Research Council, the SRC as we say.</b>

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<b>Just another acronym

for you to remember today.</b>

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<b>Delmi is a government committee

that provides research-based analysis -</b>

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<b>- on migration and

integration issues,</b>

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<b>aiming to bridge the gap

between research and policy.</b>

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<b>The goal is to contribute to </b>

<b>well-informed decision-making,</b>

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<b>by sharing insights

from the latest research.</b>

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<b>This is exactly what we're going to do today.</b>

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<b>You're going to be diving into </b>

<b>a new research report.</b>

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<b>The Swedish Research Council is the </b>

<b>largest funding body for research,</b>

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<b>when it comes to public money.</b>

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<b>Our mission is to support and

advance research in all scientific fields.</b>

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<b>One priority is migration and integration.</b>

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<b>Since 2017, there's a range of national </b>

<b>programs within the Council.</b>

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<b>One of them is this 10-year programme </b>

<b>focused on migration and integration.</b>

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<b>It strengthens the research base,</b>

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<b>and the findings are also

shared with a wider audience.</b>

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<b>Through this seminar series, we

aim to bring together researchers - </b>

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<b>- and practitioners to exchange ideas</b>

<b>and discuss policy-relevant findings.</b>

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<b>We explore how academic knowledge </b>

<b>can inform practical solutions- </b>

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<b>- to pressing societal challenges.</b>

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<b>Today's topic focuses on the </b>

<b>European Trust Fund, the EUTF.</b>

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<b>This acronym you have to remember today.</b>

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<b>We're going to mention it a lot, </b>

<b>instead of saying the whole name.</b>

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<b>It's for Africa and its role </b>

<b>in migration control.</b>

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<b>A critical issue for both Europe and Africa.</b>

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<b>A pressing topic in today's </b>

<b>discussions as well.</b>

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<b>Let's focus a bit on the programme.</b>

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<b>We will begin today with a presentation </b>

<b>by Joseph Trawicki Anderson.</b>

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<b>He's a researcher at the School of Global Studies -</b>

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<b>- at the University of Gothenburg.</b>

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<b>Joseph holds a PhD in Peace </b>

<b>and Development Research.</b>

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<b>His work focuses on migration, of course.</b>

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<b>Particularly the involvement of non-state actors -</b>

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<b>- in the governance and

international labour migration.</b>

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<b>He will be presenting his findings </b>

<b>from the research project:</b>

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<b>"Outsourcing Migration Control:

Internalising EU Borders to Africa".</b>

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<b>Which is part of the research programme </b>

<b>funded by the Swedish Research Council.</b>

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<b>After Joseph's interesting presentation -</b>

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<b>- we will move on to a panel discussion </b>

<b>with two esteemed panellists,</b>

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<b>that I'm going to present a little bit later.</b>

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<b>Sharing reflections and engaging conversations.</b>

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<b>But we will also invite you, </b>

<b>the audience here in the room.</b>

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<b>Quite an interesting mix, I would say.</b>

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<b>We have representatives from

embassies, universities, agencies,</b>

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<b>and probably some

from the media as well.</b>

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<b>And the general audience and students and so on.</b>

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<b>You are very welcome. We

have an online audience as well.</b>

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<b>You will be able, both online </b>

<b>and here in the room,</b>

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<b>to ask questions, of course.</b>

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<b>You can do it in two ways.</b>

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<b>You can use a code. You

can actually scan it here.</b>

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<b>We're actually on the screen back home.</b>

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<b>It will take you to the Menti service.</b>

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<b>This code brings you

to the discussion of today.</b>

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<b>Keep that in mind and please use it.</b>

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<b>I have a co-host here.</b>

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<b>Iris. She's going to wave to me </b>

<b>when there's questions coming.</b>

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<b>We are happy to convey them to

the panel and to Joseph, of course.</b>

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<b>If you're here in the room that

is filling up, please raise your hand.</b>

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<b>You have a chance also to ask

your question live with a microphone,</b>

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<b>that is going to be showing up for you.</b>

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<b>I guess you figured out that we're

using English for this presentation,</b>

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<b>because there's a wide

audience here in the room - </b>

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<b>- and also in the streaming audience.</b>

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<b>But you can ask questions in Swedish, </b>

<b>because all of us understand Swedish.</b>

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<b>A lot of options for you to ask questions.</b>

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<b>We are also recording the seminar.</b>

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<b>We're going to publish it </b>

<b>online on Delmi's website,</b>

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<b>and probably on the Swedish </b>

<b>Research Council's as well.</b>

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<b>That's actually one of the words </b>

<b>that's easier to say in Swedish,</b>

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<b>"Vetenskapsrådet", instead of English."</b>

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<b>That's why we go with the SRC.</b>

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<b>But now, for the most

important thing of today,</b>

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<b>that is to listen to Joseph's </b>

<b>interesting presentation.</b>

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<b>If you haven't already done it, </b>

<b>please grab one of the copies -</b>

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<b>- of the research report.

It's outside the room.</b>

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<b>It's going to be published on Delmi's </b>

<b>website. Right now, I suppose.</b>

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<b>Yes. So you can go on there

and find the report and read it -</b>

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<b>- along with Joseph's presentation.</b>

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<b>And now, Joseph, it's your time.</b>

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<b>I'm inviting you to come up here

and join me on the stage for a little bit.</b>

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<b>And a big applaud, of course.</b>

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<b>We give you all the attention now,</b>

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<b>and the research that you have carried out.</b>

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<b>Good luck.</b>

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<b>Thank you, Anders.

Hello and welcome, everybody.</b>

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<b>My name is Joseph Trawicki Anderson, </b>

<b>or Joe is also fine.</b>

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<b>And I am a researcher at

the School of Global Studies,</b>

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<b>at the University of Gothenburg.</b>

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<b>Today I'm going to be presenting research I did -</b>

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<b>- as part of the VR-funded project:</b>

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<b>"Outsourcing Migration Control:

Externalizing EU Borders to Africa".</b>

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<b>And this was a project that </b>

<b>was conducted by myself,</b>

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<b>but also together with </b>

<b>Professor Joakim Berndtsson -</b>

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<b>- and Anja Franck at the

School of Global Studies,</b>

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<b>as well as four researchers

from the University of Amsterdam.</b>

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<b>Darshan Vigneswaran, Polly Pallister-Wilkins,</b>

<b> Saskia Bonjour and Natalie Welfens. </b>

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<b>So we had a very large and international team -</b>

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<b>- working in this project.</b>

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<b>The broad issues that we were

looking at in this research project - </b>

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<b>- were sort of what control and

compliance mechanisms are in place -</b>

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<b>- to ensure that EU migration...</b>

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<b>Sorry, what sort of compliance </b>

<b>mechanisms are in place to - </b>

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<b>- ensure that external actors implement -</b>

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<b>- EU migration management policies in Africa.</b>

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<b>To what extent do the migration

management processes and practices -</b>

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<b>- of EU agents in Africa conform with Europe's</b>

<b> externalization policy objectives and plans.</b>

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<b> And then also looking at sort of what oversight -</b>

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<b>- and monitoring mechanisms are in place -</b>

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<b>- to ensure the transparency and

accountability of outsourcing arrangements.</b>

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<b>I have to say from the beginning

that this is a pandemic era project,</b>

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<b>so that while we had hoped to

do lots of on-the-ground research -</b>

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<b>- and exploring some of these issues </b>

<b>a bit more at the grassroots level,</b>

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<b>the pandemic meant that this

was a bit more of a policy document,</b>

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<b>and research with individuals who </b>

<b>were in Europe, kind of project.</b>

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<b>So that ended up changing how

this project looked a little bit,</b>

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<b>and the kinds of research we were able to do.</b>

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<b>But I think hopefully we ended up coming up -</b>

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<b>- with some interesting things to talk about.</b>

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<b>So in this broader project on the externalization</b>

<b> of migration control to Africa -</b>

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<b>- we ended up looking mainly, as Anders

said, at the European Trust Fund for Africa.</b>

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<b>So this was a large

trust fund put together -</b>

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<b>- by the EU and it was created sort of </b>

<b>as a result of the 2015 Valletta Summit.</b>

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<b>And in its own words, although

they use slightly different words -</b>

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<b>- in slightly different places. </b>

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<b>The European Union Emergency Trust Fund </b>

<b>for stability and addressing root causes -</b>

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<b>- of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa</b>

<b>(EUTF for Africa), was created to address - </b>

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<b>- the root causes of instability, forced</b>

<b> displacement and irregular migration,</b>

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<b>and to contribute to better migration management.</b>

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<b>One thing that's important to say </b>

<b>right here at the beginning -</b>

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<b>- is this was created at a time

when there was a lot of pressure -</b>

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<b>- to do something about migration.</b>

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<b>This was when migration was a very hot topic,</b>

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<b>and I think there was a very strong public,</b>

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<b>and perhaps political pressure,</b>

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<b>for the EU to take action on migration.</b>

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<b>The fact that this is a trust fund -</b>

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<b>- is actually quite relevant here.</b>

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<b>This is not an EU funding mechanism like any other,</b>

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<b>but changes in EU financial regulations -</b>

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<b>- allowed for the

creation of these trust funds.</b>

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<b>And in order for a

trust fund to be created,</b>

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<b>it needs to be responding to

an emergency or crisis situation.</b>

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<b>That's also why there is this kind </b>

<b>of emergency crisis language,</b>

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<b>in the formation of the EUTF.</b>

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<b>And this trust fund arrangement, what it allowed -</b>

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<b>- is basically to be removed from

a lot of the oversight mechanisms,</b>

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<b>that might normally

be part of such a large fund.</b>

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<b>So for instance, the EU parliament </b>

<b>only eventually got observer status -</b>

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<b>- on the board of the EUTF, and only </b>

<b>after sort of extensive complaints -</b>

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<b>- that they didn't have any say in

this large funding instrument at all.</b>

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<b>EU member states were able to participate in the board -</b>

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<b>- if they contributed at least three </b>

<b>million euros to the overall funding.</b>

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<b>So this was created with special procedures,</b>

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<b>and that allowed it to get around </b>

<b>some of the normal rules.</b>

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<b>Also, as you can see here, it was very large,</b>

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<b>the European trust fund is very large.</b>

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<b>It's about 248 projects.</b>

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<b>And as of the 2023 annual report -</b>

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<b>- they were saying that the total cost was -</b>

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<b>- five billion euros.</b>

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<b>So we're talking about a fairly </b>

<b>significant sum of money here.</b>

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<b>And I think the other thing

too that's really important,</b>

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<b>already kind of at the step of framing,</b>

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<b>is that there is this idea that's present here,</b>

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<b>about kind of the root causes of migration.</b>

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<b>That the idea of this trust fund </b>

<b>is to address root causes,</b>

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<b>which is I think a narrative that was kind </b>

<b>of already challenged at the beginning.</b>

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<b>There's two researchers, Zaun and Nantermoz,</b>

<b> that have written an article -</b>

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<b>- arguing that this idea that inequality </b>

<b>is a root cause of migration,</b>

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<b>is something that was already known </b>

<b>and challenged by EU policymakers,</b>

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<b>even at the time that they created this trust fund.</b>

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<b>Because a lot of research has

pointed out that as incomes rise -</b>

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<b>- so too can outward migration, </b>

<b>within certain constraints.</b>

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<b>I think it's also interesting

here, looking at this diagram,</b>

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<b>to also see how they've...

this is their official logo for it.</b>

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<b>How they created three regions, the

yellow one at the top, North Africa,</b>

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<b>the red one which is Sahel and Lake Chad,</b>

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<b>and then also the green Horn of Africa.</b>

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<b>And because they didn't

give money to the grey zone,</b>

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<b>I guess it's just grey.</b>

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<b>So this is sort of,</b>

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<b>this map is also instrumental and this </b>

<b>logo is also sort of instrumental, I guess,</b>

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<b>in thinking about how the funders </b>

<b>themselves were seeing this project.</b>

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<b>I just want to pull in this briefly too,</b>

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<b>which is looking at the distribution of funds.</b>

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<b>So here we see the three different regional areas,</b>

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<b>and then also how money was divided up.</b>

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<b>So there were these strategic objectives.</b>

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<b>Greater economic and

employment opportunities,</b>

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<b>strengthening resilience of communities,</b>

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<b>improved migration management,</b>

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<b>improved governance

and conflict prevention.</b>

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<b>And for instance,

perhaps unsurprisingly,</b>

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<b>the North of Africa received the vast majority of funds -</b>

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<b>- for improved migration management.</b>

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<b>Whereas in other places the funding was a bit more split.</b>

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<b>You can see how there's a </b>

<b>very clear focus on Europe,</b>

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<b>in relation to migration, in terms </b>

<b>of how funding was related here.</b>

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<b>The other interesting thing to mention </b>

<b>here too is the distribution.</b>

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<b>And this is in terms of who took on the projects</b>

<b> that were funded as part of the EUTF.</b>

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<b>UN agencies were responsible for a </b>

<b>fairly large number of the projects,</b>

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<b>as well as EU member states.</b>

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<b>NGO is a smaller number.</b>

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<b>I think it's an interesting example </b>

<b>of just how large,</b>

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<b>and sometimes difficult

to grasp, this trust fund is.</b>

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<b>This distribution of who

spent what money is different -</b>

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<b>in the EUTF annual report, than it is on the website.</b>

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<b>So already you see here that </b>

<b>there's so much movement -</b>

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<b>- and so much complexity in these projects,</b>

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<b>that a lot of the monitoring and evaluation</b>

<b> portions of this have been difficult.</b>

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<b>So this is all to say that the EUTF -</b>

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<b>- is obviously an absolutely enormous trust fund, </b>

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<b>with 248 projects.</b>

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<b>We're obviously only going

to end up talking about a very small,</b>

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<b>and being able to

research a very small,</b>

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<b>portion of what's been happening in this sphere.</b>

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<b>In the policy brief, and in our research,</b>

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<b>we focused on three, we can say, main areas -</b>

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<b>- that I'm going to talk about </b>

<b>a little bit more specifically.</b>

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<b>The first of these is looking at </b>

<b>issues of migration control.</b>

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<b>The second is looking at </b>

<b>monitoring and evaluation.</b>

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<b>And the third is sort of this

narrow focus on migration control.</b>

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<b>The first one is on the migration control.</b>

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<b>For this, two participants in the

project did some research on -</b>

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<b>- the project support to integrated border </b>

<b>and migration management in Libya,</b>

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<b>which was a project which was run

mainly through the Italian Foreign Ministry.</b>

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<b>And this used funds, including funds from the EUTF,</b>

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<b>to support border management </b>

<b>in cooperation with Libya.</b>

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<b>And I think this was really

illustrative of some of these issues -</b>

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<b>- that emerged in the EUTF,</b>

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<b>particularly around projects that </b>

<b>were related to migration control,</b>

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<b>and particularly here where

you have a fairly large involvement -</b>

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<b>- of non-state actors in the

implementation of this project.</b>

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<b>One of the first things that we encountered,</b>

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<b>or that Joakim and Agnese encountered </b>

<b>when they were doing this was,</b>

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<b>it was extremely difficult to get documents </b>

<b>about what had happened in this.</b>

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<b>And one of the participating researchers is Italian, </b>

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<b>and even using different contacts</b>

<b>it was very hard to get documents.</b>

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<b>The documents they did get

were generally heavily redacted.</b>

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<b>There was just very little information -</b>

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<b>- about how this money was being spent.</b>

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<b>And they were only able to trace </b>

<b>a fairly small portion of that.</b>

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<b>It was also very clear,</b>

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<b>and they put together this chart that </b>

<b>appears in the article they published.</b>

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<b> I apologise for the small type.</b>

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<b>We'll talk about it only in the most

general of senses here in our short time.</b>

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<b>Basically what we have here is that </b>

<b>you see the many different layers,</b>

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<b>both between the EU level, the member

state level and the third state level.</b>

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<b>The number of different

actors that are involved in this,</b>

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<b>both government, state actors </b>

<b>and also non-state actors.</b>

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<b>Including in this case various defence contractors,</b>

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<b>IVECO who makes trucks, all sorts </b>

<b>of equipment that was being spent.</b>

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<b>All sorts of equipment that was being sent.</b>

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<b>Rebuilding boats for sea activities.</b>

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<b>And particularly in the context of Libya, </b>

<b>I think there were extreme concerns.</b>

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<b>First of all, what was

actually happening on the ground?</b>

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<b>Because there was such

a dense web of outsourcing.</b>

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<b>For instance, they pointed out that </b>

<b>one company that had been contracted -</b>

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<b>- to do 140 hours of training on theory </b>

<b>and practice on navigation systems,</b>

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<b>electric and electronic systems,

propulsion systems, etc. related to machinery,</b>

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<b>had in fact mainly held courses </b>

<b>related to making pizzas,</b>

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<b>preparing alcoholic beverages and precooked dishes.</b>

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<b>Obviously this is one very small

example, but we see how, </b>

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<b>particularly as in these kinds of complicated

circumstances you get a lot of outsourcing,</b>

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<b>that makes any sort of accountability and</b>

<b> tracking of where money is going,</b>

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<b>and what it's doing extremely difficult.</b>

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<b>Particularly in the context of Libya at this time, </b>

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<b>the likelihood

that some of this equipment -</b>

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<b>- was also being used to do things that would -</b>

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<b>- be contrary to the

human rights of migrants,</b>

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<b>is also extremely, extremely high.</b>

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<b>I think this is one of those clear examples.</b>

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<b>Other things also come up from </b>

<b>other research on the EUTF.</b>

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<b>For instance, looking at the </b>

<b>Agadez region in Niger,</b>

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<b>pointing out how EU efforts to put in </b>

<b>much stronger border control -</b>

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<b>- ended up disrupting border economies </b>

<b>in ways that could also have -</b>

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<b>- other knock-on effects for larger stability.</b>

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<b>I think you see in here, these short, </b>

<b>immediate interventions,</b>

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<b>that aren't necessarily very attuned to </b>

<b>the broader context of what's going on.</b>

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<b>There's a lot more to say here, </b>

<b>but there's only so much time.</b>

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<b>Secondly, the other issue that we

looked at was monitoring and evaluation.</b>

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<b>Even though the EUTF

existed in this kind of space -</b>

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<b>- where it fell somewhat outside of the </b>

<b>normal procedures for development aid,</b>

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<b>there was still a big effort by the EU to make it seem,</b>

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<b>and to give off this image of accountability,</b>

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<b> to give off an image that things were happening.</b>

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<b>One example, the colleagues Saskia </b>

<b>Bonjour and Natalie Welfens -</b>

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<b>- wrote a paper looking

at some of these dynamics.</b>

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<b>This is the ACFO system, which was

AKVO, which was a quantitative system -</b>

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<b>- that the EU used in the EUTF,</b>

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<b>to show activities and track what was happening.</b>

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<b>But because these metrics were fairly numerical,</b>

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<b>as they point out in the article,</b>

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<b>what you got was, like

it's shown in this example,</b>

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<b>all of these coloured circles and

many things that created this sense -</b>

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<b>- of lots of activities going on, but when </b>

<b>you dive down into the metrics -</b>

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<b>- it's not always that clear what </b>

<b>was actually happening.</b>

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<b>It might say, "Okay, we conducted 10 trainings,</b>

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<b>and then there's a big 10 in a bubble."</b>

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<b>But that doesn't necessarily

tell you what the training was about,</b>

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<b>who attended, what it meant.</b>

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<b>So there was this kind of,</b>

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<b>this was an example of an accountability -</b>

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<b>- or a monitoring and evaluation </b>

<b>tool that was surface level,</b>

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<b>but also projected EU involvement in this area.</b>

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<b>I think another issue that came up,

and they also write about this in the paper,</b>

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<b>and then also a paper that was written </b>

<b>by Darshan Vigneswaran and others.</b>

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<b>Because the EUTF was based

around a fairly broad set of goals -</b>

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<b>- it also becomes very difficult to assess </b>

