



# AN EU STRATEGY ON INDIA

The European Union and India have upgraded their long-standing relationship to a strategic partnership in 2004, acknowledging their common goals and principles. Nowadays, in a challenging international environment, **the EU and India share the same values of democracy, human rights, fundamental freedoms and support the rules-based global order centred on multilateralism.**

## WHY THE EU NEEDS TO WORK CLOSER WITH INDIA?



INDIA, EXPECTED TO BECOME THE MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, COULD TURN INTO A GLOBAL GROWTH ENGINE, SUPPORTING JOB CREATION AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES.



BALANCED TRADE BETWEEN THE EU AND INDIA, THE FASTEST-GROWING LARGE ECONOMY, WAS WORTH €115 BILLION IN 2017.



INDIA IS AN IMPORTANT PARTNER IN IMPLEMENTING THE EU'S STRATEGY ON CONNECTING EUROPE AND ASIA AND ITS SECURITY POLICY ENGAGEMENT IN THE REGION.



THE EU-INDIA CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP WILL CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCING GLOBAL RESOURCE PRESSURE AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

## HOW THE EU WANTS TO PARTNER WITH INDIA?



### MODERNISATION

> Investment in India's sustainable modernisation. New business opportunities.

> Enhanced connectivity and data protection. Sustainable urbanisation.



### CLIMATE CHANGE

> Implementation of the Paris Agreement and adoption of global biodiversity framework in 2020.

> Development of more efficient renewable energy sources.



### TRADE & INVESTMENT

> Balanced, ambitious and mutually beneficial agreements on trade and investment.

> Sound, transparent, non-discriminatory regulatory and business environment in India.



### INNOVATION

> More people-to-people exchanges, utilising societal diversity.

> Cooperation on education and skills, mutual recognition of qualifications, mobility of talent. Innovation initiatives.

## HOW TO STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL PARTNERSHIP?



### REINFORCING COOPERATION ON FOREIGN POLICY

- > Coordinating on the most relevant foreign policy issues.
- > Working for stability and security in the overlapping neighbourhoods.
- > Engaging India more on sustainable connectivity both at strategic and operational levels.



### DEVELOPING SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION

- > Fighting terrorism and radicalisation.
- > Exchanging expertise on maritime and cyber security, non-proliferation / disarmament and hybrid threats.
- > Military relations via personnel exchanges and trainings.



### PROMOTING EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM

- > Promoting the rules-based global order and trading system.
- > Improving coordination in the United Nations, World Trade Organisation and G20.
- > Working on strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive global growth.



### BUILDING ON COMMON VALUES AND OBJECTIVES

- > Promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, human rights and democracy, and the inclusion of young people.
- > Coordinating on humanitarian and disaster relief operations.
- > Delivering the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030.

## WHAT IS THE EU DOING WITH INDIA?

