



EU FUNDING TO THE UN

The EU and its Member States remain among the largest financial contributors to the UN system. Together, in 2025 the EU and EU Member States provided more than one third of all voluntary contributions and around **one fifth** of all financial contributions to UN agencies, funds and

programmes (according to 2025 available data). In 2025, EU Member States also contributed with approximately 22% of the assessed contributions to the UN regular budget and 21% of the peacekeeping budget.

6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT EU FUNDING TO THE UN

1. EU Member States make both assessed (paid by all States to the UN, based on Gross National Income), as well as voluntary contributions. The EU, with its enhanced observer status, provides voluntary contributions.
2. Over the past ten years, the EU has more than doubled its voluntary funding commitments to the UN, reaching over €4 billion in 2025¹.
3. The EU and EU Member States are the top financial donors to key UN bodies, including the World Health Organisation (WHO), the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF). They are also the largest donors to the United Nations

Near East (UNRWA), together providing between 40-50% of its funding over time – a lifeline for the agency and the community it serves.

4. In 2025, the EU and its Member States accounted for 48% of global Official Development Assistance (ODA), demonstrating continued leadership on the global agenda for sustainable development as the largest global provider of ODA. Much of this support is channeled through UN agencies².
5. At a time of multiplying global crises, the EU and its Member States provided the largest share of global humanitarian funding, 34% in 2025³.
6. In 2025, EU Member States contributed over 21% to the UN peacekeeping budget.

1. Based on EU budget figures.

2. Based on preliminary information on 2025 ODA data from the OECD-DAC.

3. UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), 'Humanitarian aid contributions', Financial tracking service, accessed 30 April 2026, <https://fts.unocha.org/>

ZOOMING IN ON EU FINANCING



€4.06 BILLION

EU commitments from the EU budget to the UN in 2025



+33%

increase compared to 2022



+113%

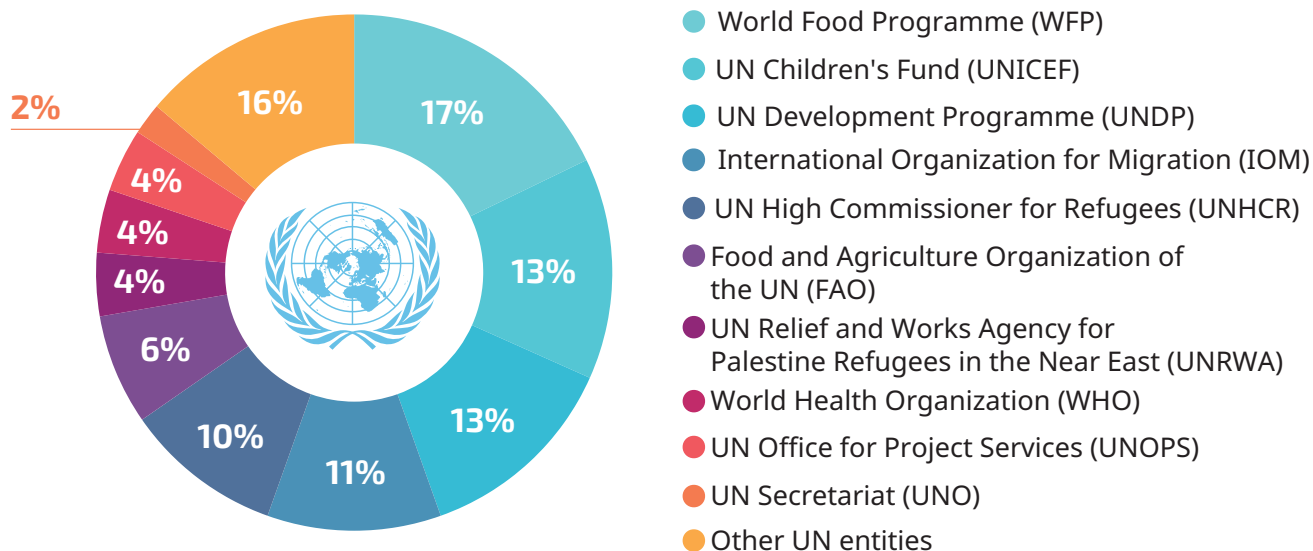
increase in EU commitments to the UN

COMMITMENTS FROM EU BUDGET TO UN



From 2013 to 2025, the EU committed a total amount of approximately €38.1 billion to UN agencies, funds and programmes, out of which 17% went to WFP, 13% to UNDP, 13% to UNICEF, 11% to IOM and 10% to UNHCR.

2013-2025 EU COMMITMENTS TO UN AGENCIES



Despite challenging times over the past decade, the **EU has continued and stepped up its funding to the UN system** aligning its support to the global needs of our time.

PROGRESS OF EU COMMITMENTS - TOP 5 UN BODIES (MILLION €)

