

European Union's Relations with Kingdom of Bahrain

“The EU stands ready to support further regional integration within the Gulf Cooperation Council and to strengthen its long-standing partnership with the GCC.”
HRVP Josep Borrell, 2021



Mission of the Delegation

The Delegation of the European Union in Riyadh, which is accredited to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Sultanate of Oman and the Kingdom of Bahrain, was officially opened in 2004. With the Lisbon Treaty and the setup of a unified diplomatic service (European External Action Service), it is representing the EU as a whole and speaking on behalf of the Member States where there is unanimous agreement in foreign policy areas. The Delegation deals with a wide variety of areas, including political relations, economic and trade cooperation, energy, climate change, cultural cooperation, security, education, and acts as a consular focal point.

Bilateral Relations

Cooperation Arrangement

- Signed by the European External Action Service and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain on February 10, 2021.
- Provides framework for cooperation on both the political and technical levels.



Highlights

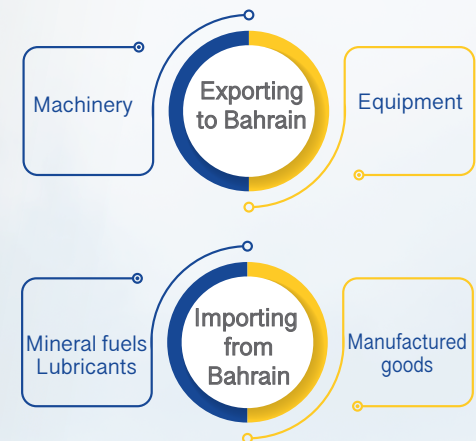
- Discussing common challenges
- Exchanging experience
- Increasing mutual understanding
- Annual senior official meetings
- Regular consultations

Joint Communication on a Strategic Partnership with the Gulf 18 May 2022

High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell:
The European Union and Gulf countries stand to gain from a stronger and more strategic partnership... We need to work more closely together on:

- Stability in the Gulf and the Middle East, global security threats
- Energy security
- Climate change and the green transition
- Digitalisation
- Trade and investment
- Strengthening contacts between students, researchers, businesses and citizens

Trade and Investment Relations



Cultural Relations

The Delegation introduces European culture and facilitates cultural exchanges between Europeans and Bahrainis in various fields such as film, music, art and education, including through the organization of cultural events **such as the first edition of the European Film Nights in Bahrain which took place in June 2022.**



Erasmus+

For over 30 years, Europe has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over 4 million European students to study, train and gain experience abroad. Now most Erasmus+ opportunities are also open to the Gulf region with individual students able to apply for scholarships to study in Europe as well as universities in Bahrain able to establish partnerships with their European peers to perform student and staff exchanges.



For further info check the links below:

erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu

education.ec.europa.eu/study-in-europe

-  EUErasmusPlusProgramme
-  StudyInEurope.Welcome
-  EUErasmusPlus
-  studyineurope.welcome

EU-GCC Relations

EU-GCC Cooperation Agreement from 1988

Areas of cooperation



Projects:

- Enhanced EU-GCC Political Dialogue, Cooperation and Outreach
- EU-GCC Dialogue on Economic Diversification
- EU-GCC Clean Energy Technology Network (2010-2022)

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