



EUROPEAN UNION

# THE EU-UN PARTNERSHIP

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



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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 which require **cooperation and coordination based on universal values and rules**.



**In 2018, the EU and the UN are working together in more than 170 countries:**



Defending human rights;



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;

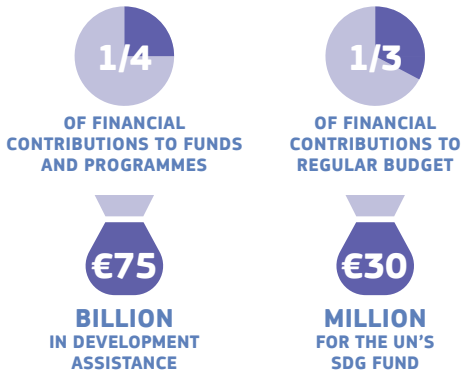


Combatting climate change;



Aiding sustainable management of natural resources.

## 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 third of the UN's regular budget**.

The EU is the largest development donor in the world; in 2017 it **provided over €75 billion in development assistance**, aligned with the UN's 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals. In addition, the EU has pledged **€30 million for the UN's 2030 Agenda Fund**.

## MORE SECURITY FOR ALL



- The EU and the UN work together around the world to prevent conflicts, to preserve peace and resolve crises, cooperating closely in peace processes and in peace operations.
- EU Member States are the **largest contributor to the UN's peacekeeping budget**, providing **almost 32% of it in 2017**.
- The UN and EU 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.

## UPHOLDING INTERNATIONAL LAW & STANDARDS



- The EU is an active supporter of the UN's work to **promote and protect universal human rights**. The EU spearheads several initiatives in this field, most recently the "Good Human Rights Stories" initiative launched in September 2018.
- The EU and the UN jointly launched the "Spotlight" Initiative in 2017, targeting violence against women and girls worldwide. The EU has contributed €500 million worth of funding.
- The EU is marking the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights with an international campaign to promote its achievements.
- 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** and we are committed to promote its universality and integrity.

## 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.
- 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 to provide guidance on how best to **manage climate-induced displacement**.

## ACTING TOGETHER FOR THOSE IN NEED



- The **EU and UN work together to preserve life and alleviate suffering** in the face of natural humanitarian disasters. Our response goes from life-saving medical equipment and high-tech satellite imagery to reconciliation and mediation support.
- The International Conferences on Syria in 2017 and 2018 raised **€6.2 billion in humanitarian aid for Syrians** and hosting communities, with 77% coming from the EU).
- Through the “Madad Fund”, UNICEF and the EU provide Syrian youth with access to education, protection against harm, psychological support and a say in their own future.
- The EU and the UN’s cooperation with the African Union helped close to **30,000 people stranded in Libya to return voluntarily to their homes**, and **evacuated more than 1,850 people** in need of international protection since November 2017.
- Together, the EU and the UN are trying to eradicate hunger around the world. The **World Food Programme** is the UN entity having received most **EU funds**, with **over €980 million in 2017** alone.