EU priorities for the G20 Virtual Leaders’ Summit (21-22 November 2020)

As a member of the G20, the European Union is sparing no effort to respond effectively to the coronavirus crisis. The EU continues to mobilise its resources to protect lives, support the most vulnerable and build back better, making our economies more sustainable, balanced and inclusive for next generations.

1. **Fight COVID-19**

- Invest in research, development and deployment of a future **vaccine** and therapeutics
- Ensure their affordable and equitable access for all people globally
- Support developing and least developed countries, through the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) and its COVAX facility
- Improve global **pandemic preparedness**, in coordination with the World Health Organization while strengthening its overall effectiveness

**EUR 16 billion**

*collected in pledges from donors worldwide for universal access to coronavirus treatments, tests and vaccines*
2 Support our economies

- Maintain **economic support measures** to minimize the economic and social damage from the pandemic until the recovery is firmly underway
- Promote a **job-rich recovery**, based on robust social protection systems
- Implement and update the “G20 Action Plan – Supporting the Global Economy through the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- **Build back better** - recovery based on green, inclusive, sustainable, resilient and digital growth by implementing the **2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals**

EUR 1.8 trillion

**total financial firepower of the EU budget, including NextGenerationEU**

3 Support developing and low-income countries

- Continued support to Africa, through the **G20 Partnership with Africa** and the Compact with Africa
- Support the extension of the G20 **debt service suspension initiative (DSSI)** until mid-2021
- Endorse the Common Framework for Debt Treatment countries that need deeper restructuring
- Continued international cooperation on **migration** and displacement

EUR 36.8 billion

**The overall figure of the “Team Europe” package mobilised to help partner countries address the impact of the coronavirus**

4 Climate change and environment

- Full and effective implementation of the **Paris Agreement**. The EU committed to reach climate neutrality by 2050 and increase its 2030 emission target by end 2020
- Support G20 work on environment, oceans, biodiversity, as well as illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, marine litter and resource efficiency
- Stress the importance of the EU’s **circular economy approach**

Our new 2030 target for emission reduction

55%
5  Digital transition

- Agree on a global solution for fair and effective taxation of the digital economy by mid-2021 at the latest, based on the OECD blueprint
- Data Free Flow with Trust to allow countries to exchange data while maintaining high levels of protection
- Innovation and security going hand in hand to build trust in new technologies
- Human-centric approach to Artificial Intelligence and protection against cyber threats

6  Rules based world order and free and fair trade

- Commit to rules-based world order and free and fair trade
- Call for the de-escalation of trade tensions, progress in the reform of the World Trade Organization, a solution to the Appellate body crisis, and for addressing overcapacity in key sectors such as steel
- Support co-ordination to ensure that global transportation routes and supply chains remain open, safe, and secure
- Contribute to the implementation of G20 Roadmap on global cross-border payments as a means to provide for safe, cheap and efficient cross-border payments including remittances

7  Protect human and social rights and gender equality

- Commit to promote decent work for all workers, including within global supply chains, and to efforts to eradicate child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery
- Commit and act to ensure gender equality and women empowerment, notably through the work of the Private Sector Alliance for the Empowerment and Progression of Women’s Economic Representation (EMPOWER)
- International cooperation towards effective and resilient education sectors
The European Union in the G20

The European Union is a full member of the G20, alongside three of its Member States who are also permanent G20 members: France, Germany and Italy. Spain is a permanent guest invitee to the G20 meetings. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, and Charles Michel, President of the European Council, represent the European Union at the G20.

The European Union is the third largest economy in the world, representing 16.0% of world gross domestic product, behind the United States and China. The European Union accounts for around 7% of the world’s population, surpassed only by China and India when it comes to the number of people it represents at the G20 Summit table.

G20 participants

International organisations that have historically contributed to the G20 work are invited as well. These include the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the Financial Stability Board (FSB), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations (UN), the World Bank Group (WBG), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In 2020, regional organisations are also invited, including the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), as well as Vietnam the Chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), South Africa the Chair of the African Union (AU), the United Arab Emirates the Chair of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and the Republic of Rwanda the Chair of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD).