



EU Funding Funding opportunities related to countries outside the EU



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The European Commission has developed a range of European programmes and initiatives to promote and speed up the economic, rural, social and cultural development of countries outside the EU and to support mutually beneficial economic cooperation between the EU and third countries. Based on strategy papers and annual action programmes, EU funding is delivered through budget support, grants and contracts.

The system of applying for this funding is through 'calls for proposals'. These specify an area for which funding is available at a given moment and interested parties reply to the call for proposals by submitting details of their projects. The European Commission then considers all submitted projects and distributes the financial aid on the basis of reimbursement of actual costs incurred. Country Strategic Papers are the basis for all new calls for proposals. They include the strategic priorities that the government of that particular country has set (i.e. how and on which framework projects it wants to spend the funding available from the EU). In order to gain an understanding of what the priorities of each country are, the European Commission agrees with the government of each country on the Country Strategic Paper.

All open 'calls for proposals' can be accessed through the following link:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1224846858672&do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en>

EuropeAid is the EU's development co-operation office managing the majority of the EU's external aid programmes. EuropeAid draws upon various financial instruments and programmes in order to collaborate with partners from the following regions:

African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States

The European Development Fund (EDF) is the main financial framework for cooperation between the EU and the ACP countries. The EU aims to promote the economic, rural and social development of these countries. It also includes assistance to combat food shortages and help with emergencies and natural disasters. A list of the more than 70 ACP countries can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/country-cooperation/index_en.htm

ACP-EU Microfinance Programme

The EU's Microfinance Framework Programme aims to improve the access for poor people in ACP countries to appropriate financial products and services. A full description of the programme can be found on the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/microfinance/index_en.htm

ACP-EU Water Facility

The main objective of the ACP-EU Water Facility, set up in 2004, is to provide water to the poorest people of the region and to improve water management governance. More information can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/water/index_en.htm

ACP-EU Energy Facility

The Energy Facility aims to increase access to affordable energy services for the poor living in rural areas in ACP countries. Please find below a full overview of the programme:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/energy/index_en.htm

African Peace Facility

The EU together with the African Union (AU) has taken the lead in supporting conflict prevention and post-conflict stabilization by providing financial support for capacity building, peace support operations, development of early response mechanism and contingency plans. The EU also provides practical support for the AU peace and security agenda. A full description of the programme can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/regional-cooperation/peace/index_en.htm

Asia

Asia accounts for more than half of the world's population and it contributes to a quarter of the economic wealth produced every year. For these reasons, the EU is strongly committed to the economic and political development of the region. A list of Asian countries to which the EU provides development assistance can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/country-cooperation/index_en.htm

The EU has established two main areas of regional cooperation (Asia and Central Asia) for which it has selected a number of development priorities.

Regional cooperation with Asia

The Regional Strategy Paper for EU-Asia Co-operation (2007-2013) has identified 3 key areas of cooperation with Asian countries at regional level:

- Support for regional integration;
- Policy and know-how-based cooperation – including environment, energy and climate change, higher education and support to research institutes, and cross-border cooperation in animal and human health;
- Support for uprooted people.

Regional cooperation with Central Asia

The EU has committed to collaborate with Central Asia for the development of 7 main thematic:

- Human rights, rule of law, good governance and democratisation;
- Investing in the future: youth and education;
- Economic development, trade and investment;
- Strengthening energy and transport links;
- Environmental sustainability and water;
- Combatting common threats and challenges;
- Building bridges: intercultural dialogue.

A full overview of the EU cooperation programmes for Asia and Central Asia can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/overview/index_en.htm

Latin America

The EU provides support also for Latin American countries. The main priorities for co-operation with the region are fostering social cohesion and strengthening regional integration. A list of the Latin American partner countries can be found at:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/external_relations/la/country.htm

The EU has set 8 main cooperation programmes with Latin America:

ALFA

The ALFA Programme is a programme of cooperation between higher education institutions of the EU and Latin America. EU member states and Latin American countries participate in the project

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alfa/index_en.htm

ALBAN

The ALBAN Programme is specifically addressed to Latin American citizens with duration until 2010. It aims to reinforce the EU - Latin America co-operation in the area of higher education and covers studies for postgraduates as well as higher training for Latin America. More information can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alban/index_en.htm

COPOLAD

Approved by the European Commission on 18 December 2009, COPOLAD aims to contribute to improving the efficiency of anti-drugs policies in Latin America. More information can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/copolad/index_en.htm

EUROCLIMA

Euroclima is a cooperation programme between the EU and Latin America to promote cooperation on climate change issues. More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/euroclima/index_en.htm

EURO-SOLAR

The main aim of the programme is promoting the use of renewable energy to improve living conditions in Latin America's 8 poorest countries. More information can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/euro-solar/index_en.htm

EUROSOCIAL

Eurosocioal aims at strengthening the institutional capacity of public administrations of the Latin American countries. The programme strives to have a significant impact on those social policies considered to be the main drivers of social cohesion, namely education, health, administration of justice, taxation and employment. More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/eurosocioal/index_en.htm

URB-AL

URB-AL is a cooperation programme between cities, regions and local authorities in the EU and Latin America. Its objective is to establish direct and longlasting partnerships between local authorities. More information is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/urbal/index_en.htm

@LIS2

The aim of the programme is to promote and improve the ICT sector in Latin America. @LIS2 also seeks to stimulate and support research between Latin America and the EU. More information can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alis/index_en.htm

Gulf region

Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)

The programme, launched by the European Commission in 2007, provides support to Iran, Iraq and Yemen. EU support is tailored to reflect the political, economic and social circumstances of each country, as well as the state of their relations with the European Union. Co-operative activities cover a broad range of issues including human rights, good governance, capacity building and economic development. More information on the programme can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/gulf-region/index_en.htm

Neighbourhood and Russia

The European Neighbourhood Policy is a political and economic strategy developed by the EU not only to improve its relations with its neighbours but also to avoid any dividing lines between the enlarged EU and its neighbours. The EU has also established a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement signed in 1994 with Russia, which is not part of the ENP. Cooperation with countries of the Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia will focus mainly on transport, energy, border/migration control and socio-cultural relations. A list of the so called 'Neighbouring' countries can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/country-cooperation/index_en.htm

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)

The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument programme represents the main source of funding for 17 countries. Please find the list of those countries below:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/index_en.htm

The ENPI has replaced both the TACIS (for Eastern European countries) and MEDA (for Mediterranean countries) programmes. The main purpose of the programme is to create an area of shared values, stability and prosperity, enhanced co-operation and deeper economic and regional integration by covering a wide range of co-operation areas. A full overview of the programmes can be found at: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/overview/index_en.htm



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