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# The EU Development Policy

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# **The *European Consensus* on Development**



Photo European Parliament

**European Council 15-16 December 2005**  
**Signed by Presidents Barroso, Borrell, Blair 20 December 2005**

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# Background

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- **Joint Council-Commission Statement  
(November 2000)**

## Why revise it?

- **The world has changed (security, migration, social dimension of globalisation, ..)**
  - **Europe has been enlarged**
  - **The global development agenda has been strengthened (MDGs, Monterrey, etc.)**
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# *The European Consensus on Development (2)*

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- **Joint Declaration: Council, Commission,  
Parliament**

→ **Two parts:**

- **Part I – The EU Vision of Development  
(Commission and Member States)**
  - **Part II – The EC Development policy  
(Commission)**
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# Part I

# The EU Vision of Development



# Objectives

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- **Primary objective:**
    - **Poverty reduction and, eventually, poverty eradication in the context of sustainable development**
  - **Millennium Development Goals**
  - **Complementary objectives:**
    - **good governance, human rights**
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# Common values

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- **Respect for human rights**
  - **Fundamental freedoms**
  - **Peace**
  - **Democracy**
  - **Good governance**
  - **Gender equality**
  - **The rule of law**
  - **Solidarity**
  - **Justice**
  - **Commitment to multilateralism**
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# Key principles

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- **Ownership, Partnership**
  - **Political dialogue**
  - **Participation of civil society**
  - **Gender equality**
  - **Commitment to fragile states**
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# Increase financial resources

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## → ODA volumes:

### - Target 2015

0.7% EU15

0.33% EU10

### - Interim target 2010

0.51% EU15 0.17% EU10 → EU25 average 0.56%

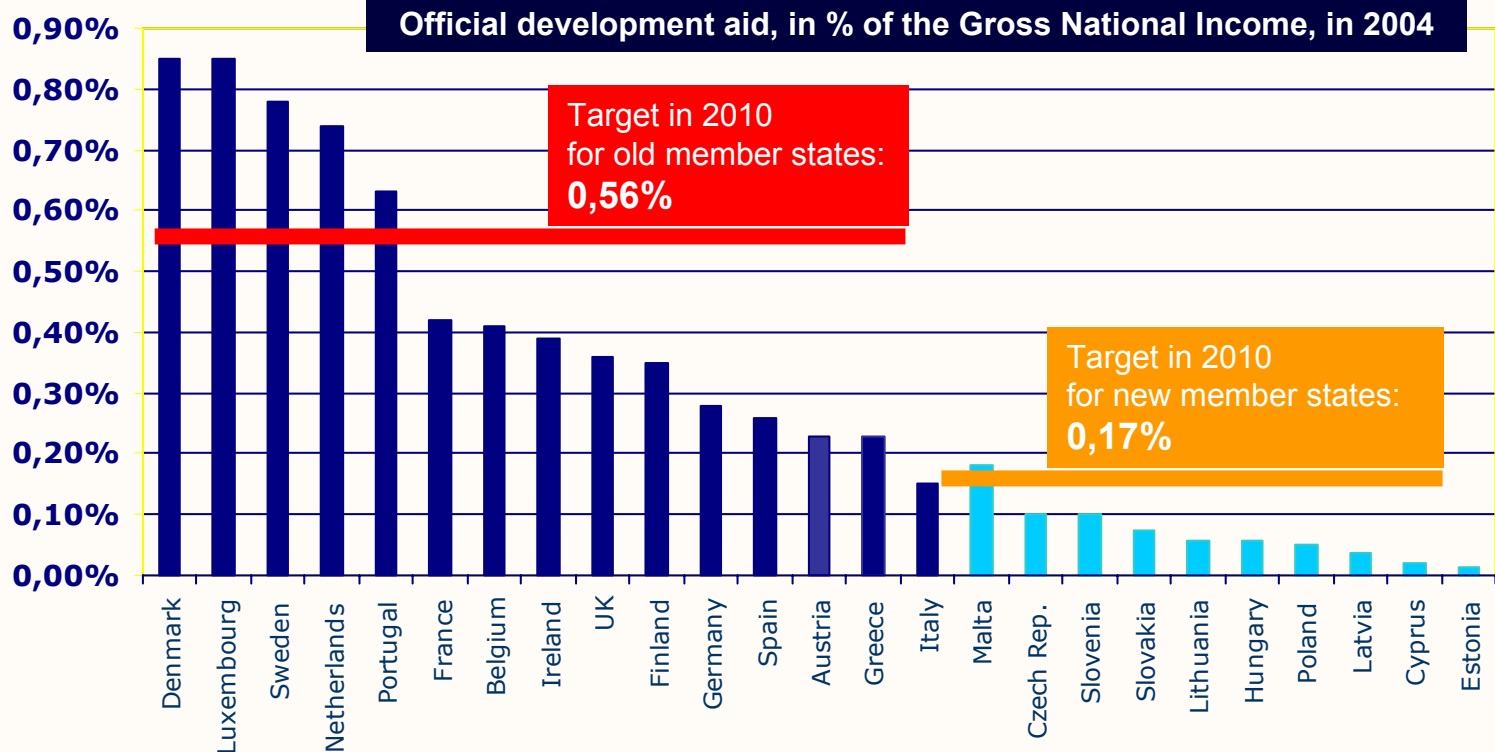
→ EU aid will nearly double between 2004 (34bn €) and 2010 (66 €bn)

