



EGYPT

Southern Neighbourhood



EU-Egypt Partnership priorities



Poverty alleviation, local socio-economic development and social protection



Business environment, governance and transparency



Quality of life and environment



EU funding

- The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe (NDICI)** is the main instrument for EU's cooperation with external partners, including Egypt, in 2021-2027. EU bilateral indicative allocation (grants) to Egypt for 2021-2024 amounts to **€240 million**. NDICI funds will be channelled to support green and sustainable development, human development, economic resilience and prosperity building through green and digital transition, social cohesion and rule of law.
- During the period 2014-2020, the EU provided support to Egypt mainly through the **European Neighbourhood Instrument** with **€756 million** to assist in advancing the socio-economic goals set out in Egypt's «Sustainable Development Strategy – Vision 2030» (economic modernisation and entrepreneurship, trade and investment, social development and justice, energy security, environment and climate action).
- Egypt benefited from the **Neighbourhood Investment Platform**, which leveraged **€7 billion** in investments since 2008 for projects in the sectors of renewable energy, energy efficiency, irrigation, water and wastewater management, transport, financial inclusion, education, and in support of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Projects under the North of Africa window of the **EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa (EUTF Africa)** have been developed in Egypt for an amount of **€91 million**, including a €60 million package to enhance the response to migration challenges (Enhancing the Response to Migration Challenges in Egypt-ERMCE) and € 31 million for regional actions (security, labour mobility, asylum, children and family refugees). The EU will continue to support Egypt in hosting migrants, managing its borders and ensuring smooth return and reintegration processes under the new NDICI instrument.
- In addition, Egypt benefited from the EU thematic programmes and instruments, such as the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights**, the Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities programme under the **Development Cooperation Instrument**, the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) and **Horizon 2020** for a total of over **€23.5 million** in 2014-2020.



Food crisis response

In order to mitigate the impact of Russia's **war in Ukraine**, the European Commission has allocated **€100 million** to Egypt from the "**Food and Resilience Facility**", a mechanism created to mitigate the impact of the war in Ukraine on EU partner countries. This new support will address the consequences of rising food and energy prices in the region, focusing on the most vulnerable population in Egypt.



COVID-19 crisis response

The EU reacted fast and responded to the urgent needs of Egypt and its citizens. As part of Team Europe, the EU mobilised a tailor-made response package of over **€265 million**, to support health related needs, such as personal protective equipment for health workers, and socio-economic recovery. In addition to this, Egypt benefited from the EUTF Africa **€10 million** regional emergency response programme to Covid-19 in North Africa. Targeted assistance is provided to vulnerable migrants and refugees, also by supporting Egyptian institutions and civil society organisations. Egypt receives vaccines through the COVAX Facility, **supported by Team Europe, and bilaterally from EU Member States**.

Key milestones

JUNE 2001

Signature of the EU-Egypt Association Agreement

JULY 2004

The Association Agreement entered into force

JULY 2017

Adoption of the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities for 2017-2020



Trade & investment

The EU is Egypt's main trading partner. In 2021, EU share in Egypt's total imports was **24.7%**, while the EU share of Egypt's exports was **29.6%**.

- In 2021, the EU-Egypt two-way trade in goods amounted to €30.6 billion.
- In 2019, trade in services between the EU and Egypt amounted to €10.9 billion.
- In 2019, EU Foreign Direct Investments stocks in Egypt amounted to €38.8 billion and Egyptian FDI stocks in the EU to €3.2 billion. EU FDI flows to Egypt were €500 million and Egyptian FDI flows to the EU totalled €100 million.



Mobility

Under the Erasmus+ programme, **3,905** Egyptian students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and **1,968** European counterparts travelled to Egypt between 2015 and 2020.

