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Southern Neighbourhood



Key milestones

- MARCH 2000**
The EU-Morocco Association Agreement entered into force
- OCTOBER 2008**
The EU grants Morocco the Advanced Status within the European Neighbourhood Policy providing a roadmap for the progressive alignment of Morocco to the EU's common rights and obligations (EU *acquis*)
- MARCH 2013**
Negotiations launched and ongoing for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Morocco
- JUNE 2013**
The EU and Morocco signed a Joint Declaration on a Mobility Partnership
- JUNE 2019**
Adoption of a Joint Declaration to give a new impetus to the strategic, multidimensional and privileged EU-Morocco relationship
- OCTOBER 2022**
Signature of the EU-Morocco Green Partnership

Source: EU Data



EU-Morocco Partnership priorities



Convergence of values, economic and social cohesion



Enhanced cooperation on security



Cooperation in the field of the environment and the fight against climate change



Cooperation in the field of mobility of migrants



Trade & investment

- The EU is Morocco's main trading partner and Morocco is the EU's biggest trade partner among the Southern Neighbourhood countries, with 25% of total EU trade in goods with the region. In 2021, almost half (49%) of Morocco's total imports are from the EU, while 59% of Morocco's total exports was towards the EU. Total trade in goods between the EU and Morocco reached €44 billion.
- The EU is also the biggest foreign investor in Morocco, accounting for more than half of the country's FDI stock.



Mobility

Around 6,000 Moroccan students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and 3,400 European counterparts travelled to Morocco between 2015 and 2022.



EU funding

- The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI-GE)** is the main instrument for EU's cooperation with external partners, including Morocco, for the period 2021-2027. EU bilateral indicative allocation to Morocco for this period amounts to **€1.6 billion** in grants and will be complemented by other regional and thematic programmes as well as funding in the forms of loans and guarantees. In the previous 2014- 2020 period, Morocco benefitted from €1.4 billion under the former European Neighbourhood Instrument.
- Projects under the North of Africa window of the **EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF Africa)** have been developed in Morocco for a total amount of **€214 million** to enhance the response to migration challenges and support the implementation of the Moroccan strategy on migration and asylum.
- The EU is supporting the promotion of Human Rights and democracy in Morocco. Since 2011, about **€22 million** of grants have been provided to civil society organisations to support concrete projects in Morocco, in particular through the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)** and the Thematic programmes for **Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities (CSO-LA)**.



EU support to socio economic recovery, food security and sustainability in Morocco

In 2021, the EU launched the **Economic and Investment Plan for the Southern Neighbours** to support human development, strengthen resilience, build prosperity and increase trade and investments in the region. In Morocco, the EU allocated more than **€500 million** in 2021-2022 for concrete investments in higher education (€46 million), inclusive economies (€191 million), energy transition (€50 million) and sustainable agriculture (€115 million).

Under the recently signed **Green Partnership**, the EU and Morocco will work together on three main thematic axes: climate and energy; the environment including marine and maritime issues; and the green economy. The the two first programmes worth €165 million will support green energy development and the ecological, inclusive and innovative development of Morocco's agricultural and forestry sectors.



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