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# Official Development Assistance

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# Coherence

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How can non-aid policies contribute to achieving the MDGs?

## **12 areas identified to:**

- **(a) avoid negative effects on developing countries' possibilities to achieve MDGs;**
  - **(b) develop synergies where possible;**
  - **(c) respect principles of ownership and partnership**
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## **Part II**

# **The European Community Development Policy**



# Commission's comparative advantages

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- **The particular role of the Commission and its added value:**
    - 1. Global presence and critical mass**
    - 2. Promotion of policy coherence**
    - 3. Promoting best practices and stimulating the debate on development**
    - 4. Facilitation of coordination and harmonisation**
    - 5. Support to democracy, human rights, good governance and respect for international law**
    - 6. Promotion of participation of civil society and North-South solidarity**
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# Areas for Community action

**/however: concentration at country level**

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- **Trade and regional integration**
  - **Environment and sustainable management of natural resources**
  - **Infrastructure, communications and transport**
  - **Water and energy**
  - **Rural development, territorial planning, agriculture and food security**
  - **Governance, democracy, human rights, and economic and institutional reforms including capacity building**
  - **Conflict prevention and fragile states**
  - **Human development**
  - **Social cohesion and employment**
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# Next steps

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- **Follow up in Programming - CSP**
  - **Regional strategies:**
    - **EU-Africa Strategy**
    - **Latin America Communication**
    - **EU and Pacific Islands**
    - **EU – Caribbean Partnership**
  - **Policy initiatives (e.g. governance, culture)**
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# Aid Effectiveness package

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- **3 communications:**
  - **« EU aid: Delivering more, better and faster » (Action Plan)**
    - COM(2006)87
  - **« Financing for Development and Aid Effectiveness »**
    - COM(2006)85
  - **« Joint Programming Framework »**
    - (COM(2006)88)
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# Key elements of the package

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- **Harmonisation of procedures between donors**
  - **Coordination of policies**
  - **Alignment with partner countries' multiannual programming cycles**
  - **Synchronisation of Member States' and Commission's multi annual programming processes**
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# Joint programming framework

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- **Joint programming exercise in 2 steps**
  - 1. Joint analysis of the country situation**
  - 2. Joint response strategy**



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# **The Cotonou Agreement ACP- EU Partnership**

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# The need for change

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- Mixed results of 25 years under the Lomé Convention
- Need to adapt and modernise the partnership
- Need to increase the efficiency and impact of aid



# An Innovative Agreement on many aspects

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- Long term agreement (20 years)
- Partnership
- Comprehensive: strengthened political dialogue, development assistance, economic and trade cooperation
- Major political issues: security, migration

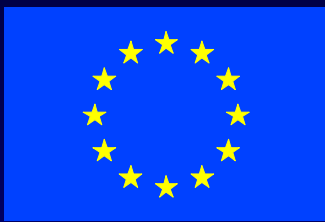


# (1) The political dimension

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- Key role for dialogue
  - Essential elements : human rights, democratic principles, rule of law
  - Good governance, including corruption
  - Peace building, conflict prevention and resolution
  - Migration
  - WMD non proliferation
  - Cooperation in the fight against terrorism
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## (2) Participatory approaches

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- Actors: Public authorities (central and local levels) + Non State actors
- Information
- Consultation
- Capacity building
- Participation in implementation



# Trade and economic cooperation

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- **EPA negotiations with 6 regional groupings ongoing**
- **Implementaion starting in 2008**





# 10th EDF

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- **Period 2008-2013 (in line with FP)**
- **22.7 billion euros**
- **Programming process ongoing**
- **Intra-ACP, regional and national indicative programmes**



- **Coherence between regional & national programmes and other instruments:**
  - **Thematic programmes (-> DCI)**
  - **Global initiatives (HIV/AIDS)**
  - **Facilities (water, energy)**
  - **Sugar ( -> DCI)**
  - **Bananas**
  - **Partnership for infrastructure**
  - **EIB**