<b>what was actually happening.</b>

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<b>Or it becomes difficult to assess how </b>

<b>much the goals are being met.</b>

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<b>This was, for instance, also echoed

in a European Court of Auditors report -</b>

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<b>- that came out a few years ago. </b>

<b>Where they also pointed to -</b>

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<b>- given how broad the

terms of the EUTF are,</b>

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<b>any of a wide variety of development projects -</b>

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<b>- could end up fitting under the rubric of the EUTF,</b>

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<b>so you end up with this </b>

<b>fairly broad mechanism.</b>

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<b>And this also then creates that there was,</b>

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<b>both in the article by Welfens and Bonjour -</b>

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<b>- and also by Vigneswaran, they point to how -</b>

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<b>- what you also end up

getting is the goal ends up switching.</b>

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<b>From being controlling migration </b>

<b>to being about lessons learned.</b>

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<b>How are we learning from this experience?</b>

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<b>A reinterpretation of the point of this,</b>

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<b>in a way that perhaps is very much about</b>

<b> continuing these kinds of activities.</b>

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<b>And then finally, I think the other thing -</b>

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<b>- that comes up very clearly from the EUTF,</b>

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<b>is that it had a pretty narrow </b>

<b>focus on migration control.</b>

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<b>So the understanding of migration in this context -</b>

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<b>- is really limited to controlling migration.</b>

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<b>So actually one evaluation report </b>

<b>pointed out that under the rubric of -</b>

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<b>- labour migration and

migration for development,</b>

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<b>they saw funding of only about 75 million euros,</b>

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<b>or about 2% of the EUTF funding total.</b>

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<b>So you have a really strong focus

overall on control mechanisms,</b>

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<b>or other kinds of development.

But not actually that much about,</b>

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<b>what would be called in kind of common</b>

<b> parlance creating legal pathways,</b>

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<b>or other sorts of mechanisms </b>

<b>that would be more about -</b>

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<b>- a more holistic or comprehensive </b>

<b>view of what migration is or does.</b>

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<b>And you also see, for instance, some

examples of very specific EU priorities -</b>

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<b>- playing into the kinds of activities.</b>

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<b>So for instance, ECOWAS for a long time </b>

<b>has had an initiative funded by the EU,</b>

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<b>to promote free movement within the ECOWAS region.</b>

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<b>I think as part of the EUTF they started </b>

<b>to feel like that was free movement - </b>

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<b>- a little bit close to Europe, so they </b>

<b>started to move away from that.</b>

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<b>While also promoting a free movement </b>

<b>initiative within the IGAD region.</b>

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<b>So you kind of see the EU priorities </b>

<b>leaning on very heavily there.</b>

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<b>We found, for example, which was interesting,</b>

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<b>that the EU had supported, as part of one project,</b>

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<b>the Better Migration Management Programme. </b>

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<b>I think it was Uganda, to sign an MOU, </b>

<b>a memorandum of understanding -</b>

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<b>- to support migration to the Gulf

countries. One of which was cancelled - </b>

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<b>- a few months later when a lot of workers </b>

<b>were being abused in Saudi Arabia.</b>

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<b>So sometimes even when there</b>

<b> is migration being focused on,</b>

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<b>it's also fairly limited or not necessarily </b>

<b> with a good understanding -</b>

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<b>- of what this migration actually </b>

<b>looks like or what it means.</b>

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<b>So I think given that this is a large </b>

<b>fund that was put together -</b>

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<b>- particularly related to migration,

and the fact that it didn't - </b>

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<b>- contain any possibilities to really </b>

<b>support people's movement.</b>

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<b>It sort of follows under the rubric </b>

<b>of what people like Loren Landau -</b>

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<b>- have called containment development.</b>

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<b>It's supporting certain </b>

<b>kinds of development,</b>

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<b>as long as people remain </b>

<b>static and non-movable.</b>

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<b>Also creating very particular kinds </b>

<b>of European preferences,</b>

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<b>around what kinds of development happens.</b>

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<b>And then also what kinds of movement </b>

<b>happens, within that.</b>

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<b>So obviously this is a lot of different things,</b>

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<b>within a fairly short period of time, </b>

<b>to talk about here.</b>

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<b>And again, difficult to sum up a </b>

<b>trust fund that encompassed -</b>

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<b>- 5 billion euros in 248 projects, in 15 minutes.</b>

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<b>But this at least gives a window into </b>

<b>some of the things that we looked at.</b>

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<b>And I'm sure we'll also have </b>

<b>a conversation afterwards -</b>

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<b>- about some broader dynamics as well.</b>

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<b>Because this is a policy brief, we also </b>

<b>came up with some recommendations.</b>

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<b>And of course this is very complex,</b>

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<b>but I think one thing becomes very clear.</b>

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<b>There is a very short-termist </b>

<b>approach to migration control,</b>

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<b>present within the EUTF.</b>

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<b>It's about stopping the movement of people,</b>

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<b>like right now in very particular moments.</b>

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<b>But not necessarily a larger appreciation of </b>

<b>what the border economies are like,</b>

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<b>what kinds of spaces these are in and </b>

<b>what are the longer-term effects of this.</b>

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<b>I think the second thing too is also...</b>

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<b>It becomes very difficult to </b>

<b>hold the EUTF accountable -</b>

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<b>- for what it is and what

it does in its current form.</b>

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<b>Because the goals are defined </b>

<b>in such a diffuse way,</b>

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<b>that it can define success on any term.</b>

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<b>And I think that became very

clear with the research we did -</b>

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<b>- on the monitoring and evaluation practices.</b>

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<b>That this could basically happen in any way,</b>

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<b>because of how broadly the goals were defined.</b>

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<b>The third thing is providing greater transparency.</b>

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<b>It's been extremely

difficult to get information -</b>

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<b>- about what's happened

in a lot of these projects.</b>

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<b>There's different information </b>

<b>and different reports,</b>

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<b>and certain actors have access to that.</b>

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<b>So it might come out in certain </b>

<b>evaluation reports but not others.</b>

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<b>But for researchers like us it's </b>

<b>oftentimes been extremely difficult -</b>

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<b>- to figure out exactly what's been happening.</b>

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<b>And then I think finally,</b>

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<b>expanding the focus of the understanding </b>

<b>of migration beyond restriction.</b>

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<b>I think in one of the reports was mentioned -</b>

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<b>- that in the entirety of the EU,</b>

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<b>I think this was from 2019,</b>

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<b>only 61 000 permits were

issued to African citizens -</b>

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<b>- for work-related purposes.</b>

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<b>The engagement with Africa in this context,</b>

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<b>and the understanding of migration </b>

<b>here, is really very limited.</b>

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<b>And I think there should be

more holistic engagement -</b>

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<b>- with migration from Africa.</b>

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<b>So that's me. Thank you.</b>

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<b>Excellent, Joseph. Thank you so much.</b>

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<b>You can please join me on my left side.</b>

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<b>And now we're moving on to

the next section of the seminar.</b>

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<b>We will invite panelists.</b>

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<b>We will have Göran Holmqvist,</b>

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<b>Doctor in Peace and Development,</b>

<b>the former director of -</b>

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<b>- the Department of Asia, Middle East </b>

<b>and Humanitarian Assistance at SIDA,</b>

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<b> the Swedish Development Agency.</b>

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<b>And we're welcoming Jesper Bjarnesen.</b>

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<b>You are a Senior Researcher </b>

<b>at the Nordic Africa Institute.</b>

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<b>Very welcome to the stage.</b>

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<b>Thank you.</b>

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<b>Now you have a chance, </b>

<b>Göran, and Jesper,</b>

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<b>to share your thoughts.</b>

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<b>Both of you. And then, Joseph,</b>

<b> you will have a chance to respond.</b>

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<b>The floor is yours.</b>

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<b>Do I start? </b>

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<b>You can start Göran.</b>

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<b>Okay. Thank you Joe, </b>

<b>for the presentation.</b>

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<b>And as was said, my background </b>

<b>is in development cooperation.</b>

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<b>So I make a comment in that respect.</b>

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<b>And the first thing you ask yourself </b>

<b>when you read the report,</b>

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<b>is this development cooperation or official</b>

<b> development assistance, ODA, as termed?</b>

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<b>And just as a commercial for what ODA is,</b>

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<b>rich countries have repeatedly </b>

<b>committed to -</b>

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<b>- provide a certain percentage </b>

<b>of their GNP for ODA,</b>

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<b>that has been going on </b>

<b>repeatedly at conferences.</b>

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<b>And recently, it even became one of the SDGs,</b>

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<b>one of the sustainable development goals.</b>

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<b>And as always, when you </b>

<b>have a global commitment,</b>

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<b>you need some kind of </b>

<b>monitoring and follow-up.</b>

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<b>Because you have a free rider problem.</b>

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<b>It's nice if everybody else is </b>

<b>doing this and paying for it.</b>

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<b>Just like NATO, the 2% for NATO.</b>

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<b>It's like a free rider issue that is addressed by -</b>

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<b>- setting certain standards and certain targets.</b>

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<b>The same goes for ODA.</b>

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<b>When you have the monitoring, </b>

<b>you need the definitions.</b>

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<b>It must be clear to everybody, what are the limits.</b>

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<b>What can we call ODA and what is not ODA.</b>

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<b>And migration has

been a contentious issue.</b>

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<b>So where are the lines that define ODA,</b>

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<b>and when does it become domestic </b>

<b>migration policy in donor countries?</b>

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<b>And OECD DAC has developed

a fairly detailed framework on it.</b>

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<b>And we've signed up to it.</b>

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<b>Actually, the present government was </b>

<b>part of signing the latest clarification,</b>

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<b>that came autumn 2022.</b>

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<b>Where these things were spelt out by OECD DAC.</b>

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<b>So, what do they say?</b>

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<b>Well, they have a number of

principles that should guide us.</b>

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<b>And I think the most important ones are, </b>

<b>first of all, that the main purpose -</b>

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<b>- should be the development and

the welfare of developing countries.</b>

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<b>That is the definition of ODA itself.</b>

