



# LIBYA

## Southern Neighbourhood



### Key milestones

#### FEBRUARY 2011

The EU suspends its cooperation with Libya as a reaction to the brutal crackdown by the Gadhafi regime against demonstrators. Needs based humanitarian assistance is however maintained.

#### 2014-2016

Reorientation of EU cooperation to address the most pressing needs of the Libyan population

#### NOVEMBER 2015

Launch of the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa at the Valletta Summit on Migration

#### SINCE 2017

Use of yearly 'Special Measures' to implement EU's bilateral cooperation due to Libya's unstable political situation



### EU-Libya Relations

Following the 'Arab Spring' uprising in 2011, the EU rapidly responded to the needs of the Libyan population in close cooperation with the United Nations Support Mission for Libya (UNSMIL). Since then, EU policy towards Libya aims at assisting the country in its efforts towards a democratic, stable and prosperous state through the so-called **'Berlin Process'** under the auspices of the UN. This involves promoting a democratic transition, strong, transparent and accountable institutions, strengthening the economic system and a vibrant civil society. Furthermore, the EU is actively working to provide protection, assistance and economic alternatives to migrants, refugees and internally displaced people in Libya.



### Trade & investment

- The EU is Libya's main trading partner. In 2019, **18%** of Libya's imports originated from the EU, while **57%** of Libya's exports were directed towards the EU. The EU-Libya two-way trade in goods amounted to €11.8 billion.
- In 2018, total trade in services between EU and Libya amounted to €900 million.
- In 2018, EU Foreign Direct Investments stocks in Libya amounted to €16.1 billion and Libya FDI stocks in the EU to €1.3 billion.



### EU-Libya Cooperation priorities



Governance



Economic development



Health



Support to civil society and youth



### EU funding

- The EU provides support to Libya through the **European Neighbourhood Instrument** with **€98 million** in the period 2014-2020.
- Libya is the main beneficiary of the **EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa** – North Africa window (EUTF Africa) with a current total of **€455 million**, out of which the majority goes to the protection and assistance of migrants, refugees and internally displaced people, alongside actions to support municipalities along the migratory routes and to strengthen the integrated border management.
- Libya also benefits from EU thematic programmes and instruments such as the **Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace**, the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights**, the **Development Cooperation Instrument** and its Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities programmes for a total of over **€170 million** for 2014-2020.



### Coronavirus response

The Commission mobilised over **€66 million** through its different instruments to support immediate, health-related and socio-economic needs in the country. Out of this, three new programmes under the EUTF Africa have been adopted, adding **€45.2 million** fresh funding to the EUTF Africa portfolio for the country, to improve the resilience of both Libyans and migrants, covering activities related to protection of the most vulnerable, community stabilisation and coronavirus-specific activities.