The European Union and its Member States are engaged around the world to **promote peace, security and prosperity and the interests of European citizens.** To this end, the EU works to prevent and resolve conflicts, to foster resilient democracies, to promote human rights and sustainable development, and to bolster a cooperative and rules-based global order.

European Peace Facility

€17 billion

To prevent conflicts and strengthen international peace and security, the EPF has been providing **military equipment** to partners and **finances peace support operations** led by international and regional organisations, such as the African Union. €6.4 billion has been contributed to Ukraine, complemented by an additional €3.5 billion in windfall profits from Russian immobilised assets channelled through the EPF.

Trade

The European Union accounts for **14% of the world's trade in goods.**

14%

Human Rights

In 2025, **10.184 human rights defenders** across more than 90 countries received EU support.

10.184

Global Gateway

Up to €300 billion

Global Gateway is Europe's strategy to **better connect the world.** It mobilises up to €300 billion in investments in global infrastructure between 2021 and 2027 and supports the green and digital transitions around the world. It has 5 investment priorities: Digital, Climate and Energy, Transport, Health, Education and Research.

Climate Change

€31.7 billion

In 2024, €31.7 billion were committed by the EU together with its Member States and the European Investment Bank, to support developing countries in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the impacts of **climate change.**

Defence Readiness

To be able to live in peace, we need **greater investment in European defence** to ensure the security of all EU citizens today and for the future. **The White Paper for European Defence Readiness 2030** and the **Defence Readiness Roadmap** provide a blueprint for action and aim to deliver more capable, fully ready European defence by 2030. They also reinforce our support to Ukraine.

Ukraine

€220.2 billion

Support for Ukraine's defence against Russia's full-scale aggression and for a comprehensive, **just and lasting peace** based on the UN Charter and international law.

€220.2 billion mobilised, including €88.7 billion in military support, of which €8.47 billion under defence window of the EU Support Loan 2026-2027, an instrument that provides €90 billion to cover critical needs for 2026-2027.

Development Aid

€86.5 billion

The EU is the **world's #1 provider of development assistance,** together with its Member States investing more than the rest of the world combined, amounting to €86.5 billion in 2025.

Humanitarian Aid

€1.9 billion

The EU and its Member States **remain a leading global humanitarian aid donor**, granting in 2026 €1.9 billion to provide millions of people with emergency food, shelter, education and healthcare in over 110 countries with the biggest share going to sub-Saharan Africa.

Peace, Security and Defence

In the face of an increasingly contested geopolitical environment, the EU's security and defence agenda has grown rapidly. Building on the Strategic Compass, the EU has further developed its policies including in the areas of:

- European defence & preparedness
- maritime security, countering hybrid threats, counterterrorism, space, non-proliferation and disarmament
- peace mediation, conflict prevention and crisis management
- partnerships.

The EEAS works hand in hand with Member States to **protect the security of EU citizens and our Union.**

Unity

Together we are stronger and can achieve more. Our shared interests can only be served by standing and acting together.

Responsibility

Engagement goes with responsibility to bring about positive change. We act globally to address the root causes of conflict and poverty and to champion human rights.

Engagement

In a globalised world, the only way to seize opportunities and address challenges is engagement with our partners, for better rules and shared solutions.

Partnership

Where others might seek conflict, we look for co-operation. In times of global disorder, building win-win solutions is difficult but necessary.

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EU's Diplomatic Service

The EEAS is the European Union's Diplomatic Service. It carries out the Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy to promote peace, development, security, and the interests of European citizens around the world. It is led by the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

300+

National diplomats are seconded from Member State ministries to the EEAS.

8.500+

Staff in EEAS **headquarters** + EU **Diplomatic** Representations.

The EU is a **security provider**, with 5.000+ soldiers, police and special advisers deployed across 3 continents in **20 civilian and military missions and operations** to prevent conflicts and build peace.

EU Special Representatives promoting the EU's policies and interests in specific regions and countries and playing an active role in efforts to consolidate peace, stability and the rule of law.

Since 2000 over **180**

Election Observation Missions have been deployed in 68 countries to strengthen and support democracy.

50% **of all EEAS staff** are women

20

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THE EU AS A GLOBAL ACTOR

145

EU Diplomatic Representations around the world

- Africa
- America
- Asia & Pacific
- Europe & Central Asia
- Middle East & North Africa

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