



EU-INDIA TOWARDS A NEW STRATEGIC AGENDA

The European Union and India are intensifying their ties as part of a **new strategic agenda** to enhance prosperity, security and tackle major global challenges together. This builds on the Strategic Partnership established in 2004 and is underpinned by shared interests and complementary strengths.

THE EU AND INDIA AT A GLANCE



The two largest democracies in the world



Together account for approximately 25% of global population and GDP



The EU is India's largest trading partner in goods



Bilateral Trade (in goods) € 120 billion (2024)



6,000 European companies are present in India:



3 million jobs directly

SNAPSHOT OF EU-INDIA RELATIONS



TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY

STRENGTHENING RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAINS, OPEN MARKETS, AND FOSTERING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

For example:

- > EU-India Trade and Technology Council covers three pillars:



Trade



Technology



Research

- > Negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement, Investment Protection Agreement and Agreement on Geographical Indications
- > Strengthening Supply Chains and Economic Security, as well as enhancing food security and health preparedness
- > Cooperation on economic matters through the EU-India Macroeconomic Dialogue
- > Proposal of creating Blue Valleys, setting up EU-India Innovation Hubs, pursuing cooperation on AI and digital, establishing an EU-India Start-up Partnership, and advancing negotiations on a Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement



CONNECTIVITY

BOOSTING SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS AND CONNECTIVITY IN THE REGION AND BEYOND THROUGH GLOBAL GATEWAY



India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)



EU-Africa-India Digital Corridor
South Asia Energy Connectivity

Over
€15 BILLION

Team Europe investment in Global Gateway projects in India (2021-2025)



Focus on: Sustainable Urbanisation, Energy, Water, Digital, Biodiversity/Agriculture, Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Finance



SECURITY AND DEFENCE

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE CURRENT GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT

For example:

- > Launch in June 2025 of the EU-India Strategic Dialogue on foreign and security policy
- > Exploring a Security and Defence Partnership and a Security of Information Agreement
- > Annual EU-India Security and Defence Consultations and specialised dialogues
- > Enhanced collaboration in maritime security: EU-India military exercises, including the recent joint naval exercise in the Indian Ocean in June 2025 between EUNAVFOR ATALANTA and the Indian Navy
- > Expanding cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, including through the framework of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), the ESIWA+ security programme and trilateral cooperation projects
- > Cooperation on transnational crime between EUROPOL and India's Central Bureau of Investigation
- > Stepped up cooperation on space for global security and safety, natural disasters, piracy, counterterrorism, maritime domain awareness, and cybersecurity, together with defence industry collaboration



PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONNECTIONS

STRONG TIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, CULTURE, TOURISM AND TECHNOLOGY

For example:

- > India ranks 1st globally with over 2,700 Indian researchers funded by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions since 2014
- > Initiation of an Education and Skills Dialogue to promote a flow of talent
- > Promoting mutual understanding through policy research and educational outreach, including through the future establishment of a new Jean Monnet Network for India under Erasmus+, the creation of collaborative platforms for think tanks and academic institutions, and the regular participation in high-level Track 1.5 Dialogues
- > Ongoing collaboration on launching the first pilot European Legal Gateway Office in India
- > Involving business communities, including through the Federation of European Business in India
- > Indian high-skilled workers receiving highest number of EU Blue Cards in 2023
- > 1 million Schengen visas were issued to Indians in 2024



GREEN TRANSITION

PROTECTING THE PLANET, OCEAN AND FOSTERING GREEN GROWTH

For example:

- > Strengthened cooperation through the EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership and cooperation on hydrogen and offshore wind.
- > Improving collaboration on partnership in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), LeadIT 2.0 and Global Biofuels Alliance
- > Support resource efficiency and circularity in EU-India Water Partnership, EU-India Resource-Efficiency and Circular Economy Partnership
- > Cooperation on green and sustainable urbanisation in EU-India Partnership on Smart and Sustainable Urbanisation and partnerships between EU and Indian cities and regions
- > Implementation of international agreements, including Paris Agreement, BBNJ Agreement and WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement
- > The European Investment Bank (EIB) has signed projects worth around €5.5 billion, of which over 90% are supporting climate action



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COMMON VALUES

A STABLE RULES-BASED INTERNATIONAL ORDER; STRONG AND RESILIENT DEMOCRACIES AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

For example:

- > Expanding trilateral cooperation with third countries on Digital, Climate and Energy, Transport, Water, Health and Education & Research cooperation
- > Enhanced cooperation in multilateral fora, such as the G20, IMO, ICAO, UN and WTO
- > Enhanced coordination on disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction and humanitarian aid, including cooperation through National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- > Continued cooperation on human rights, including through the framework of the bilateral Human Rights Dialogue