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<b>We know that in a donor country,

refugee costs are eligible for ODA,</b>

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<b>but only over the first 12 months </b>

<b>after arriving in a donor country.</b>

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<b>They are very explicit that forced </b>

<b>repatriation of rejected asylum seekers -</b>

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<b>- should never be counted as ODA.</b>

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<b>Border control measures for the

primary benefit of donor countries -</b>

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<b>- should never be counted as ODA.</b>

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<b>And on conditionality, setting </b>

<b>conditions to partner countries.</b>

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<b>You get the money if </b>

<b>you do this and that.</b>

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<b>That is not ODA if the primary purpose</b>

<b> is the donor country's own interest,</b>

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<b>and not for the benefit of the </b>

<b>development of the country.</b>

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<b>So, the first question.</b>

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<b>Is EUTF ODA?</b>

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<b>Second, does it qualify in </b>

<b>terms of these definitions?</b>

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<b>Luckily, the EU Court of Auditors -</b>

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<b>- recently issued a report on the EUTF,</b>

<b> just three weeks ago.</b>

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<b>So no blame that it's not in your references.</b>

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<b>But I was happy to note that

it actually reinforces your points,</b>

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<b>to a very large extent.</b>

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<b> It brings up the same issues </b>

<b>and the same problems.</b>

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<b>But it's also able to go deeper,</b>

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<b>because of access to all the internal </b>

<b>documents and so on.</b>

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<b>The difficulties you had in actually </b>

<b>getting behind the numbers,</b>

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<b>they can do more.</b>

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<b>They went into the Excel sheets.</b>

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<b>And it's clear that the entire EUTF </b>

<b>has been reported as ODA.</b>

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<b>But the European Court of Auditors concluded -</b>

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<b>that a number of projects do not qualify,</b>

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<b>to these definitions that I just mentioned.</b>

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<b>Then you can, of course, ask yourself</b>

<b>"Is that a problem or not?".</b>

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<b>Taking money from this budget line </b>

<b>or that budget line.</b>

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<b>I think you have to see it in the context of </b>

<b>our ability to reach global agreements.</b>

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<b>That if you don't play by the rules,</b>

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<b>that you yourself have been part of setting up,</b>

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<b>you actually provide ammunition to those </b>

<b>who criticize the West for double standards.</b>

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<b>Which should not be in our interest at this point.</b>

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<b>That was my main point around </b>

<b>development cooperation.</b>

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<b>I assume I have a chance to come </b>

<b>back with more comments later on.</b>

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<b>Good. We have two panellists, the two </b>

<b>of you are going to be reflecting.</b>

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<b>I think you had a handful of questions already.</b>

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<b>But we have to wait for Jesper </b>

<b>as well to reflect on the report.</b>

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<b>Welcome, Jesper. </b>

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<b>Thank you, Anders. And thank you, Joseph, for a</b>

<b> really interesting and very clearly written brief.</b>

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<b>I share many of the observations of the publication,</b>

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<b>and also what we've just heard

about the overall question about -</b>

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<b>- which kind of measures are being </b>

<b>invested in through the trust fund.</b>

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<b>I thought I could add perhaps a </b>

<b>slightly bigger picture or context -</b>

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<b>- to the trust fund and some of the </b>

<b>issues we're already talking about.</b>

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<b>First of all, I think I like analytically -</b>

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<b>- what this publication does in terms of,</b>

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<b>it says something very recognisable,</b>

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<b>that we all want to be seen as </b>

<b>being actively doing something.</b>

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<b>And that sometimes that can take </b>

<b>priority over what is actually done.</b>

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<b>There's a rush to be seen as doing something.</b>

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<b>And I think, politically speaking, when </b>

<b>it comes to migration issues overall,</b>

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<b>that's probably what a lot of actors, </b>

<b>especially governments,</b>

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<b>want to be seen as doing, is doing something.</b>

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<b>And sometimes the actual

impact of what is being done -</b>

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<b>- takes the backseat to that drive to do something.</b>

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<b>But I think there are two main </b>

<b>dangers in that kind of urge -</b>

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<b>- to be seen as putting money and activity </b>

<b>into the field of migration management.</b>

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<b>And the first one is about the European</b>

<b> atmosphere around migration questions.</b>

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<b>So, for example, the Overseas </b>

<b>Development Institute, the ODI,</b>

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<b>has done a series of

opinion polls all across Europe,</b>

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<b>about the general public attitude towards immigration.</b>

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<b>And across the board, across

Europe, the opinion polls show -</b>

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<b>- that people are generally

much less critical of migration,</b>

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<b>or much less worried about migration </b>

<b>than what we tend to think.</b>

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<b>I think that in terms of the European politics,</b>

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<b>there's a risk of this

kind of a hall of mirrors,</b>

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<b>where decision-makers feel </b>

<b>pressured to do something.</b>

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<b>Even when it's a bit hasty or </b>

<b>a bit half thought through,</b>

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<b>just to be seen to respond to a perceived </b>

<b>public request for doing something.</b>

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<b>Which then mirrors back to the public -</b>

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<b>- that this is a really urgent field which </b>

<b>we need to do a lot of activity around.</b>

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<b>It creates this reinforced sense that we're </b>

<b>all worrying more about migration -</b>

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<b>- than we actually are.</b>

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<b>I think on the European side, that's one risk.</b>

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<b>At the Nordic Africa Institute, </b>

<b>we engage more with colleagues -</b>

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<b>- and stakeholders on the African continent.</b>

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<b>In that regard, there's another </b>

<b>risk in this urge to do something.</b>

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<b>I did some work recently in </b>

<b>a book called "Worlds Apart",</b>

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<b>which discusses how African decision-makers -</b>

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<b>-often have a very different view on migration</b>

<b> issues than their European counterparts.</b>

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<b>And there, I think the debate, for </b>

<b>example within the African Union -</b>

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<b>- is much more about migration </b>

<b>as a development resource.</b>

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<b>The argument is often that even </b>

<b>when people migrate irregularly -</b>

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<b>- they end up contributing to their host countries,</b>

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<b>and to their countries of origin as well.</b>

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<b>On the African side, much of the policy </b>

<b>debate is about this bigger picture.</b>

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<b>That we should be doing

something around migration,</b>

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<b>but in a much broader, more holistic view.</b>

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<b>Where migration is seen not just as this</b>

<b> containment issue that you mentioned,</b>

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<b>but as actually something that people engage in -</b>

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<b>- to seek out livelihood opportunities and contribute,</b>

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<b>both to their host communities </b>

<b>and to their families at home.</b>

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<b>I think those are two major risks in rushing</b>

<b> to do something for the sake of it.</b>

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<b>I'd like to end our first round,</b>

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<b>to mention that last year in this room the </b>

<b>World Bank launched its annual report.</b>

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<b>And it is one of a series of arguments </b>

<b>that Europe actually needs migration.</b>

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<b>It's a pretty obvious point.</b>

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<b>It's often articulated as kind of two </b>

<b>continents with complementing needs.</b>

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<b>Africa has a very young population.</b>

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<b>There's a need to create jobs and -</b>

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<b>- livelihoods for a new generation of young Africans.</b>

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<b>Europe is an ageing continent with </b>

<b>increasing gaps in the labour market.</b>

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<b>So it's strange that more activity, </b>

<b>in the development spirit,</b>

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<b>is not directed into trying to translate </b>

<b>those two population dynamics -</b>

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<b>- into something more productive.</b>

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<b>I think that's also a point that is missed out,</b>

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<b>when the control incentive takes over.</b>

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<b>So, no real questions there.</b>

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<b>But just to reiterate that I think the </b>

<b>points you make in the analysis here -</b>

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<b>- are very valid and they speak

to some bigger political issues,</b>

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<b>in both Europe and in Africa.</b>

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<b>Thank you, Jesper

and Göran. Quite a handful.</b>

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<b>You need another 15 minutes.</b>

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<b>You won't have that.</b>

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<b>Because we're going to invite the audience as well, </b>

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<b>both online and here in the room, </b>

<b>to ask some more questions.</b>

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<b>Don't forget Menti, you can use that.</b>

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<b>I don't see the code right now.</b>

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<b>What is your take on the questions or

reflections that Göran and Jesper provided?</b>

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<b>In short, I couldn't agree more.</b>

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<b>Yeah. No, but I think..</b>

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<b>To Göran's point, I think,</b>

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<b>and it's so nice having you here,

particularly because of your -</b>

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<b>- background in aid and development.</b>

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<b>This is what attracted

us to this in the beginning.</b>

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<b>What happens when you stick together </b>

<b>migration control and development aid -</b>

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<b>- into the same funding?</b>

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<b>There are some times when these </b>

<b>might have overlapping goals, </b>

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<b>but other times, the fact that some of this </b>

<b>just does not qualify as development aid,</b>

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<b>you see that this is working in very contrary purposes.</b>

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<b>Also speaking a little bit to what you were saying, Jesper,</b>

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<b>it's also this issue of what kinds of </b>

<b>cooperation around migration -</b>

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<b>- are you trying to create?</b>

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<b>Especially when you also have this </b>

<b>conditionality around migration.</b>

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<b>I get the sense that the EU is really hoping that</b>

<b> everybody would jump on board this bandwagon, </b>

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<b>both EU member states and also countries in Africa.</b>

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<b> "Oh, this is great. Let's also pump in some money."</b>

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<b>"Let's do all this stuff."</b>

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<b>I think the response was, in many ways, </b>

<b>a lot more tepid than they had hoped for.</b>

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<b>And I do think it raises real concerns for -</b>

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<b>- this issue of what happens when we merge</b>

<b> together these things with different ideas.</b>

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<b>Migration control can be a political goal.</b>

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<b>And development is a thing that is important.</b>

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<b>But smashing them together -</b>

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<b>- can create some really uncomfortable tensions.</b>

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<b>And I think it's really

important to point that out.</b>

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<b>And then to what you said, Jesper, </b>

<b>I absolutely agree.</b>

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<b>One thing you see so clearly is that -</b>

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<b>- voices from African states on what they want -</b>

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<b>- is not really present in a lot of these projects.</b>

