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The EU supports the institutional capacity of the Palestinian Authority – in view of the creation of a future Palestinian state – and contributes to its recurrent expenditures via the programme PEGASE with over €168 million yearly.

Support to Palestine refugees is channelled via UNRWA, the UN agency providing them with basic services in the West Bank and Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria with a contribution of at least €82 million annually.

The EU provides support to Palestine mainly through

EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD INSTRUMENT

€300 MILLION

annually (indicative)

OTHER EU INITIATIVES OR AGREEMENTS

- Palestine benefits, together with Israel and Jordan, from the European Peacebuilding Initiative, which aims to support and promote the conditions for a sustainable resolution of the Israeli-Arab conflict through civil society projects and citizens’ positive engagement – annual contribution of €5 million.

- In addition to the European Neighbourhood Instrument support, Palestine also receives funding from EU thematic programmes and instruments, such as the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), the Civil Society Facility, the Non-state Actors and Local Authorities (NSA/LA) programme or the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) – totalling €21.2 million for 2014-2016 (indicative).

**KEY-MILESTONES**

1997

An Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation is signed

2005

An agreement on reciprocal liberalisation measures is reached

2012

The Agreement providing further liberalisation of agricultural products is concluded

MAY 2013

A new EU-Palestine Action Plan is approved

COOPERATION PRIORITY

Governance

Private Sector Development

Water and land development (including Area C)

East Jerusalem Programme

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