



EU-UN: GLOBAL PARTNERS

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The European Union and the United Nations are natural partners. We are the world's leading proponents and defenders of a **multilateral and rules-based global governance system**.

Together, we respond to global crises, threats and challenges which cannot be addressed by individual nations acting alone, and require **cooperation and coordination based on universal values and rules**.



IN 2021, THE EU AND THE UN ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN MORE THAN 170 COUNTRIES:



Preventing and overcoming crises



Protecting those at risk from war, disease and natural disasters



Supporting non-proliferation and disarmament



Tackling hunger and malnutrition



Building democratic and inclusive societies



Delivering essential services



Helping sustainable economic growth and decent jobs



Combatting climate change



Fighting the coronavirus pandemic

THE EU AND THE UN TOGETHER AGAINST COVID19

- The EU, its Member States and the European financial institutions acting as Team Europe are at the forefront of the global response to the pandemic by assisting those most in need: over **€46 billion** of financial support has been mobilised for partner countries to address the humanitarian, health, social and economic consequences of the crisis.
- The EU will continue to promote global health as a public good in **full support of the World Health Organisation (WHO)** as well as the implementation of the **"One Health"** approach. The EU has joined forces with partners to support prevention, treatments and vaccine research.
- The EU and its Member States are among the largest contributors to **COVAX**, the global collaboration to accelerate the development and delivery of vaccines to low and middle-income countries. They have committed to **COVAX over €3 billion**.
- The EU and its Member States have agreed to mobilise **€1 billion** to help boost manufacturing and access to vaccines, medicines and health technologies in Africa.
- The EU and the UN champion the need to **protect the universality and indivisibility of human rights**, the fundamental values of democracy and the rule of law in the response to the COVID-19 crisis.
- The EU has put its full weight behind the UN Secretary-General's **call for a global ceasefire**.
- The EU is working together with partners to support the UN's "recover better" agenda to set the stage for a **sustainable and green recovery** in line with the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the European Green Deal.
- The European Union and its Member States, for the second year in a row, have spearheaded a resolution at the World Health Assembly on 24-31 May 2021 to **strengthen WHO** preparedness and response to health emergencies.
- The EU is leading the efforts to establish a process for a **WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on Pandemic Preparedness and Response**.

EU FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE UN



The EU and its Member States are the **largest financial donors to the UN** system. They provide almost one quarter of all financial contributions to the UN's funds and programmes, whilst the EU Member States also provide almost one fourth of the UN's regular budget.



The EU is the **largest development donor in the world**; in 2020 it provided over **€66.8 billion** in development assistance, aligned with the UN's 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.



The EU and its Member States are the **largest donor to the WHO**. In 2020, the EU institutions alone provided **€146 million** to the WHO. The EU and its Member States have contributed almost **€500 million** to the WHO for its COVID-19 appeal in support of countries to prepare and respond to coronavirus outbreaks.

ACTING TOGETHER FOR THOSE IN NEED

- Together, the EU and the UN work to eradicate hunger around the world. The EU and its Member States collectively fund **40% of the World Food Programme budget**.
- The EU and the UN work together to **support the people of Syria** and their host communities. At the fifth Brussels Conference on 29-30 March 2021 the international community pledged **€5.3 billion** for 2021 and beyond for Syria and the neighbouring countries hosting the largest Syrian refugee population.
- The EU and the UN work together to **support Venezuelan migrants and refugees** in Latin American countries. At the International Donors' Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants on 17 June 2021, the European Commission pledged **€147 million**, in addition to pledges by EU Member States, for Venezuelan refugees, migrants and host communities.
- The EU and its Member States are the **largest donor to UNRWA**, contributing to about **60% of its overall funding**.
- The EU and its Member States have together **pledged €677 million** at the UN High-level Ministerial meeting **on the Humanitarian situation in Afghanistan** on 13 September 2021.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE

- The EU was a leading player in the negotiation of the 2015 **Paris Agreement on Climate**, and is leading the way on its implementation. The EU has **increased its emission-reduction target to 55% by 2030**. It will be **climate neutral in 2050** in line with the ambition set out in the European Green Deal.
- The EU will continue to encourage others to **raise their climate ambitions**, meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement and other environmental agreements such as the Convention on Biodiversity.
- Through pilot projects in Sudan and Nepal, the EU and the UN are developing **tools to tackle climate-fragility risks** which can be applied in areas such as Lake Chad and the Sahel.
- The EU works together with UNHCR and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to provide guidance on how to best manage **climate-induced displacement**.

UPHOLDING INTERNATIONAL LAW & STANDARDS

- The EU supports the implementation of the UN Secretary General **Call for Action** to advance and protect the human rights of all human beings.
- The EU and its Member States adopted the **Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy 2020 – 2024** with five priorities: protecting and empowering individuals; building resilient, inclusive and democratic societies; promoting a global system for human rights and democracy; harnessing opportunities and addressing challenges of new technologies; delivering by working together.
- The EU is a staunch supporter of the **International Criminal Court** and the Rome Statute and is the Court's main financial contributor. **All EU Member States have ratified the Rome Statute**.

MORE SECURITY FOR ALL

- The EU and the UN work together around the world to prevent conflicts, build sustainable peace and resolve crises, **cooperating closely in peace processes and in peace operations**.
- Together EU Member States **contribute to a quarter of the UN peacekeeping budget**.
- The UN and EU have reinforced their **Strategic Partnership on Crisis Management**. Priorities on peace operations and crisis management for the period from 2019-2021 include women, peace and security, enhancing conflict prevention in the context of missions and operations and strengthening cooperation between the EU and the UN in the field. The process is ongoing to renew the EU-UN priorities for the period 2022-2024.