



# TUNISIA

Southern Neighbourhood



## Key milestones

1995

The EU-Tunisia Association Agreement is signed

MARCH 2014

The Mobility Partnership declaration is signed

OCTOBER 2015

Negotiations for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement are launched

SEPTEMBER 2016

The Joint Communication «Strengthened EU support for Tunisia» is adopted

NOVEMBER 2018

Adoption of the Strategic Priorities 2018-2020



## EU-Tunisia Partnership priorities



Promoting good governance and the rule of law



Investing in the future: stimulating sustainable economic growth and generating employment



Strengthening social cohesion between generations and regions



## Trade & investment

- The EU is Tunisia's main trading partner. In 2019, EU share in Tunisia's total imports was **52.1%**, while the share of Tunisia's exports towards the EU was **69.7%**. EU imports in goods from Tunisia amounted to €14.4 billion and EU exports in goods to Tunisia amounted to €19.9 billion.
- In 2018, EU imports in services with Tunisia were worth €2.5 billion and EU exports in services amounted to €1.1 billion.
- In 2018, EU Foreign Direct Investments stocks in Tunisia amounted to €4 billion and Tunisia FDI stocks in the EU amounted to €800 million.



## Mobility

**5,180** Tunisian students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and **2,622** European counterparts travelled to Tunisia between 2015 and 2020.



## EU funding

- The EU provides support to Tunisia mainly through the **European Neighbourhood Instrument** with over **€1.6 billion** in the period 2014-2020. It includes among others:
  - Tunisia has been the number one beneficiary of the incentive-based mechanism every year since 2011 following progress in the respect of human rights and the rule of law, and was awarded additional funding worth **€90 million** in 2020.
  - Tunisia is benefitting from the **Neighbourhood Investment Platform** which leveraged **€2.3 billion** in investments since 2014 for projects in the sectors of education, transport, energy and urban redevelopment.
- Projects under the North of Africa window of the **EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa** (EUTF Africa) in Tunisia amount to **€89 million**.
- Tunisia also benefits from other EU thematic instruments: **the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights** for a total of **€10 million** in 2014-2020.
- Tunisia benefitted from two **Macro-Financial Assistance** operations for a total of **€800 million** since 2014.



## Coronavirus response

The Commission mobilised over **€330 million** through its different instruments to support immediate, health-related and socio-economic needs in the country. Out of this, Tunisia 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, including by supporting Tunisian institutions and civil society organisations.