



LEBANON

Southern Neighbourhood



Key milestones

APRIL 2006

The EU-Lebanon **Association Agreement** entered into force

NOVEMBER 2016

Adoption of the EU-Lebanon **Partnership Priorities** for 2016-2020 and **Compact** to address the consequences of the Syrian crisis

DECEMBER 2020

Adoption of the **Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF)** together with UN and World Bank

MAY 2024

Financial assistance package of **€1 billion for 2024 to 2027**



EU-Lebanon Partnership priorities



Security and Counter-terrorism



Governance and Rule of Law



Migration and Mobility



Fostering Growth and Job opportunities



Trade & investment

In 2022, EU-Lebanon two-way trade in goods amounted to **€6.26 billion**. The EU is Lebanon's first trading partner, accounting for 28.4% of its total trade in goods in 2022, 32% of its imports and 12.4% of its exports.



Mobility

Around **4,198** Lebanese students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and **2,185** European counterparts travelled to Lebanon between 2015 and 2023.



EU funding and programmes

The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)** is the main instrument for the EU's cooperation and development with Lebanon for the period 2021-2027. From 2021 to 2023, overall assistance to the country amounted to **€570.5 million**:

- **The EU bilateral allocation** during this period amounted to **€161 million** in support of good governance and reforms, inclusive and resilient economy, and green and sustainable recovery.
- **In response to the Syrian crisis**, EU support to Lebanon amounted to **€384.5 million** from 2021 to 2023. It aims to ensure access to basic services: education, health, water and sanitation and social protection benefiting all, refugees from Syria and host communities.
- Due to the impact of Russia's war against Ukraine, the EU allocated **€25 million** to Lebanon in 2022 via the **EU Food and Resilience Facility** to reduce socio-economic insecurity of the most vulnerable segment of the population.
- In addition, Lebanon benefitted from the **European Peace Facility** with an amount of **€6 million** in 2023.
- Lebanon also benefits from other EU programmes and instruments, such as the **Human Rights and Democracy** instrument, with EUR 6.95 million and EUR 2 M for the **Support to Civil Society** programme, for the period 2021-2024.
- Regarding Palestine refugees, the EU contributes to the central budget of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and support projects in Lebanon.



EU response to challenges & crises

- Out of the **more than €3 billion** that the EU has provided to Lebanon since the beginning of the Syrian crisis in 2011, **€2.6 billion** has been provided **in response to the Syrian crisis** to refugees from Syria and vulnerable Lebanese.
- After the 4 August 2020 Beirut Port Blast, the EU has developed with the **UN and World Bank the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF)** that bridges the immediate humanitarian assistance with medium-term recovery and reconstruction and is contributing to its implementation.
- Lebanon is the neighbouring country most affected by the Israel-Hamas war. In the **southern part of the country**, more than 90,000 people are displaced and face economic losses. In this context, the EU is adapting its ongoing support and ensures, for instance, the continuity of health services for the populations affected.