



European Commission



STATE OF THE UNION 2017

THE EU'S KEY PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA



'Solidarity cannot be exclusively intra-European. We must also show solidarity with Africa. Africa is a noble and young continent, the cradle of humanity. Our €2.7 billion EU-Africa Trust Fund is creating employment opportunities across the continent.'

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 13 September 2017

The EU is Africa's main partner. The European Commission and Africa are working together to tackle the common challenges of today, from fostering sustainable development and strengthening peace and security to boosting investment in the African continent and better managing migration. Under President Juncker's leadership, the Commission has added new innovative tools on top of its traditional cooperation instruments, bringing EU cooperation with Africa to a new level.

On 29/30 November the EU and Africa will further strengthen their partnership at the **5th African Union – European Union Summit**, due to take place in Ivory Coast.

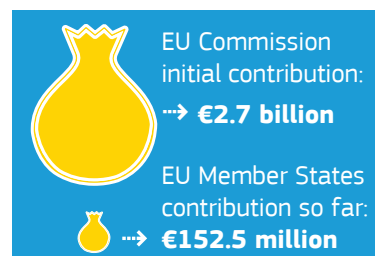


THE EU: AFRICA'S BIGGEST GLOBAL INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

The EU is the biggest world development and humanitarian aid donor. The EU's assistance is not about charity but a concrete investment in people and in our mutual interest. The European Commission alone will provide €31 billion in Official Development Assistance to Africa between 2014-2020. This funding is helping to boost Africa's economy to give youth a chance to build a future, to ensure food security and access to energy, and to anchor good governance and respect of human rights. For example through EU development support, over 18 million people have been given access to energy in Africa.

EU EMERGENCY TRUST FUND FOR AFRICA

In his 2015 State of the Union Address, President Juncker announced the launch of this special fund to tackle the root causes of instability and irregular migration by promoting economic and employment opportunities, security and development. Two years later, the €2.9 billion Trust Fund for Africa is up and running, with a total of 117 programmes so far with a focus on economic development, job creation, governance, food security healthcare, and migration management. President Juncker has called on Member States to match the €2.7 billion contribution from the EU budget; but so far they have only pledged €227.7 million and contributed €152.5 million. The Commission has put the funding on the table. It is now time for Member States to do the same.



Donor	Contributions pledged (EUR)	Contributions received (EUR)
Austria	3,000,000	3,000,000
Belgium	10,000,000	6,000,000
Bulgaria	50,000	50,000
Czech Republic	740,000	740,000
Denmark	6,001,920	6,001,920
Estonia	1,450,000	1,450,000
Finland	5,000,000	5,000,000
France	3,000,000	3,000,000
Germany	51,000,000	13,000,000
Hungary	700,000	700,000
Ireland	3,000,000	1,200,000
Italy	92,000,000	82,000,000

Donor	Contributions pledged (EUR)	Contributions received (EUR)
Latvia	50,000	50,000
Lithuania	50,000	50,000
Luxembourg	3,100,000	3,100,000
Malta	250,000	100,000
Netherlands	16,362,000	13,362,000
Poland	1,100,000	1,100,000
Portugal	450,000	450,000
Romania	100,000	100,000
Slovakia	600,000	600,000
Slovenia	50,000	50,000
Spain	3,000,000	3,000,000
Sweden	3,000,000	3,000,000

EXTERNAL INVESTMENT PLAN

The External Investment Plan provides a state of the art new framework to improve investment in Africa and the European Neighbourhood. With an input of €4.1 billion from the EU budget and the European Development Fund, the External Investment Plan will support innovative guarantees and similar instruments to boost private investment, enabling the "External Investment Plan to mobilise up to €44 billion of investments. If Member States and other partners match the EU's contribution, €88 billion could be unlocked. Investments will mainly be targeted on improving social and economic infrastructure, for example municipal infrastructure and proximity services, on providing support to Small and Medium-sized enterprises, and on microfinance and job creation projects, in particular for young people.

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- **€44 billion** from External Investment Plan
- Total: **€88 billion** if the Member States and partners match the EU's contribution



SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY FINANCE (SUNREF)

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This initiative supports local capacities to appraise and finance energy efficiency and renewable energy projects offering credit lines to the private sector through the partner country's local banking system, financing a large number of projects in East and West Africa. EU support is composed of technical assistance programmes to project developers, local service providers and the local partner bank and a performance-based investment grant scheme, to provide additional incentives to green investments.

EU contribution:	€ 26.2 million
Total investment amount:	€ 431 million
Planned duration:	2010-2023
Lead financial institution:	Agence Française de Développement
Region:	East and West Africa



LAKE VICTORIA WATER AND SANITATION INITIATIVE (WATSAN)

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WATSAN is a regional initiative aimed at reversing the environmental deterioration of Lake Victoria and improving the living conditions in its basin. The initiative addresses the three countries sharing the lake coastline — Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania — and aims to provide access to safe drinking water and sanitation for about 3 million people. EU support includes technical assistance and grant support reducing the financial cost to the governments backing the project.

EU contribution:	€ 45 million
Total investment amount:	€ 404 million
Planned duration:	2010-2022
Lead financial institution:	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, European Investment Bank and Agence Française de Développement
Countries:	Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania

SUPPORTING YOUTH

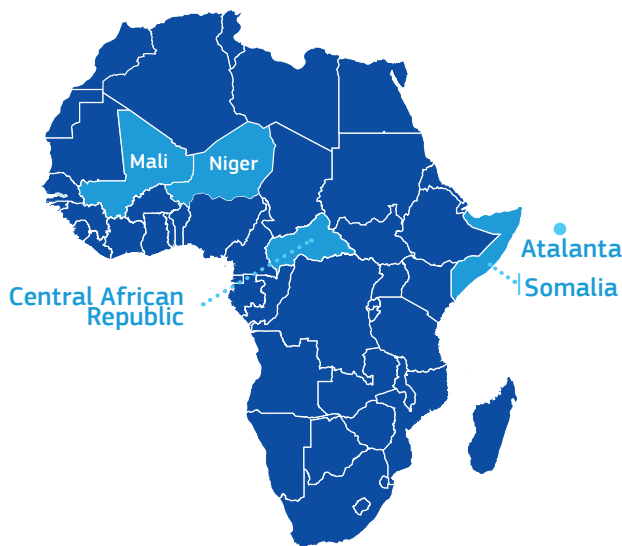
In its cooperation with African partners, the European Union puts great emphasis on empowering and supporting youth. This includes:

- Youth programmes in bilateral and regional cooperation.
- The Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme supporting higher education cooperation between countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP). The aim is to increase training and qualification of high-level professionals, with the ultimate goal of promoting sustainable development and alleviating poverty.

For example, the project 'Young People Across Borders, Cultures and Diversities' aims to promote solidarity and tolerance among young people at both European and international level.

EU SUPPORT TO PEACE AND STABILITY

Seven EU Common Security and Defence Policy operations and missions are deployed on the African continent to support Africa in keeping peace, preventing conflicts, supporting the rule of law, fighting piracy and human trafficking.



EU military and civilian missions and operations in Africa

- EUCAP Somalia
- EUCAP Sahel Mali
- EUCAP Sahel Niger
- EUNAVFOR MED Atalanta
- EUTM Somalia
- EUTM Mali
- EUTM Central African Republic