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<b>And there are some projects </b>

<b>that have some involvement,</b>

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<b>but you really see how tentative this is.</b>

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<b>And also, I think, reflects how </b>

<b>migration is such a sensitive issue.</b>

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<b>For instance, somebody wrote a

report on one of the projects in Egypt,</b>

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<b>which was helping individuals from different</b>

<b> parts of Africa, who ended up in Egypt,</b>

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<b>engage in small entrepreneurial activities.</b>

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<b>But one of the big problems to them building up,</b>

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<b>or becoming part of society and getting good jobs -</b>

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<b>- is the fact that they don't

have real legal status in Egypt.</b>

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<b>So you have this weird mishmash of the EU being:</b>

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<b>"We're going to help you get jobs </b>

<b>in a place where you don't have -</b>

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<b>- the ability to gain any kind of </b>

<b>long-term legal migration status".</b>

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<b>And so I think you see there very clearly </b>

<b>these conflicts of different priorities,</b>

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<b>and I think really importantly too, </b>

<b>it's sort of astounding -</b>

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<b>- given the focus of this

on migration, how much it was.</b>

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<b>I mean, the number of projects that </b>

<b>focus more on supporting pathways,</b>

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<b>or doing anything else was 2%, </b>

<b>or something, of the total.</b>

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<b>It's a vanishingly small amount of money.</b>

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<b>And I have a colleague who did some

work on one of those projects in Tunisia,</b>

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<b>and he also reflected on, </b>

<b>there was a lot of training,</b>

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<b>but a lot of this training was </b>

<b>maybe about soft skills,</b>

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<b>about making yourself into

a very employable individual,</b>

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<b>who would be a good worker in Europe,</b>

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<b>without necessarily a lot of

actual possibilities to then move.</b>

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<b>So it was a lot of preparing individuals </b>

<b>for a legal migration pathway -</b>

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<b>- that they were unlikely to actually </b>

<b>be able to take advantage of.</b>

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<b>So even where there was a focus on </b>

<b>labour migration or legal pathways,</b>

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<b>it was oftentimes a lot more lip service </b>

<b>than substantive engagement.</b>

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<b>I think perhaps also related to </b>

<b>what you pointed out,</b>

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<b>is this idea that EU countries </b>

<b>were going in with this idea -</b>

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<b>- that people don't want any more migration.</b>

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<b>We have this sort of popular idea that </b>

<b>people don't want more migrants,</b>

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<b>when we're creating the EUTF </b>

<b>we're going to make it about -</b>

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<b>- not migration more than anything else.</b>

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<b>But thank you both, I really, really </b>

<b>appreciate the comments.</b>

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<b>Super, thank you.</b>

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<b>One thing that kind of

stood out for me is that -</b>

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<b>- your research highlights

the role of non-state actors -</b>

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<b>- in migration control through outsourcing.</b>

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<b>There were mercenaries

on the payroll of this project.</b>

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<b>It kind of stood out on the slide.</b>

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<b>What kind of effect does that have for </b>

<b>the implementation and outcomes,</b>

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<b>especially when it comes to </b>

<b>human rights, for example?</b>

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<b>Yeah, I mean, were mercenaries on the payroll?</b>

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<b>I don't know, Göran might

also have an idea about this.</b>

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<b>The Libyan coast guards are the guys </b>

<b>who are kind of sometimes questioned.</b>

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<b>And some of them, I think, it's proven -</b>

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<b>- that they have a background as smugglers.</b>

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<b>So they went from being smugglers to</b>

<b> becoming coast guards with financing -</b>

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<b>- from the Italian Ministry

of Interior, as I understand it.</b>

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<b>So that has been a very tricky </b>

<b>and very debated part.</b>

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<b>Just not to sound too negative.</b>

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<b>I'm confident there are plenty </b>

<b>of good stuff being done -</b>

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<b>- with these $5 billion at the same time.</b>

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<b>There are so many valid and

important things that you can do -</b>

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<b>- with official development assistance, </b>

<b>that relate to migration,</b>

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<b>both in terms of human rights and </b>

<b>not the least conflict prevention.</b>

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<b>If there's anything that could stop forced migration,</b>

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<b>it's if we're able to support countries not </b>

<b>falling into the trap of violent conflict.</b>

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<b>So probably a mixed bag in </b>

<b>this big $5 billion basket.</b>

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<b>What kind of effects does it have to have non-state actors,</b>

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<b>when it comes to human rights?</b>

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<b>I think there's a couple of differences.</b>

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<b>First of all, one thing that I meant </b>

<b>to mention in the presentation -</b>

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<b>- is that one of the things which </b>

<b>makes the EUTF a bit different -</b>

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<b>- is how the project funding works.</b>

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<b>Normally, it would come more from the EU level.</b>

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<b>The EU would say: "We want to do this."</b>

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<b>Then they would ask people to submit </b>

<b>proposals and they would pick one.</b>

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<b>The EUTF functioned more bottom-up or middle-up.</b>

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<b>People would say: "We have this idea. </b>

<b>Can we spend some EUTF money?"</b>

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<b>The EUTF would say: "Yes or no."</b>

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<b>So projects went to the EUTF rather </b>

<b>than the EUTF going to projects.</b>

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<b>Which is one dynamic of </b>

<b>potentially changing this.</b>

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<b>A lot of the implementing partners </b>

<b>were UN agencies or member states.</b>

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<b>So you still have a state capacity there.</b>

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<b>But you also have NGOs and even

private companies involved in this.</b>

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<b>I think when it comes to non-state </b>

<b>actors in human rights,</b>

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<b>the risk is always, and I agree with Göran.</b>

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<b>There's a lot of critical research.</b>

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<b>A lot of the things I pointed out in my</b>

<b> presentation are things that don't go well.</b>

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<b>But of course, a lot of things,</b>

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<b>I'm sure a lot of good was done with this €5 billion.</b>

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<b>The challenge when dealing </b>

<b>with non-state actors,</b>

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<b>and I think the Libya case is a perfect example here.</b>

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<b>You lose the ability to have

that accountability or transparency.</b>

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<b>Once it goes to a private </b>

<b>company, they can say:</b>

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<b>"We don't have to release that because </b>

<b>it's sensitive business information".</b>

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<b>And then it becomes a lot harder to track </b>

<b>what is happening with this money.</b>

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<b>There's no checks and

balances. </b>

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<b>There's no checks and balances.</b>

<b>When you're dealing with public

actors,</b>

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<b> you have a greater ability to go in and have that

democratic accountability and transparency.</b>

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<b>That becomes a lot harder to do once </b>

<b>you're having private companies.</b>

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<b>You could also see that with Altai Consulting,</b>

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<b>this entity that was involved in a lot </b>

<b>of the monitoring and evaluation.</b>

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<b>They're a non-state actor. </b>

<b>You can see their preferences.</b>

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<b>Their ideas about: "We should do this again,</b>

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<b>but have a lot more monitoring and evaluation."</b>

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<b>Not surprising for a monitoring </b>

<b>and evaluation consultancy.</b>

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<b>You get these kinds of

lock-in effects sometimes -</b>

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<b>- when you have the involvement of private actors.</b>

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<b>What are your views on non-state actors?</b>

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<b>I think it's a big question.</b>

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<b>Obviously, you want these kinds of engagements -</b>

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<b>- anchored in civil society, for example.</b>

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<b>Otherwise, the criticism could just </b>

<b>as well be that this is too top-down,</b>

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<b>and not involving actors closer to the ground.</b>

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<b>And in many African states, the state apparatus -</b>

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<b>doesn't have a lot of reach into real people's lives.</b>

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<b>Of course, non-state actors can </b>

<b>also be a way of guaranteeing -</b>

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<b>- that there's some connection to reality,</b>

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<b>and it doesn't remain this high-floating idea.</b>

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<b>But at the same time, there </b>

<b>are some sort of monitoring -</b>

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<b>- and evaluation issues there, </b>

<b>and accountability issues.</b>

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<b>I think it's a mixed bag in that sense.</b>

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<b>I don't think to me, not having done that research,</b>

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<b>it's maybe not the biggest problem in and of itself.</b>

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<b>I think, as Joseph was saying, </b>

<b>it's a much bigger problem -</b>

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<b>- when you have very vague goals </b>

<b>for whatever it is you're doing.</b>

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<b>Because then it becomes very </b>

<b>difficult to know what anyone -</b>

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<b>- is really achieving within that framework.</b>

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<b>So that would be my

very vague reflection on that.</b>

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<b>I would agree. It's a mixed bag, the non-state actors.</b>

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<b>But one thing that is pointed out, also </b>

<b>by the Court of Auditors of the EU,</b>

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<b>is that the follow-up on human </b>

<b>rights issues has been weak.</b>

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<b>Obviously, if you work with non-state actors -</b>

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<b>- who neglect or don't care too </b>

<b>much about human rights,</b>

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<b>and have weapons and means of violence, </b>

<b>of course you should be extremely cautious.</b>

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<b>Anything you want to add, Joseph?</b>

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<b>No, I very much agree. </b>

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<b>Another theme that is challenging is the </b>

<b>balance, that you mentioned also Göran.</b>

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<b>The balance of migration control </b>

<b>and development objectives.</b>

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<b>What strategies do you think that </b>

<b>the EU should adopt in the future?</b>

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<b>Finer mechanism when it

comes to have this balance,</b>

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<b>and repeating its shortcomings as well.</b>

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<b>Yeah, okay.</b>

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<b>No, I think this is an extremely difficult question.</b>

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<b>I'm not an expert in development aid.</b>

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<b>So this is coming from, in some </b>

<b>ways, limited knowledge.</b>

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<b>I'm going a bit beyond my home base.</b>

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<b>For me, I think it's separating out the migration</b>

<b> piece from the development piece.</b>

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<b>Development is important because </b>

<b>it's good for development.</b>

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<b>People having good services is important,</b>

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<b>not because it's related to whether or not </b>

<b>they might one day migrate somewhere.</b>

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<b>It's important because it's in the here and now.</b>

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<b>For me, it would be important

to re-separate those a little bit.</b>

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<b>At the end of the day it's better to </b>

