



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, stability, security and people-to-people connections**. This builds on the Strategic Partnership established in 2004.

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:



2 million jobs directly
6 million jobs indirectly

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
- > Launch of a new Federation of European Business in India in October 2024
- > Cooperation on economic matters through the EU-India Macroeconomic Dialogue



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
**€9
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:

- > Exploring a Security and Defence Partnership and a Security and 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



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
- > Over 7,300 Indian students and staff travelling to Europe under Erasmus+
- > India ranks 3rd globally with 77 European Research Council grantees
- > India participates in EU consortia with projects valued over €500 million under Horizon Europe
- > Indian high-skilled workers receiving highest number of EU Blue Cards in 2023/2024
- > 1 million Schengen visas were issued to Indians in 2024
- > Connecting on culture through film festivals and literature exchanges



GREEN TRANSITION

PROTECTING THE PLANET, OCEAN AND FOSTERING GREEN GROWTH

For example:

- > EU-India Clean Energy and Climate Partnership and support to Green Hydrogen
- > Partnership in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), LeadIT 2.0 and Global Biofuels Alliance
- > EU-India Water Partnership
- > EU-India Resource-Efficiency and Circular Economy Partnership
- > 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
- > Collaboration on misinformation prevention and data protection