



LEBANON

Southern Neighbourhood



Key milestones

APRIL 2006

The EU-Lebanon **Association Agreement** entered into force

NOVEMBER 2016

Adoption of the EU-Lebanon **Partnership Priorities** for 2016-2020 and **Compact** to address the consequences of the Syrian crisis

DECEMBER 2020

Adoption of the **Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF)** together with UN and World Bank

MAY 2024

Announcement of **€1 billion EU funding until 2027**

DECEMBER 2025

Ninth EU-Lebanon Association Council, first since 2018



EU-Lebanon Partnership priorities*



Security and Counter-terrorism



Governance and Rule of Law



Migration and Mobility



Fostering Growth and Job opportunities

**in force until new Partnership Priorities are adopted*



Trade & investment

The EU is Lebanon's first trading partner, accounting for 34% of its total trade in goods in 2024, 39.6% of its imports and 16.7% of its export. In 2024, EU-Lebanon two-way trade in goods amounted to **€5.1 billion**



Mobility

Around **4 854** Lebanese students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and **2 472** European counterparts travelled to Lebanon between 2015 and 2024



EU funding

The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)** is the main instrument for the EU's cooperation and development with Lebanon for the period 2021-2027. From 2021 to 2025, overall assistance to the country amounts to **€1.5 billion**:

- **The EU bilateral allocation** amounted to **€293 million** in support of good governance and reforms, inclusive and resilient economy, and green and sustainable recovery.
- **In response to the Syrian crisis**, EU support to Lebanon amounted to **€752.5 million**. It aims to ensure access to basic services: education, health, water and sanitation and social protection benefiting all vulnerable populations in Lebanon, and to promote durable solutions for refugees from Syria.
- Lebanon benefits from support through the **European Peace Facility (€81 million in 2023-2025)**.
- Lebanon also benefits from other EU thematic programmes and instruments, such as the **Human Rights and Democracy** instrument, with **€ 7.65 million** and the **Support to Civil Society and Local Authorities** programme, with **€2 million** for the period 2021-2025.
- Regarding Palestine refugees, the EU contributes to the central budget of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and support projects in Lebanon.



EU response to challenges & crises

- Since 2011, EU support to Lebanon amounts to more than **€3.5 billion**.
- After the 4 August 2020 Beirut Port Blast, the EU has developed with the **UN and World Bank the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF)** that bridges the immediate humanitarian assistance with medium-term recovery and reconstruction and is contributing to its implementation.
- In response to the escalation of the conflict in late 2024, which led to displacement of nearly **1 million** people in Lebanon, the EU adapted its ongoing interventions and provided targeted emergency assistance to those most in need.

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