<b>have a funding body like the EU -</b>

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<b>- understanding migration control as development,</b>

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<b>rather than just more and more barbed wire.</b>

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<b>But I think also, at a certain point,</b>

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<b>it's probably best to divide those.</b>

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<b>If the idea that you have this root causes</b>

<b> narrative, if we know that it's false,</b>

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<b> to the extent that you're putting development money -</b>

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<b>- towards something that you know is not going to work.</b>

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<b>So better to...</b>

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<b>But it sounds good.</b>

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<b>It sounds great.</b>

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<b>That's why we need research to lift that lid.</b>

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<b>Yeah. And Jesper?</b>

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<b>Yeah, maybe two points on that.</b>

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<b>The first one is that even if we look,</b>

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<b>just purely in terms of the political </b>

<b>gains of the root causes logic,</b>

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<b>I think it's a dangerous game for </b>

<b>European governments to play.</b>

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<b>Because it's kind of promising that -</b>

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<b>- through taxpayer money being

invested into development in Africa,</b>

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<b>we will limit migration to Europe.</b>

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<b>And you can't really deliver on that. </b>

<b>It's politically not viable.</b>

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<b>It means that if migration increases -</b>

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<b>- voters could punish the governments </b>

<b>for having made that investment.</b>

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<b>And even if it works, it's very difficult -</b>

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<b>- for governments to

show that it has worked.</b>

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<b>So politically speaking, it's a </b>

<b>strange kind of horse to bet on.</b>

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<b>Then there's another question,</b>

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<b>and I just co-wrote a policy brief published by the ETTG,</b>

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<b> which is the European Think Tank Group in Brussels,</b>

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<b>where we're looking at the effects on </b>

<b>the overall EU-Africa partnership -</b>

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<b>- in light of these migration policies.</b>

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<b>And it's very damaging for the overall relationship -</b>

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<b>- between the EU and African states, bilaterally,</b>

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<b>but also with the African Union.</b>

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<b>Because the messaging is that -</b>

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<b>- the EU is willing to engage with African states,</b>

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<b>on the basis of this kind of conditionality that -</b>

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<b>- the first order of the agenda is to </b>

<b>restrict migration towards Europe.</b>

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<b>And that just doesn't play for the African Union,</b>

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<b>or for African states, bilaterally.</b>

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<b>So it comes off as being very </b>

<b>hypocritical on the one hand,</b>

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<b>for the EU to speak about renewing </b>

<b>the partnership with Africa,</b>

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<b>and on the other hand, going </b>

<b>back to a very outdated idea -</b>

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<b>- of conditionalities to development cooperation.</b>

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<b>I think it's deeply damaging for the relationship -</b>

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<b>- between the European Union and

Africa, not just on migration policies,</b>

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<b>but in a lot of other fields as well.</b>

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<b>We see it, for example, when </b>

<b>conditionalities on migration -</b>

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<b>- are introduced into the general scheme of preferences,</b>

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<b>which is a trade agreement between </b>

<b>the EU and African states.</b>

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<b>When you put migration into that equation -</b>

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<b>- it comes off as being kind of a double standard.</b>

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<b>I think that's very problematic </b>

<b>in a much broader light -</b>

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<b>- than just on the migration management issue.</b>

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<b>When we spoke a couple of days ago, </b>

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<b>you said that the EU view is very </b>

<b>much about security and control,</b>

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<b>and the African view is much more about opportunities -</b>

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<b>- and collaborations and so on.</b>

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<b>Exactly. And you can see that, for example,</b>

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<b>in the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement,</b>

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<b>which was signed in 2018.</b>

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<b>And it's an agreement that has </b>

<b>a protocol for free movement,</b>

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<b>within the entire continent. </b>

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<b>So there Africa is doing what

the EU did 20, 30 years ago,</b>

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<b>which is saying free movement is a good thing -</b>

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<b>- for spreading out the labour force in a smart way.</b>

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<b>It creates development and it </b>

<b>goes completely counter -</b>

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<b>- to this control narrative of the European perspective.</b>

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<b>Göran?</b>

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<b>No, I'm just adding maybe a </b>

<b>nuance to what you said, Joe.</b>

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<b>I'm a strong believer in the integrity </b>

<b>of official development assistance.</b>

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<b>That it needs to be protected.</b>

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<b>So I'm with you on that.</b>

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<b>But we also should point out that </b>

<b>there are so many relevant,</b>

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<b>and important migration-related issues,</b>

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<b>that can and should be addressed

with official development assistance.</b>

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<b>We have awful human rights issues </b>

<b>coming up along the transit routes.</b>

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<b>We have a global commitment to

support the developing countries -</b>

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<b>- that host the majority of the world's refugees.</b>

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<b>Close to 80% live in the global compact of migration.</b>

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<b>We have committed to </b>

<b>support these countries.</b>

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<b>I think that's perfectly valid.</b>

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<b>Let's use the ODA for these purposes,</b>

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<b>and then let's have a separate debate -</b>

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<b>- whether we should pay Libyan coast </b>

<b>guards, or not, with some other money.</b>

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<b>Yeah.</b>

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<b>The EUTF is going to conclude,</b>

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<b>it's going to be wrapped up next year, 2025.</b>

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<b>And I guess migration is

going to still be a key issue,</b>

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<b>and be very much part

of the politics in the EU.</b>

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<b>But if you all three could

think about the main priorities -</b>

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<b>- for the next phase of migration policy </b>

<b>between the EU and African countries.</b>

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<b>What would you think of?</b>

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<b>I mean, I think I would...</b>

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<b>Like I said earlier, and very much echoing Jesper,</b>

<b> I think there should be a big focus -</b>

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<b>- on actually creating more opportunities </b>

<b>for legal migration.</b>

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<b>Yes, sort of seeing the migration-related</b>

<b> relationship with Africa -</b>

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<b>- as not just being one of control, but also </b>

<b>being one of cooperation and movement.</b>

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<b>I think it's astounding how -</b>

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<b>- even as the idea of the triple win, </b>

<b>or migration for development,</b>

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<b>is really becoming part of the

standard dialogue in a lot of places.</b>

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<b>When it comes to the EU and Africa, that just</b>

<b> does not really seem to be the message.</b>

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<b>And I think that would be </b>

<b>an important part of that.</b>

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<b>What are your thoughts?</b>

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<b>Yeah, I would echo that.</b>

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<b>And I think it won't be less politically problematic</b>

<b> in five years' time than it is now.</b>

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<b>But I was thinking

about the gentleman who</b>

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<b>presented the World Bank's annual report -</b>

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<b>- in this room last year.</b>

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<b>And he was speaking in the

midst of the protests in France,</b>

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<b>against the raising of the </b>

<b>pension age in France.</b>

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<b>And he was saying: "The message I have </b>

<b>given to the French government is -</b>

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<b>you have no easy choices. You can </b>

<b>either increase the pension age -</b>

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<b>- with an additional four years, </b>

<b>or you can add 400,000 workers -</b>

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<b>to your labour force within the next five years."</b>

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<b>So those are two tricky questions.</b>

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<b>You can't avoid them, but you need </b>

<b>to deal with at least one of them.</b>

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<b>So I think it's about acknowledging

that these are difficult political decisions,</b>

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<b>but you can't escape them, and it's </b>

<b>in European interests to do so as well.</b>

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<b>So I think that's the first point.</b>

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<b>But there's also a deeper structural point -</b>

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<b>- that I think needs to be talked about more.</b>

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<b>And I'm thinking about the work of

the development economist Paul Collier,</b>

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<b>who did a study of the health sector,</b>

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<b>the way the Ghanaian and British

health sectors complement each other.</b>

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<b>So he showed that in Ghana -</b>

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<b>- the formal education system educates </b>

<b>twice the number of doctors that Ghana -</b>

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<b>- needs for its domestic labour market.</b>

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<b>Because there is a long-standing</b>

<b> informal arrangement -</b>

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<b>- that Ghanaian doctors

go to Great Britain to work.</b>

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<b>Which means that Ghana,

a relatively poor country,</b>

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<b>not the poorest, but a relatively poor country,</b>

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<b>is spending its public funds on educating doctors -</b>

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<b>- for the labour market in Great Britain.</b>

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<b>So there's a structural question about -</b>

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<b>- these kinds of informal labour arrangements,</b>

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<b>that are actually in the interest of both </b>

<b>parties to make them more just.</b>

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<b>If that is the way labour </b>

<b>distribution works in the world,</b>

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<b>then Great Britain should pay a larger </b>

<b>part of educating doctors in Ghana.</b>

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<b>And there could be parallels in other sectors.</b>

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<b>Germany is experimenting with construction workers -</b>

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<b>being trained in West Africa, </b>

<b>for example, to work in Germany.</b>

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<b>So I think there's a

deeper structural point -</b>

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<b>- about how to make a more just and </b>

<b>formalised distribution of labour in the world, </b>

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<b>than we are seeing right now.</b>

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<b>Interesting take. Göran.</b>

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<b>I had four points. Number one, play by the rules.</b>

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<b>Don't call it ODA if it's not ODA.</b>

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<b>I think that's important for a number </b>

<b>of reasons beyond this discussion.</b>

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<b>I think we should be guided by </b>

<b>the UN Compact on Migration.</b>

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<b>It has a broad consensus around it,</b>

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<b>signed by developing countries as well.</b>

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<b>So that is about burden sharing,</b>

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<b> for the countries who host the

largest number of refugees,</b>

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<b>support to countries in managing migration,</b>

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<b>and a strong push to protect human </b>

<b>rights along these transit routes -</b>

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<b>- where we see atrocities happening.</b>

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<b>Number three, that would be

to listen to the partner countries.</b>

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<b>I think it's pointed out in your report, </b>

<b>but we haven't discussed it.</b>

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<b>It's hard to make these things work,</b>

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<b>if they don't resonate with what people </b>

<b>actually want on the other side.</b>

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<b>And four, I come back to that, </b>

<b>conflict prevention.</b>

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<b>That is a root cause for forced migration.</b>

