



THE EU'S KEY PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA

THE COMMISSION'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEADERS' AGENDA

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THE EU AND AFRICA – KEY PARTNERS

The EU is Africa's main partner. The European Commission and the African Union are working together to tackle the common challenges of today, from investing in youth, fostering sustainable development and strengthening peace and security to boosting investment in the African continent, supporting good governance and better managing migration.

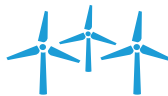
AU-EU SUMMIT, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, 29-30 NOVEMBER 2017

The EU and Africa further strengthened their long standing partnership at the 5th African Union – European Union Summit, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. African and European leaders adopted a political declaration setting out their joint commitment to invest in youth for a sustainable future. Concretely, they committed to focusing their work on four strategic priorities:

1. Mobilising investments for African structural and sustainable transformation;
2. Investing in people through education, science, technology and skills development;
3. Strengthening resilience, peace, security and governance;
4. Managing mobility and migration.



€680 MILLION
SUPPORT TO ENHANCE TRADE
BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE EU
(2014-2016)



18.2 MILLION
PEOPLE GIVEN ACCESS TO
ENERGY THANKS TO
EU SUPPORT



€20 BILLION
IN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE EVERY YEAR
(EU+ MEMBER STATES)

PARTNERS ON FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- The EU is the leading export market for African agricultural and food products.
- The EU is providing €4.2 billion for the period 2014-2020 for actions related to food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture and fisheries in Africa.
- The EU is supporting African countries in integrating their agricultural sectors into the world's trading system, by addressing non-tariff barriers to trade.
- The EU will provide €2.7 billion of grants for sustainable energy projects in Africa.

PROJECTS IN ACTION

CLIMATE ACTION



SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY FINANCE (SUNREF)

This initiative supports local capacities to appraise and finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects offering credit lines to the private sector through the partner country's local banking system, financing a large number of projects in East and West Africa. EU support is composed of technical assistance programmes to project developers, local service providers and the local partner bank and a performance-based investment grant scheme, to provide additional incentives to green investments.

EU contribution:	€ 26.2 million
Total investment amount:	€ 431 million
Planned duration:	2010-2023
Lead financial institution:	Agence Française de Développement
Region:	East and West Africa

CLIMATE ACTION



LAKE VICTORIA WATER AND SANITATION INITIATIVE (WATSAN)

WATSAN is a regional initiative aimed at reversing the environmental deterioration of Lake Victoria and improving the living conditions in its basin. The initiative addresses the three countries sharing the lake coastline — Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania — and aims to provide access to safe drinking water and sanitation for about 3 million people. EU support includes technical assistance and grant support reducing the financial cost to the governments backing the project.

EU contribution:	€ 45 million
Total investment amount:	€ 404 million
Planned duration:	2010-2022
Lead financial institution:	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, European Investment Bank and Agence Française de Développement
Countries:	Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania

PARTNERS IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT TO CREATE JOBS

- Through its new External Investment Plan, the EU will help to attract private investments for sustainable development of up to €44 billion in Africa.
- In 2015, European companies invested €31 billion in African economies, and the total stock of Foreign Direct Investments from the EU in Africa amounted to €294 billion.
- The EU is Africa's biggest trading partner accounting for 34% of African imports and 38% of African exports in 2016.
- The EU is Africa's biggest partner for sustainable energy, with €2.7 billion for Sub-Saharan Africa (2014-2020). And it pays off: 18.2 million people have been given access to energy thanks to EU support.
- The EU and its Member States are the biggest contributors of climate finance to developing countries, having provided €20.2 billion in 2016 alone. A major part of this was benefitting African partners.

EU EXTERNAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The External Investment Plan provides a state of the art framework to improve sustainable investments in Africa and the European Neighbourhood. It will support innovative financial instruments such as guarantees to boost private investment. With an input of €4.1 billion from the EU, it will help mobilise up to €44 billion of private investments. Such investments will mainly be targeted on improving social and economic infrastructure, for example municipal infrastructure and proximity services, on providing support to small and medium-sized enterprises, and on microfinance and job creation projects, in particular for young people.

- **€4.1 billion** from the EU budget
- **€44 billion** from External Investment Plan
- **Total: €88 billion** if the Member States and partners match the EU's contribution



DID YOU KNOW? THANKS TO EU SUPPORT, BETWEEN 2015 AND 2016 ALONE...

