Priorities

Through the European Neighborhood Policy, the EU works with its southern and eastern neighbours to achieve the closest possible political association and the greatest possible degree of economic integration.

This goal builds on common interests and values: democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights.

Did you know?

In **2012**, total trade between the EU and its ENP partners was worth € 240 billion.

In **2007-2013**, the EU provided partners with over € 12 billion in grant money for the implementation of the ENP.

In **2012**, 3.2 million Schengen visas were issued to citizens and in particular to students from ENP countries.

Under certain conditions, ENP partners can participate in EU programmes and work with EU agencies in the same way as EU Member States.

Top 3 Facts

**The EU works together with its partners** to develop democratic, socially equitable and inclusive societies, and offers its neighbours association and trade agreements, improved circulation of people across borders, financial assistance and technical cooperation toward approximation with EU standards.

**The ENP offers to its partners** a very concrete set of opportunities through its support in sector policies: employment and social policy, industrial and competition policy, agriculture and rural development, climate change and environment, energy security, transport, research and innovation, health, education, culture and youth.

**The EU develops stronger partnerships** with those neighbours that make more progress towards democratic reform.
ISRAEL - Empowering the Periphery - Neighbourhood Cooperation in pictures: Bedouin youth inside a tent during a workshop for youth in the EU project Empowering the Periphery, given by Wafaa Srour in the Bedouin community of Laqye, outside of Beersheba, 25 November 2011.

Štefan Füle: European Parliament.

MOLDOVA: Ion Caracusan (R), Head of the Combating Torture Division of the General Prosecutor’s Office, shows Cristina Avomic (C), Program Assistant DEM SP, some equipment purchased as part of the Program at TeleRadio Moldova (TRM) in Chisinau, Moldova on 19 July 2011.

Council: From left to right: Mr Urmas PAET, (left) Estonian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Catherine ASHTON, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mr Gregory VASHADZE, Foreign Affairs Minister of Georgia.

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