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<b>And to the extent we can do

good things to prevent conflicts,</b>

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<b>call it migration-related or not.</b>

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<b>But that's probably the best thing </b>

<b>you can do for mankind right now.</b>

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<b>Sounds like a good thing for the world.</b>

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<b>Mankind.</b>

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<b>Do we have any online questions? I'm curious.</b>

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<b>We're going to open up the room as well.</b>

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<b>We have a very active online audience.</b>

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<b>I guess so.</b>

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<b>The first question ties into your third point Göran,</b>

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<b>on alternative ways of working on migration governance -</b>

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<b>- on equal grounds and with partners in Africa.</b>

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<b>How that could be done, if the </b>

<b>panel has any thoughts on that.</b>

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<b>I think you have to sit down

and discuss with the countries,</b>

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<b>to find the common ground.</b>

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<b>So if in Ethiopia the big problem is actually the</b>

<b> transit route via Yemen to Saudi Arabia, </b>

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<b>which has tremendous problems.</b>

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<b>And the Ethiopians are returned from </b>

<b>Saudi Arabia, and from Yemen,</b>

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<b>with rapes and being forcibly recruited and so on.</b>

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<b>You have to listen to Ethiopia and </b>

<b>if that is their main problem,</b>

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<b>that's what we should support Ethiopia with.</b>

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<b>So that's one thing.</b>

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<b>Yes.</b>

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<b>I agree. And in that kind of a dialogue -</b>

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<b>- it's really important to be much </b>

<b>clearer on terminology.</b>

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<b>I think there's this constant slippage </b>

<b>between forced migration,</b>

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<b>irregular migration, migration just in general.</b>

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<b>And those are very different things.</b>

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<b>If you're talking to the African Union, for example,</b>

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<b>a migration discussion will mainly be </b>

<b>about unproblematic labour migration,</b>

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<b>across borders often within the sub-region,</b>

<b> which is where most African migrants go.</b>

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<b>If you confuse that issue with </b>

<b>abuse along particular routes,</b>

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<b>of irregular migrants, then you won't get very far.</b>

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<b>In any other policy field that would be absurd.</b>

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<b>Take education, for example.</b>

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<b>If you're talking about kindergarten </b>

<b>and university and skills training,</b>

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<b>and everything in between in the same conversation,</b>

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<b>it doesn't really make sense.</b>

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<b>So there's a need to be much </b>

<b>more precise on terminology.</b>

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<b>And maybe I can add

very briefly to that too.</b>

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<b>And I think the terminology gets </b>

<b>even more complicated -</b>

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<b>- because legal migration is

not necessarily safe migration.</b>

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<b>The Rwandan workers going to Saudi Arabia -</b>

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<b>- were going there with MOU, with all the</b>

<b> frameworks in place and becoming abused.</b>

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<b>So the idea that there's either </b>

<b>irregular, smuggled migration,</b>

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<b>that's dangerous or safe.</b>

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<b>There's always so many different </b>

<b>interactions between these concepts.</b>

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<b>Great. We're going to open up the floor.</b>

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<b>And we're going to have more questions </b>

<b>online, from the audience there.</b>

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<b>Just a reminder, as

I said in the beginning -</b>

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<b>- we are recording this seminar.</b>

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<b>So if you ask a question, your voice,</b>

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<b>maybe the back of yourself will be visible -</b>

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<b>- and featured in the recording, </b>

<b>just to your knowledge.</b>

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<b>So here's one hand at least,

in the air, a little bit further down.</b>

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<b>If you ask a question, please </b>

<b>make a short presentation.</b>

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<b>Very short, just who you are </b>

<b>and where you come from.</b>

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<b>Thank you for a great presentation, </b>

<b>comments and discussion.</b>

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<b>My name is Shervin Shahnavaz. </b>

<b>I'm from Karolinska Institutet.</b>

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<b>My question is,</b>

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<b>to add to Görans point...</b>

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<b>climate change and migration related to climate change.</b>

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<b>And does the EUTF

address that at any point?</b>

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<b>And what are your thoughts about that? </b>

<b>Thank you.</b>

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<b>Thank you. Does the EUTF address climate change?</b>

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<b>That was a good question.</b>

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<b>Not that I remember, but again, there were 248 projects.</b>

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<b>I don't recall any that specifically focused -</b>

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<b>- on climate change-related migration.</b>

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<b>But I can't be certain in this answer.</b>

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<b>Interesting link.</b>

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<b>I think the projects called "Resilience" -</b>

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<b>- probably could qualify as climate </b>

<b>adaptation in a few cases.</b>

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<b>And that's a valid objective and so on.</b>

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<b>I think the problem in relation to climate change -</b>

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<b>- might be that one of the elements </b>

<b>of adaptation is actually to migrate,</b>

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<b>because you can't live anymore in the place where you are.</b>

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<b>So you have to move somewhere.</b>

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<b>So the migration within Sahel, within West Africa,</b>

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<b>is quite important as an adaptation.</b>

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<b>And if the projects are managed

in a way where you close down,</b>

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<b>also these legal or informal routes </b>

<b>which have existed for a long time, </b>

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<b>then you do a lot of damage.</b>

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<b>Super. Anything to add, Jesper?</b>

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<b>No, great point.</b>

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<b>It's also interesting when a topic is so isolated,</b>

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<b>because there's so much that goes into migration,</b>

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<b> for example climate change and so on.</b>

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<b>Do you have any more questions in the room?</b>

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<b>There's one over there.</b>

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<b>Let's see if we can get the mic going.</b>

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<b>Hi, thank you. My name is Benjamin.</b>

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<b>I work for Save

the Children as EU advisor.</b>

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<b>And I happen to have worked </b>

<b>at the European Commission,</b>

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<b>in the European Trust Fund team.</b>

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<b>I was one of those people who selected that logo -</b>

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<b>- that you very rightfully commented on.</b>

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<b>Still, I think it's quite a nice logo, </b>

<b>but that's another central question.</b>

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<b>Congratulations to

your work and your research.</b>

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<b>I can now freely say that access to </b>

<b>information in the Commission -</b>

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<b>- is a real challenge, especially in the Trust Fund.</b>

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<b>And I can also say that there </b>

<b>has been a lot of difficulties -</b>

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<b>- to match the political goals of the EU Trust Fund </b>

<b>and scientific evidence from the partner countries.</b>

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<b>Also the moral dilemmas that came with it.</b>

<b>So congratulations on this.</b>

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<b>My question touches upon several

things that have been said.</b>

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<b>We see maybe a big disconnect </b>

<b>between what you presented,</b>

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<b> the facts or the clues, scientific clues at least.</b>

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<b>What the partner countries probably </b>

<b>want in terms of migration,</b>

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<b>which is that it's an opportunity.</b>

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<b>And the actual political narrative.</b>

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<b>At the EU level, there has recently been several</b>

<b> agreements with northern African countries,</b>

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<b>with ODA resources, if I'm not mistaken,</b>

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<b>which more or less directly relate to </b>

<b>externalising the control of migration.</b>

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<b>It's a broad question, but being an advocacy person -</b>

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<b>- I would like to hear your recommendations.</b>

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<b>How do we get back the facts in the political narrative -</b>

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<b>- and make a more complex discussion on migration?</b>

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<b>Good question.</b>

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<b>How do we convey the complex

facts to the narrative about migration?</b>

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<b>The silence on the stand is telling </b>

<b>that this is a complex matter.</b>

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<b>I was going to ask something along this line.</b>

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<b>There is a narrative. How do we </b>

<b>provide the insights into that?</b>

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<b>Who wants to start? </b>

<b>Jesper, the brave one.</b>

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<b>Well, I don't know. It's just because it's a vague answer.</b>

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<b>But I think there

are two overall strategies.</b>

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<b>One is evasion, the other one is confrontation.</b>

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<b>Evasion would be what you see now,</b>

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<b>policymakers also using other terminology -</b>

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<b>- to avoid the trigger words of migration and immigration.</b>

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<b>Using mobility, but also the EU terminology </b>

<b>around skills, partnerships.</b>

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<b>Which nicely hides the movement aspect a little bit.</b>

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<b>So that would be an evasion strategy,</b>

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<b>to identify trigger words and avoid them.</b>

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<b>I don't personally think it's a very </b>

<b>good strategy in the long run,</b>

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<b>because it reaffirms that there are difficult issues -</b>

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<b>- that we can't discuss openly.</b>

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<b>So the confrontation route will be, for example,</b>

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<b> to bring to the attention of EU parliamentarians -</b>

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<b>- that their constituencies are not as worried</b>

<b> about migration as they may think.</b>

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<b>We are seeing increasingly across </b>

<b>Europe that, let's call it,</b>

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<b>immigration hostile political parties </b>

<b>are coming into government.</b>

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<b>Which should lead to some more accountability -</b>

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<b>- on the way that migration is politicised in Europe.</b>

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<b>There should be an opportunity to hold </b>

<b>that political agenda more accountable.</b>

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<b>And I'm saying that in as non-judging a way as I can.</b>

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<b>To say, "All right, if this is the political logic,</b>

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<b>then now that it's closer to power, to government,</b>

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<b>let's see what that produces and take </b>

<b>that as a direct political discussion."</b>

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<b>So in a way the dominance of </b>

<b>immigration politics in Europe -</b>

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<b>- maybe makes it easier to

take that discussion head-on,</b>

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<b>instead of always trying to evade it.</b>

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<b>But those are very vague answers.</b>

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<b>Yes. Joseph, Göran.</b>

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<b>Would you like to add something to this </b>

<b>complex and important matter?</b>

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<b>Probably EU needs border controls in some form.</b>

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<b>But let's call it border control.</b>

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<b>That would be my very humble point.</b>

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<b>Not to mix it too much with development.</b>

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<b>I don't have any good answers.</b>

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<b>I mean, this is the conversation I have a lot.</b>

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<b>I wonder how time might also change things a little, </b>

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<b>because I think it's really important to point out -</b>

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<b>- that publics are oftentimes a lot more </b>

<b>accepting of migration than we think,</b>

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<b> and than politicians would maybe have us believe.</b>