- 3,900 km of road were constructed, rehabilitated or maintained in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 540 firms gained access to credit in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 1.5 million people have access to all-season roads in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 410 micro, small and medium enterprises apply sustainable consumption and production practices in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 2,600 kilometres of transmission/distribution lines were built or upgraded in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- 871,000 people were provided with access to sustainable energy services.

PARTNERS TO BOOST KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

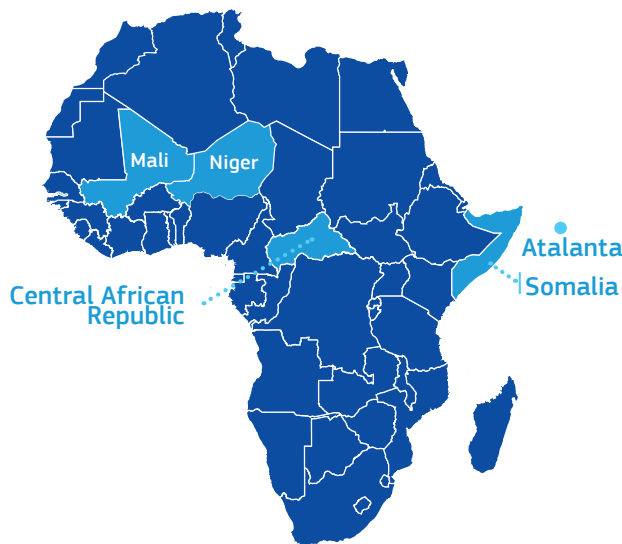
- Africa has the youngest population in the world: 41% under 15 years, 60% under 25 years. The EU is supporting their education and vocational training with €1.34 billion in funding (2014-2020).
- Over 8 million children have been enrolled in primary education and over 160,000 on secondary education as a result of EU programmes (2013-2014).
- 53,000 people in Africa have benefitted from education and vocational training, skills development and other active labour market programmes with EU support between 2014 and 2016.
- 15,400 teachers have been trained thanks to EU support (2015-2016).

PARTNERS TO BETTER MANAGE MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

- Most migration takes place inside Africa: around 16 million African migrants are living in Africa, while 9 million are living in the EU.
- In 2015, €21 billion of remittances from African expatriates in the EU were sent to Africa, representing over a third of all global remittances.
- More than 8 million trips (business and leisure) are made by Europeans to Africa each year.
- The common priority of the EU and Africa is to save lives, fight traffickers, create legal pathways to Europe and create economic opportunities for people on the ground.
- To address root causes through long-term development, the EU and its Member States together provide €20 billion a year in Official Development Assistance to Africa.
- At the AU-EU Summit in Abidjan (29-30 November 2017), European and African leaders addressed the migration situation in Libya, and committed to step up their joint work to ensure the protection of migrants and refugees.
- A joint Task Force was set up by the European Union, the African Union and the United Nations to save and protect lives of migrants and refugees along the routes and in particular inside Libya.

PARTNERS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY

- The EU has supported 14 Peace Support Operations in 18 different countries in Africa.
- The EU has helped to significantly reduce piracy around the Horn of Africa through its military mission EUNAVFOR ATALANTA.
- EU missions in Africa have trained 30,000 military, police and judiciary personnel.
- 192,120 persons directly benefited from EU-supported programmes for civilian post-conflict peace building and conflict prevention (between 2013 and 2014).
- The EU is the leading supporter of the efforts of the G5 Sahel countries to improve security and cross-border cooperation in the region, with commitments totalling [€50 million](#).
- So far, the EU has provided more than €1.3 billion to AMISOM, the African Union mission in Somalia, making it the main contributor.



EU military and civilian missions and operations in Africa

EUCAP Somalia
EUCAP Sahel Mali
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EUNAVFOR Atalanta
EUTM Somalia
EUTM Mali
EUTM Central African Republic

PARTNERS TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNANCE AND RULE OF LAW

- 129 EU election observation missions and election expert missions have been deployed in Africa since 2000. In the last two years, there have been seven EU election observation missions in The Gambia, Kenya, Liberia, Gabon, Zambia, Ghana and Uganda as well as one election experts mission in Somalia.
- 2,930 human rights defenders received EU support from 2013-2014.
- The EU holds annual human rights dialogues with many African partners, discussing joint efforts to boost good governance and the rule of law.