In 2010, Mongolia marked the 18th anniversary of its democratic constitution, whose fundamental goal is to uphold human rights, liberties, the rule of law and justice.

The EU is giving full support to the country’s progress in this direction, while providing the tools and resources to help the social and economic development, especially in its rural areas.
Mongolia is a youthful, vibrant and democratic nation with a long, proud tradition and history. Although separated by long distances, Mongolia and the European Union both share traditions of tolerance, openness and equality. The EU and Mongolia are united in wanting to strengthen further the relationship and work together on political pluralism, economic liberalisation and to share experiences, especially in the area of European standards and norms. The EU welcomes Mongolia’s commitment to upholding human rights and liberties, rule of law and justice, as well as the moratorium on the death penalty announced by the President in early 2010.

Framework of Cooperation
The overall framework for the development of cooperation with Mongolia is outlined in the 2007-2013 Country Strategy Paper. The EU is supporting Mongolia on its path towards social and economic development focused on its rural areas. Flagship projects include the Sustainable Livelihoods Programme, which helps fight poverty in rural areas, and the Animal Health and Livestock Marketing Project, which aims to increase the income of the rural population.

International Cooperation
By cooperating within the framework of the United Nations, the EU and Mongolia will be engaged in an effective multilateral approach.

Bilateral Cooperation
EU assistance to Mongolia will continue through support for technical vocational education and training and by strengthening governance, democracy, human rights and institutional reforms both in the public and private sectors.

Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
The EU and Mongolia are working to put in place a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which will further strengthen political and economic ties.

The EU supports the country’s desire to progress towards European norms, principles and standards and will assist Mongolia in strengthening democracy, governance, human rights and the rule of law.

Environmental Challenges/Climate Change
To help Mongolia to meet environmental and climate change challenges the EU will provide support for technical vocational education and training to promote sustainable livelihoods and the protection of the environment.

Trade and Investment
Trade relations have increased in recent last years and, through the PCA, these ties will be further strengthened.