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<b>But I think it's also really difficult that -</b>

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<b>- even within that category of people </b>

<b>who are skeptical about migration,</b>

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<b>that's also a very undifferentiated category.</b>

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<b>So people sort of like, "Oh, migrants," </b>

<b>as if it's this clumped phenomenon.</b>

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<b>And I wonder if perhaps now, in an era </b>

<b>where Europe has been more restrictive,</b>

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<b>if it becomes easier to start </b>

<b>to talk about more specifics.</b>

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<b>Again, I agree that the sort of skills </b>

<b>partnerships, legal pathways,</b>

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<b>it always feels so technical in a way that </b>

<b>sort of strips out what's happening.</b>

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<b>But maybe there becomes a little bit more room -</b>

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<b>- to talk about those kinds of things.</b>

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<b>Because the visual narrative of migration has</b>

<b> started to change in Europe a little bit.</b>

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<b>Can you allow me just to throw in a short commercial then, </b>

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<b>for a previous Delmi report that was issued last month?</b>

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<b>That was about the migrant

acceptance in Sweden over time,</b>

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<b>exploiting an interesting data set.</b>

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<b>And it hasn't been a drastic shift.</b>

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<b>It's 2023, the latest data point.</b>

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<b>It's about the same as 2019.</b>

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<b>It went up in 2022 during the Ukraine war and </b>

<b>migration, when people became more accepting.</b>

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<b>Overall, a very high level of acceptance </b>

<b>in Sweden and it remains stable.</b>

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<b>So something is going on in the political sphere,</b>

<b>which doesn't fully resonate with what people think.</b>

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<b>Interesting point.

Jesper, before we let in more questions.</b>

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<b>If I can be a little bit polemical, </b>

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<b>I think that the one thing that will really change

things in the European political debate,</b>

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<b>and I know the European debate is diverse,</b>

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<b>is when we reach a point where China is</b>

<b> organising migration from Africa to China,</b>

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<b> to fill gaps in their labour market.</b>

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<b>Then I think European decision-makers will wake</b>

<b> up to the fact that we are falling behind.</b>

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<b>And that again was the message </b>

<b>of the World Bank report.</b>

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<b>If Europe doesn't solve its labour migration</b>

<b> shortage crisis, we will fall behind.</b>

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<b>And I think that might actually change something -</b>

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<b>- and probably inspire politicians to think </b>

<b>less about non-white migrants in Europe,</b>

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<b>and more about the bigger picture.</b>

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<b>Maybe a seminar in the future that will be on that topic.</b>

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<b>And we will end up here again.</b>

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<b>Is there any more questions online?</b>

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<b>Sure. Here's one.</b>

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<b>Do anyone of the panellists or </b>

<b>perhaps anyone in the audience -</b>

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<b>- know what the impact of

EUTF-funded projects have been -</b>

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<b>- on local communities and migrants themselves?</b>

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<b>Are there positive examples?</b>

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<b>Interesting take.</b>

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<b>Impact on local communities.</b>

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<b>Yes, I'm sure there were positive things.</b>

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<b>Because we focused mostly on the monitoring</b>

<b> and evaluation side of things,</b>

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<b>and more on how monitoring and

evaluation is talked about at a process,</b>

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<b>we ended up not looking so

much at results on the ground.</b>

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<b>Just because we couldn't do the kinds </b>

<b>of field work that we wanted to do.</b>

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<b>But across 248 projects and 5 billion euros -</b>

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<b>I'm absolutely sure that some very good things</b>

<b> happened for people on the ground.</b>

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<b>But I can't speak so directly to what those </b>

<b>might be or what those might look like.</b>

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<b>Yes, please.</b>

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<b>I may be getting my funding sources confused, but I</b>

<b> know that the voluntary repatriation programs,</b>

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<b>which I think were also partly funded </b>

<b>by the trust fund, I'm not sure,</b>

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<b>where migrants who have been denied </b>

<b>residency in Europe, for example,</b>

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<b>are assisted in returning to their countries of origin.</b>

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<b>There are examples of these projects </b>

<b>providing some funding to reintegrate,</b>

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<b>and start up a small business or do something back home.</b>

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<b>So it's a small piece of a bigger puzzle,</b>

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<b>but it's not a negative result in and of itself.</b>

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<b>So I guess it's a small positive example.</b>

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<b>We're edging closer to wrap up the seminar,</b>

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<b>but I'm curious if there's any questions on this side.</b>

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<b>We're actually working on this side </b>

<b>when it comes to questions.</b>

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<b>What about you here? Any questions?</b>

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<b>Yes.</b>

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<b>Good.</b>

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<b>Here comes the mic.</b>

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<b>Just balancing out.</b>

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<b>My name is Måns Fellesson from the MFA.</b>

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<b>Thank you very much, Joseph,

for this very interesting report.</b>

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<b>I was trying to place it within the larger context -</b>

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<b>- of the global compact on refugees,</b>

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<b>and the comprehensive refugee </b>

<b>response framework and so on.</b>

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<b>This was taken in 2015.</b>

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<b>So it was one year ahead of the New York</b>

<b> Declaration, and then 2018, the GRF.</b>

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<b>And it's very aligned with it.</b>

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<b>And I worked for a couple of years </b>

<b>with UNHCR in Kenya and Tanzania.</b>

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<b>And to be honest, we had

a hard time with this fund,</b>

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<b>to get them involved in the

projects that we are trying to do.</b>

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<b>It was really trying to implement </b>

<b>the CRRF in Kenya and Tanzania.</b>

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<b>And this was because this fund </b>

<b>was very European-centered.</b>

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<b>So the talk about the fund trying to solve -</b>

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<b>- the displacement issues and

so on, on the African context,</b>

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<b>that's quite relative, I will say.</b>

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<b>You partly responded to

the question on the result, </b>

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<b>although you don't know the results of the projects.</b>

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<b>I'm curious about how many of </b>

<b>these 250-something projects -</b>

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<b>- were actually directed towards </b>

<b>the African migration issue.</b>

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<b>Not in relation to the European interests.</b>

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<b>Thank you so much for the question.</b>

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<b>Super short answers, because we </b>

<b>only have a few minutes left.</b>

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<b>Anyone who wants to?</b>

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<b>I wouldn't be able to answer, just anecdotal evidence.</b>

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<b>Definitely some of them, but fairly few.</b>

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<b>In terms of labor migration, the largest </b>

<b>labor migration movements in Africa -</b>

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<b>- are actually in regions that are not covered by the EUTF.</b>

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<b>And there wasn't really much of a

focus on inter-African labor migration.</b>

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<b>There was the money

that was given to IGAD -</b>

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<b>- as part of creating free movement </b>

<b>within the IGAD region.</b>

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<b>And there were also some limited </b>

<b>projects related to refugee issues.</b>

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<b>But I can't off the top of my head say so much.</b>

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<b>But I guess I would broadly agree.</b>

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<b>I think there was a little bit of </b>

<b>money towards that, but broadly no.</b>

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<b>It was, like you say, more sort of oriented</b>

<b> towards European interests related to this,</b>

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<b> rather than local ones.</b>

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<b>Thank you, Joseph.</b>

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<b>We're going to wrap this

session up in two minutes time.</b>

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<b>But I will give you 20 seconds each,</b>

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<b>based on today's discussion.</b>

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<b>One policy recommendation, in one line,</b>

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<b>you would prioritize for the future </b>

<b>of EU-African migration relations?</b>

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<b>So, one line, one

recommendation for policies.</b>

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<b>Quite a challenge,

but we're slim of time.</b>

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<b>And you're the pros.</b>

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<b>Jesper.</b>

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<b>You know these posters with "take a break </b>

<b>and have a cookie" or something like that?</b>

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<b>I think that Europe should take a step back </b>

<b>and look at migration in a broader light -</b>

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<b>- and abandon the anxieties that

came from the 2015 migration crisis.</b>

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<b>And enact more with the rest of the world,</b>

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<b>in thinking about the role of migration </b>

<b>in relation to development.</b>

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<b>Excellent. Göran. </b>

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<b>I gave my four points. I had one.</b>

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<b>The Swedish government recently

issued a migration strategy for SIDA,</b>

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<b>to work together with other agencies.</b>

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<b>It has plenty of similarities with the objectives</b>

<b> and the set-up of the EUTF, actually.</b>

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<b>And I think there are plenty of </b>

<b>lessons learned from your report,</b>

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<b>from others' reports, from the European </b>

<b>Court of Auditors and others.</b>

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<b>Research has also been funded by EUTF, by the way.</b>

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<b>So, I hope my colleagues in SIDA,

in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs,</b>

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<b>pay attention when this

strategy is to be implemented.</b>

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<b>Excellent. Thank you. Joseph, last word.</b>

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<b>I'd just say, perhaps finally building </b>

<b>on what we talked about,</b>

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<b>just engaging more directly with African countries,</b>

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<b>and not just this sort of unilateral </b>

<b>dimension that we've seen,</b>

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<b>but much more working collaboratively.</b>

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<b>Excellent.</b>

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<b>Last words for today. Thank you all </b>

<b>for the thoughts and the questions -</b>

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<b>- and joining here today. Joining

here in the room and joining online.</b>

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<b>A special thank you, of course, </b>

<b>to panellists, Jesper and Göran,</b>

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<b>for taking your time and coming here.</b>

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<b>And especially, of course, </b>

<b>Joseph Trawicki Anderson,</b>

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<b>for sharing your findings in the research.</b>

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<b>And there will be more

research, I guess, like always.</b>

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<b>Pick up the copy outside the room</b>

<b>when you're exiting, if you're here.</b>

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<b>Download it from Delmi's website.</b>

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<b>View the video if you want to </b>

<b>have the discussion once again,</b>

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<b>or share it with someone else.</b>

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<b>Thank you all for participating here.</b>

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<b>We hope to see you at future events,</b>

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<b>looking at future Delmi research,</b>

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<b>or looking at the previous as well.</b>

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<b>I'm Anders Bjers from the Swedish Research Council,</b>

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<b>wishing you all a pleasant afternoon.</b>

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<b>Bye from Stockholm.</b>