

July 2026

EU-Egypt Cooperation:

Building a shared future

50 YEARS

of Partnership, Cooperation,
& Shared Progress

IN 2027

October 2025

The first ever EU-Egypt Summit

June 2024

High-Level Investment
Conference

March 2024

EU-Egypt Strategic &
Comprehensive Partnership

December 2023

EU-Egypt Water Partnership

November 2022

MoU on renewable hydrogen &
MoU on natural gas supply

June 2022

Partnership Priorities for
2021-2027 adopted

July 2004

EU-Egypt Association Agreement

1978

The European Union Delegation
to Egypt was officially opened

January 1977

Cooperation Agreement between
the European Economic
Community & Egypt

EU-Egypt Association Agreement: Main Achievements

Sustained dialogue on key policies such as Trade and Investments, Energy, Water, Green transition, Skills and Youth, Human Capital, Culture, Human Rights, Research and innovation, Migration, Security and Political matters.

Total trade in goods between the EU and Egypt has almost quadrupled between 2002 and 2025. The EU is Egypt's largest trading partner accounting for 25% of Egypt's total trade. The EU is the main destination for Egyptian exports (26.5% of the total) and the largest origin for Egyptian imports (19.9% of the total)

Under the Erasmus+ programme, more than 5,800 Egyptian students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and almost 3,000 European counterparts travelled to Egypt between 2014 and 2024.

Egypt has participated in 40 projects under Horizon Europe and 90 projects under the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

The EU is Egypt's largest trading partner



Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen sign a Joint Declaration on the Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership between Egypt and the European Union, Cairo, 17 March 2024.

EU-Egypt Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership

Why it matters

Signed in 2024, it puts EU-Egypt relations at the highest political and strategic level ever.

Provides a comprehensive framework structured around six pillars: political relations; economic stability; investments and trade; migration and mobility; security; demography and human capital.

Supports Egypt's socioeconomic and macro-economic reform agenda, while safeguarding shared prosperity and stability.

Backed by a €7.4 billion financial package for 2024-2027, combining loans, investments, grants, and technical assistance, strongly supported by policy dialogue.

Holding an EU-Egypt Summit at Presidential level every two years, ensuring high-level political steering and accountability

The ongoing bilateral assistance to Egypt from the EU, its Member States and the European Financial Institutions exceeds EUR 11 billion

“The relationship between Egypt and the European Union Member States is not a recent convergence; rather, its provenance is rooted profoundly in history and geography, established upon shared strategic interests.”

Abdel Fattah El-Sisi,
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt



“The EU-Egypt partnership is stronger than ever before. Our shared vision of cooperation and true partnership between Egypt, Europe and the wider Mediterranean is becoming a reality.”

Ursula von der Leyen,
President of the European Commission

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

EU-Egypt high-level Investment Conference (June 2024)

30 Agreements

€49 Billion

- Green hydrogen
- Infrastructure
- Green mobility
- Finance
- ICT
- Education

Supporting Economic Resilience

€5 Billion Macro-Financial Assistance loans

Egypt's full association to Horizon Europe

EU-Egypt Guarantee for Development Mechanism EFSD+

EUR 9.5 Billion leveraged out of a target of EUR 10.8 Billion

The first EU-Egypt Summit held in Brussels

Energy

€3 Billion

From European & international financial institutions

€300 Million
in grants

- Policy reform and capacity-building through the EU Green Facility, for technical assistance and policy dialogue.
- Support to regulatory reforms including the Electricity Act (2015), the Gas Act (2017) and the Sustainable Energy Strategy 2040.
- Reforms accompanied through the Macro-Financial Assistance.
- Investments such as upgrades of electricity transmission and distribution systems
- Green Sustainable Industry Investments.

Policies: Snapshot

For more information



Water

€3.5 Billion

From European & international financial institutions

€600 Million
in grants

- Policy reform and capacity-building through the EU Green Facility, providing technical assistance on water-sector planning, management and reform.
- Green transition and governance reform, notably on water-resource management, implementation of the water law, water governance reforms, and enhanced private-sector participation.
- Investment notably wastewater treatment plants (Gabal Asfar, Helwan, Fayoum expansion), the National Drainage Programme IV.
- Raising awareness on water related issues.

Trade & Investment

- Trade and industrial policy alignment supported through EU TIGARA programme, enhancing cooperation with Egyptian institutions aligning policies with international standards.
- Supporting Trade and Investment facilitation through policy dialogue and cooperation
- Business climate improvement reforms supported through Macro-Financial.
- Improved access to finance for SMEs and private-sector growth, coupled with investment mobilisation initiatives such as Finance in Common and the Egypt Micro and Small Financial Inclusion Programme.

Migration

€164 Million

between 2021-2023

€200 Million
2024-2027

- Comprehensive and balanced approach to migration management, from Protection and Asylum to Integrated Border Management including search and rescue, Anti smuggling and Counter-trafficking efforts.
- Focus on safe, orderly and regular pathways, with support to Legal Migration and labour mobility, including Talent Partnerships, Returns and sustainable Reintegration.
- Strong operational cooperation, combining policy dialogue, capacity building and on-the-ground delivery, aligned with shared EU-Egypt interests in stability, protection and mobility.
- Outside this migration envelope, strong focus on addressing socioeconomic challenges and root cause of irregular migration.

Social Protection

€300 Million
since 2012

- Targeted social measures accompanying economic reforms.
- Support to systemic social protection reform.
- Inclusive urban development, benefiting more than 9.2 million low-income residents.
- Social protection and health reforms reinforced through Macro-Financial Assistance, including fostering plans to make coverage of social health protection systems more inclusive and accessible.

TVET, Skills, & Employment

€150 Million
since 2005

- Modernisation of technical education and youth employability, contributing to Technical Education 2.0 reforms and the establishment and capacity-building of sector skills councils.
- Skills linked to investment and green growth to promote workforce development in the renewable energy sector.
- Labour-market reforms reinforced through Macro-Financial Assistance, including the National Employment Strategy and the initial steps towards a comprehensive labour-market demand and supply platform.
- Jobs through Trade and Investment and targeted support to Youth Not in Education, Employment or Training.

Human Rights

- To strengthen institutional capacities and inclusive policies, including work with public institutions and civil society on youth, women's empowerment, child protection and inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- Capacity building and professional training, including for public servants, journalists and relevant authorities, to support effective implementation of policies and legislation.
- Complementary support contributing to an enabling environment for civil society engagement and independent media.



The Pact for the Mediterranean

One Sea
One Pact
One Future



10 COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA + 27 EU MEMBER STATES

PEOPLE

People as a driving force for change, connections and innovation (education, skills, employment, culture, youth, tourism and sports)

ECONOMIES

Stronger, more sustainable and integrated economies (trade and investments, energy and clean technologies, water resilience, blue economy and agriculture, digital and transport connectivity, job creation)

SECURITY

Security, preparedness and migration management

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So much brings us together. Our economies, our trade, our people, our culture, our science, our defense and security. We work side by side on crisis response, the protection of the most vulnerable, and in vast areas like energy, water, transport, agriculture, climate change, innovation, industrialisation, migration and digital transformation. We have strength, resilience and endurance – and we have built these, over years of partnership, precisely because we kept engaging when it was hard to do so. In times of a rapidly changing world order, good neighbours, good partners, and good friends are worth their weight in gold. Egypt is all three.

Ambassador Angelina Eichhorst
Head of European Union Delegation to Egypt and to the League of Arab States

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