The European Union and India have upgraded their long-standing relationship to a strategic partnership in 2004, acknowledging their common goals and principles. Nowadays, in a challenging international environment, the EU and India share the same values of democracy, human rights, fundamental freedoms and support the rules-based global order centred on multilateralism.

**WHY THE EU NEEDS TO WORK CLOSER WITH INDIA?**

1. **INDIA, EXPECTED TO BECOME THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, COULD TURN INTO A GLOBAL GROWTH ENGINE, SUPPORTING JOB CREATION AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES.**

2. **BALANCED TRADE BETWEEN THE EU AND INDIA, THE FASTEST-GROWING LARGE ECONOMY, WAS WORTH €115 BILLION IN 2017.**

3. **INDIA IS AN IMPORTANT PARTNER IN IMPLEMENTING THE EU’S STRATEGY ON CONNECTING EUROPE AND ASIA AND ITS SECURITY POLICY ENGAGEMENT IN THE REGION.**

4. **THE EU-INDIA CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING GLOBAL RESOURCE PRESSURE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.**

**HOW THE EU WANTS TO PARTNER WITH INDIA?**

### MODERNISATION
- Investment in India’s sustainable modernisation. New business opportunities.
- Enhanced connectivity and data protection. Sustainable urbanisation.

### CLIMATE CHANGE
- Implementation of the Paris Agreement and adoption of global biodiversity framework in 2020.
- Development of more efficient renewable energy sources.

### TRADE & INVESTMENT
- Balanced, ambitious and mutually beneficial agreements on trade and investment.
- Sound, transparent, non-discriminatory regulatory and business environment in India.

### INNOVATION
- More people-to-people exchanges, utilising societal diversity.
- Cooperation on education and skills, mutual recognition of qualifications, mobility of talent. Innovation initiatives.
HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP?

**REINFORCING COOPERATION ON FOREIGN POLICY**
- Coordinating on the most relevant foreign policy issues.
- Working for stability and security in the overlapping neighbourhoods.
- Engaging India more on sustainable connectivity both at strategic and operational levels.

**DEVELOPING SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION**
- Fighting terrorism and radicalisation.
- Exchanging expertise on maritime and cyber security, non-proliferation / disarmament and hybrid threats.
- Military relations via personnel exchanges and trainings.

**PROMOTING EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM**
- Promoting the rules-based global order and trading system.
- Working on strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive global growth.

**BUILDING ON COMMON VALUES AND OBJECTIVES**
- Promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, human rights and democracy, and the inclusion of young people.
- Coordinating on humanitarian and disaster relief operations.
- Delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030.

WHAT THE EU IS DOING WITH INDIA?

- The EIB has invested **€2.5 billion** in infrastructure, energy and climate projects.
- **6,000 EU companies** created.
- **€73 billion**.
- **€6 million** jobs in India.
- **1.2 million** direct employment.
- **50,000** students from India every year.
- **5 million** indirect employment.
- Receives almost