

The new European Consensus on Development

The representatives of the European Union and the Member States gathered in the framework of the annual celebration of the [European Development Days](#) (7-8 June, Brussels) to sign the new **European Consensus on Development**.

The document entitled "**Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future**" represents the EU's response to the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Organisation](#). Adopted in September 2015 by world leaders, the 2030 Agenda constitutes the universal program which calls for global action in the field of development following a multistakeholder approach.

With a view to integrate the *17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)* in the framework of the European policy and in the context of the current priorities of the European Commission, the new Consensus sets out a complementary framework for strategic action with regards to the European development cooperation policy.

- **Eradication of poverty** alongside the **promotion of sustainable development** (connected to the progress made in achieving the 17 SDGs) remain the main objectives of the European development cooperation policy;
- The EU is committed to ensure prosperity and economic efficiency and to promote peaceful communities, social inclusion and environmental responsibility. For this purpose, efforts will aim at reducing vulnerabilities and addressing inequalities, following the “**no one left behind**” principle;
- Apart from the 2030 Agenda, the implementation of the Consensus will be closely coordinated with the [Paris Agreement on Climate Change](#) and other international commitments;
- Democracy, the rule of law, the universality and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for human dignity, as well as the principles of equality and solidarity are just a few of the core values and principles that will guide the EU development action in the next years;
- Particular attention will be paid to **interconnections between different development sectors** (peace and security, humanitarian aid, migration, the environment and climate change) and to other **cross-cutting elements** such as youth, gender equality, mobility and migration, sustainable energy and climate change, trade, good governance, democracy, the rule of law and human rights;
- The Consensus aims at building more inclusive, more solid and better individualised partnerships with a larger variety of shareholders, including the civil society, as well as with partner-countries in all stages of development.

- ✓ [The new European Consensus on Development ‘Our World, Our Dignity, Our Future’ \(full text\)](#)
- ✓ [Council of the EU – The new European Consensus on Development \(Video\)](#)
- ✓ [EuropeAid: A new Consensus on Development: the EU will do more, do it better and do it differently \(Video\)](#)

