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?**

- **INDIA, EXPECTED TO BECOME THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, COULD TURN INTO A GLOBAL GROWTH ENGINE, SUPPORTING JOB CREATION AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES.**
- **BALANCED TRADE BETWEEN THE EU AND INDIA, THE FASTEST-GROWING LARGE ECONOMY, WAS WORTH €115 BILLION IN 2017.**
- **INDIA IS AN IMPORTANT PARTNER IN IMPLEMENTING THE EU’S STRATEGY ON CONNECTING EUROPE AND ASIA AND ITS SECURITY POLICY ENGAGEMENT IN THE REGION.**
- **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.
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.

PROMOTING EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM

> Promoting the rules-based global order and trading system.
> Working on strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive global growth.

WHAT IS THE EU DOING WITH INDIA?

THE EIB HAS INVESTED €2.5 billion in infrastructure, renewable energy and climate projects

is one of the largest investors in India

€73 billion

6,000 EU COMPANIES created

6 million jobs in India

1.2 million DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

receives almost

50,000 STUDENTS from India every year

5 million INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

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.

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.

HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP?

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