

EU & Neighbours: a renewed commitment

ENI

European Neighbourhood Instrument 2014-2020

A strengthened partnership, evolving relations

The partnership between the **EU and its 16 Neighbours** in the South and in the East is growing stronger and is evolving based on shared experiences and lessons learnt. In times of change, the EU is proving to be a stable partner to the Neighbourhood and its citizens, renewing its commitment to continue building relations in the period 2014-2020.

One of the main tools used by the EU to develop these relations is the new **ENI** (European Neighbourhood Instrument), worth over €15 billion, that will provide the bulk of funding to the **ENP** (European Neighbourhood Policy) countries through targeted programmes. It will also enable citizens from the Neighbourhood to participate in selective successful EU internal programmes, including student mobility, youth programmes and support to civil society. Special emphasis will be given to engagement with civil society.

Two main principles will guide relations in the years to come, bringing more tangible benefits to both the EU and its Neighbourhood partners: incentives and increased support to best performers, and differentiation on the basis of each country's needs, ambition and progress in reforms.

The **ENP** brings Europe and its neighbours closer, supporting political and economic reforms in 16 of its neighbouring countries as a means of promoting **peace, stability and economic prosperity in the region**. The ENI, that turns political decisions into actions on the ground, gives support to the implementation of political initiatives shaping the ENP, including the **Eastern Partnership** and the **Union for the Mediterranean**.

human rights and justice

economic and rural development

civil-society engagement

education and employment for youth

boosting small businesses

energy cooperation

management of natural resources

climate change adaptation

transport connections

easier mobility of people

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Six objectives

- **Fostering human rights and fundamental freedoms**, the rule of law, equality, sustainable democracy, good governance and a thriving civil society.
- **Achieving progressive integration** into the EU internal market and enhanced co-operation including through legislative approximation and regulatory convergence, institution building and investments.
- **Creating conditions for well managed mobility** of people and promotion of people-to-people contacts.
- **Encouraging development**, poverty reduction, internal economic, social and territorial cohesion, rural development, climate action and disaster resilience.
- **Promoting confidence building** and other measures contributing to security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts.
- **Enhancing sub-regional**, regional and Neighbourhood wide collaboration as well as Cross-Border Cooperation.

What's new?

Under the ENI, assistance to Neighbours will:

- Become **faster and more flexible**, reducing the complexity and length of the programming process, making assistance more relevant to the policy framework;
- Offer **incentives** for best performers through the **more-for-more** approach that allows the EU to increase its support to those partners that are genuinely implementing what has been jointly agreed;
- Allow for **greater differentiation** so that the EU allocates a greater proportion of funds where its support can have the highest impact;
- Aim for **mutual accountability** so that it takes greater account of human rights, democracy and good governance when it comes to allocating assistance;
- **Civil society** organisations and **local authorities**, are more involved in preparing, implementing and monitoring EU support.

How support is provided

Support through the ENI is provided through three types of programmes:

- **Bilateral** programmes covering support to one partner country;
- **Multi-country** programmes which address challenges common to all or a number of partner countries, and regional and sub-regional cooperation between two or more partner countries;
- **Cross-Border** Cooperation programmes between Member States and partner countries taking place along their shared part of the external border of the EU (including Russia).

Find out more about the ENI
www.enpi-info.eu/eni



EU: a major donor

The EU is a major donor for the Neighbourhood. Support to the region is mainly managed by the Directorate General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid and channelled through EU Delegations on the ground.

The European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) funding approved for the period 2014-2020 is € 15.4 billion. The ENI replaces the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), for which the funding was €11.2 billion for the period 2007-2013.

The 16 ENI Partner Countries are:

ENI East - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
ENI South - Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya Morocco, Palestine, Syria*, Tunisia * EU Cooperation with Syria is currently suspended due to the political situation.

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