



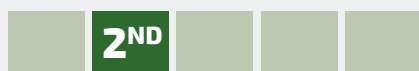
EU-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

The EU's bilateral relations with Pakistan are guided by the **EU-Pakistan Strategic Engagement Plan, signed in June 2019, and by the 2004 Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development**. The Strategic Engagement Plan provides a comprehensive political framework in the areas of peace and security, democracy, the rule of law, good governance and human rights, migration and mobility, trade and investment, sustainable development, education and culture, and science and technology.

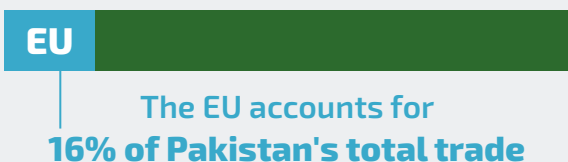
ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY

TRADE PARTNERS:

The EU is Pakistan's 2nd largest trading partner



PAKISTAN'S TRADE:



The EU expects steady progress in Pakistan's implementation of its commitments under the GSP+ preferential trade regime and encourages a further diversification of bilateral trade. Improved transparency of the business climate could further increase EU investments in Pakistan.

PROMOTING DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS



The 2018 EU Election Observation Mission was the fourth consecutive such mission from the EU to Pakistan. Its recommendations will contribute to the overall improvement of the legal framework for elections and the consolidation of democracy in Pakistan.



The EU looks to work with all stakeholders in Pakistan to strengthen the rule of law and to promote and protect human rights, including freedom of expression and media, freedom of religion and women's rights. The EU's preferential trade regime with Pakistan, GSP+, directly promotes human rights and labour rights as well as good governance standards and environmental protection. At the multilateral level, the EU and Pakistan constructively cooperate in the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION

PAKISTAN IS A KEY PLAYER IN REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.

ONGOING EU – PAKISTAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION INCLUDES ANNUAL DIALOGUES ON:



COUNTERTERRORISM



**NON-PROLIFERATION AND
DISARMAMENT**



**MILITARY – TO – MILITARY
TALKS**



Pakistan has long hosted and supported millions of Afghan nationals, and the EU advocates for a sustainable approach for their return, aiming at a predictable, safe, orderly and dignified process, in line with international commitments and human rights standards, and also allowing for their proper reintegration in Afghanistan.

PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS



7,700
new visas were issued
for students in 2017



+ 20%
of visas more for
students every year



Pakistan has for years been among the top ten partner countries benefitting from **Erasmus Mundus exchanges**

EU'S SUPPORT LEADING TO CONCRETE RESULTS

Since 1991, the EU has provided **€1.3 billion** in cooperation assistance to support Pakistan in the fight against poverty and to contribute towards sustainable growth. For the 2014-2020 period, the amount available for bilateral cooperation with Pakistan is **€603 million**, focussing on three key sectors:



**RURAL
DEVELOPMENT**



**RULE OF LAW AND
HUMAN RIGHTS**



**EDUCATION AND
VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

▶ THE EU'S ENGAGEMENT IN PAKISTAN IS HELPING



45 million

of Pakistan's poorest
out of poverty



> than 4.5 million

children and pregnant and lactating
women and children to receive
nutrition support **for the
period 2019-2021**



rural populations to benefit
from specific support
programmes (**€180 million**
provided via national
non-profit organisations)

37

police stations
now have specific contact
points for women



young people
to have access to
1,200 enhanced,
standardised
training courses



225,000

people in Pakistan to benefit
from technical and vocational
educational training
(**€132 million** provided)