

The Future

The EU-India partnership is tapping into the vast potential for further development. The relationship promises to benefit both sides on a range of important issues long into the future.



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Challenges and opportunities

The relationship between the Republic of India and the European Union (EU) goes back to the earliest days of European integration, with agreements stretching back to the 1960s.

Since 2004, the EU & India have built a solid strategic partnership, which aims to push the global agenda on established and emerging challenges, including climate change and terrorism.

In 2005, the EU & India agreed a landmark Joint Action Plan, revised in 2008, that aims to promote:

- ▶ peace and security;
- ▶ sustainable development;
- ▶ research and technology;
- ▶ people-to-people contacts and cultural exchanges.

Addressing political issues

The EU & India are developing an ever-closer bilateral dialogue on political issues. We agree on the importance of using multilateral institutions, in particular the United Nations, as key to dealing with many global problems.

Promoting Sustainable Development

Through our joint work programme, we are further developing our cooperation in research, environment and energy to address the impacts of climate change. Both sides are actively pushing for a global agreement on this issue.

Ever-growing trade and investment

Over the last five years, EU-India trade has more than doubled and investments have multiplied ten-fold. We are currently negotiating a broad-based Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement, which should maximise business opportunities for companies on both sides.

Bringing people together

Educational exchanges enable increasing numbers of young Indians to study in Europe. Cultural exchanges are also becoming more prominent and are stimulating greater awareness of cultural diversity.

Partners in development

The EU is a long-standing and trusted partner in India's development effort, helping to tackle poverty while improving in particular healthcare and access to good education.

Against the backdrop of India's rapid economic growth, both sides are cooperating in high-tech areas such as civil aviation, solar energy, research on nuclear fusion, and information and communication technologies.

