

## News Summary

### **First project for EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa signed today, one month after Valletta Summit on migration**

*Brussels, 18 December 2015* - Today, only one month after the EU- Africa Migration Summit in Valletta, a first project of €20 million has been signed at a ceremony in Brussels attended by EU Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica and Italian Director General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Giampaolo Cantini.

Commissioner Mimica said: *"Today's signing shows that the real work has started. Targeting irregular migration in four regions of Northern and Central Ethiopia, this €20m project will enhance the living conditions of migrants and returnees through vocational training, micro-financing and creation of jobs, with particular support for vulnerable groups such as women and young people. Through these activities the project aims to create conducive conditions for the return and reintegration of Ethiopian migrants in the region."*

Mr Cantini commented: *"Italy has believed in the added value of the Trust Fund since the beginning and has pledged €10 million in Valletta to contribute to its objectives. We are proud to sign the first delegation agreement under this new instrument."*

The project is the first to be signed out of 10 projects with a total budget of €253 million adopted this week by the Trust Fund Operational Committee, all of which will address irregular migration and forced displacement in the Horn of Africa.

#### **For more information:**

[Fact sheet on the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa](#)

[Press release on the launch of the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for Africa](#)

[Press release on the adoption of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa first pipeline of projects](#)

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