



MOROCCO

Southern Neighbourhood

Key milestones

MARCH 2000

The EU-Morocco Association Agreement entered into force

OCTOBER 2008

The EU and Morocco signed a Joint Declaration establishing an «Advanced Partnership»

MARCH 2013

Launch of the negotiations for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Morocco

JUNE 2013

The EU and Morocco signed a Joint Declaration on a Mobility Partnership

MARCH 2015

Signature of the Action Plan for the implementation of the Advanced Status

JUNE 2019

Adoption of a Joint Declaration to give a new impetus to the strategic, multidimensional and privileged EU-Morocco relationship



EU-Morocco Partnership priorities



Equitable access to social services



Democratic governance, the rule of law and mobility



Employment, sustainable and inclusive growth



Enhanced capacity of civil society



Trade & investment

The EU is Morocco's main trading partner:

In 2019



62.7%
in exports



50.8%
in imports



Mobility

Around **4,700** Moroccan students, professors and university staff moved to Europe and **over 2,500** European counterparts travelled to Morocco during the period 2015-2019.

EU funding

The EU provides support to Morocco mainly through the **European Neighbourhood Instrument**:

€1.3
— **billion**
€1.6
for the period
from 2014
until 2020



Additional EU support

- In 2019, Morocco benefitted from the incentive-based mechanism and was awarded additional funding of €20 million.
- Since 2007, Morocco has been a beneficiary of the Neighbourhood Investment Platform (NIP). To date, 19 projects worth €11.5 billion have been co-funded, including solar power plants for a total capacity of 1.310 MW (among which figures the Ouarzazate solar power station, the biggest in Africa, powering almost two million households).
- Morocco benefits from funding currently amounting to €236 million under the North of Africa window of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa.
- Morocco also receives funding from EU thematic and regional programmes and instruments, such as the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) since 2011, and the Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities programme in development under the Development Cooperation Instrument since 2014, totalling €14.5 million.



Coronavirus response

The Commission mobilised up to **€456 million** in bilateral assistance to support immediate, health-related and socio-economic needs in Morocco. Morocco also benefits from the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa in the form of **€10 million** regional fast-track emergency response programme to coronavirus in North Africa focusing on the most vulnerable populations.