



# LEBANON

## Southern Neighbourhood



### Key milestones

#### APRIL 2006

The EU-Lebanon **Association Agreement** entered into force

#### NOVEMBER 2016

Adoption of the EU-Lebanon **Partnership Priorities** for 2016-2020 and **Compact** to address the consequences of the Syrian crisis

#### DECEMBER 2020

Adoption of the **Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF)** together with UN and World Bank

#### MAY 2024

Adoption of **€1 billion EU funding until 2027**



### EU-Lebanon Partnership priorities\*



Security and Counter-terrorism



Governance and Rule of Law



Migration and Mobility



Fostering Growth and Job opportunities

*\*in force until new Partnership Priorities are adopted*



### Trade & investment

The EU is Lebanon's first trading partner, accounting for 28.4% of its total trade in goods in 2022, 32% of its imports and 12.4% of its export. In 2023, EU-Lebanon two-way trade in goods amounted to **€6.1 billion**



### Mobility

Around **4 198** Lebanese students, professors and university staff travelled to Europe and **2 185** European counterparts travelled to Lebanon between 2015 and 2023



### EU funding

The **Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)** is the main instrument for the EU's cooperation and development with Lebanon for the period 2021-2027. From 2021 to 2025, overall assistance to the country amounts to **€1.1 billion**:

- **The EU bilateral allocation** amounted to **€293 million** in support of good governance and reforms, inclusive and resilient economy, and green and sustainable recovery.
- **In response to the Syrian crisis**, EU support to Lebanon amounted to **€752.5 million** it aims to ensure access to basic services: education, health, water and sanitation and social protection benefiting all vulnerable populations in Lebanon.
- Due to the impact of Russia's war against Ukraine, the EU allocated **€25 million** to Lebanon in 2022 via the **EU Food and Resilience Facility** to reduce socio-economic insecurity of the most vulnerable segment of the population.
- Lebanon benefits from support through the **European Peace Facility (€6 million** in 2023).
- Lebanon also benefits from other EU thematic programmes and instruments, such as the **Human Rights and Democracy** instrument, with **€ 6.95 million** and the **Support to Civil Society and Local Authorities** programme, with **€2 million** for the period 2021-2024.
- Regarding Palestine refugees, the EU contributes to the central budget of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and support projects in Lebanon.



### EU response to challenges & crises

- Since 2011, EU support to Lebanon amounts to more than **€3.5 billion**.
- After the 4 August 2020 Beirut Port Blast, the EU has developed with the **UN and World Bank the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF)** that bridges the immediate humanitarian assistance with medium-term recovery and reconstruction and is contributing to its implementation.
- Lebanon is the neighbouring country most affected by the Israel-Hamas war. In the **southern part of the country 98 750** people are displaced and face economic losses and damage of infrastructure and environment. In this context, the EU is adapting its ongoing support and ensures, for instance, the continuity of health services for the populations affected.