



EU-MEXICO RELATIONS



EU-Mexico relations have reached a very important moment of opportunities. Mexico is the second-largest country and second economy in Latin America after Brazil. **The EU and Mexico share very strong political, economic, cultural and human ties** and we are working together for an even closer partnership for the benefit of both sides.

POLITICAL RELATIONS, TRADE & DEVELOPMENT

The EU and Mexico are strengthening their partnership based on **common principles and objectives: democracy, resilience, prosperity and good governance**. The frameworks for our work are provided by:

**EU-Mexico Economic Partnership,
Political Coordination and
Cooperation Agreement* (2000)**



**EU-Mexico Strategic
Partnership (2009)**

** currently being modernised*

The EU and Mexico are strategic partners and work side by side as **like-minded partners in multilateral fora** as the United Nations, the World Trade Organisation, the OECD and G20. The EU also works with Mexico also in a bi-regional setting, following the signature of the EU-Pacific Alliance Joint Declaration – the Alliance includes Mexico, Colombia, Peru and Chile.

Main areas for dialogue and cooperation

Governance: rule of law, human rights, access to justice, anti-corruption & citizen security

Social & economic cohesion

The environment, climate change & energy

Education, culture, science & technology

TRADE IN FIGURES



¹ Latest statistics from 2017
² Latest statistics from 2018

Trade relations between the EU and Mexico are governed by the trade pillar of the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement.

The trade agreement has helped triple trade in goods between the EU and Mexico in the last 20 years.

The EU and Mexico are at the **final stages of modernising this agreement** in order to adapt it to the new realities of global trade and investment.

This will create new opportunities for EU and Mexican businesses, farmers and consumers.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION & HUMANITARIAN AID

For the period 2014-2020, the EU committed **around €100 million** in grants, leveraging an additional €40 million from Mexican institutions and close to €1 billion in development bank loans.

EU PROGRAMMES FOCUS ON:

Social cohesion | **€42 million**

Economic innovation and competitiveness | **€18 million**

Culture | **€5,6 million**

Civil society, human rights and democracy | **€10 million**

Energy, environment, health and migration | **€12 million**

ERASMUS+ and EU Research Framework Programmes | **ca €12 million per year**

Other programmes help to leverage loans for sustainable development investments | **€1 billion**

EXAMPLES

**€7
million**

The EU supports the "**El Salvador-Guatemala-Honduras-Mexico Comprehensive Development Plan**" both politically and financially. The EU committed already €7 million for projects related to:



Food security



Job creation



Rural development

...more to come.

**€5.6
million**



Mexico has strengthened its commitment to fight violence against women.

Mexico participates in the **EU-UN "Spotlight Initiative"** against femicide. Together with the EU, the UN, Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The EU co-funds the initiative in Mexico with €5.6 million.



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

In 2017 the EU provided **€558,000 in emergency assistance** to the populations affected by the earthquake in Oaxaca and Guerrero. The EU contributed more than **€3.5 million in assistance** to address urgent humanitarian needs resulting from pervasive organised violence and as integral response to the migration/displacement crisis in Mexico and Central America's "Northern Triangle".