



MOROCCO

Southern Neighbourhood



Key milestones

- MARCH 2000**
The EU-Morocco Association Agreement entered into force
- OCTOBER 2008**
The EU grants Morocco the “advanced status” leading to the alignment of the Moroccan legislative framework to the EU acquis
- 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, EU share in Morocco's total imports was **50.8%** (€22.5 billion), while the share of Morocco's exports towards the EU was **62.7%** (€14.8 billion). Total trade in goods between the EU and Morocco reached €39.6 billion.
- In 2018, total trade in services between the EU and Morocco was worth €9.6 billion.
- In 2018, EU Foreign Direct Investments stocks in Morocco amounted to €17.9 billion and Moroccan FDI stocks in the EU to €2 billion. EU FDI flows to Morocco were €700 million and Moroccan FDI flows to the EU totalled €300 million.



Mobility

5,942 Moroccan students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and **3,336** European counterparts travelled to Morocco between 2015 and 2020.



EU funding

- The EU provides support to Morocco mainly through the **European Neighbourhood Instrument** with **€1.4 billion** in the period 2014-2020. It includes among others:
 - Morocco benefitted from an additional **€30 million** in 2020 from the **incentive-based mechanism** following progress achieved in socio-economic reforms.
 - Morocco is benefitting from the **Neighbourhood Investment Platform** which leveraged **€11.5 billion** of investments since 2007 for projects in the sectors of renewable energy, electrification, water, transport, urban development, and in support of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Projects under the North of Africa window of the **EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa** (EUTF Africa) in Morocco amount to **€236 million**.
- Morocco also benefits from EU thematic programmes and instruments, such as the **European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights** since 2011, and the Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities under the **Development Cooperation Instrument** since 2014, totalling **€14.5 million**.



Coronavirus response

The Commission mobilised up to **€456 million** through its different instruments to support immediate, health-related and socio-economic needs in the country. Out of this, Morocco benefits from the EUTF Africa **€10 million** regional emergency response programme to coronavirus in North Africa. Targeted assistance will be provided to vulnerable migrants and refugees.