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UNIDO-EU PARTNERSHIP REPORT:

A Global Gateway for Green Investments and Jobs



1. FOREWORD BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

The partnership between UNIDO and the European Union is more indispensable than ever in addressing the many challenges that lay before us. We are past the halfway point on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and urgent action is necessary to get back on track.

Whether it be the elimination of poverty and hunger, the creation of jobs or the decarbonization of industry and the provision of sustainable energy, our cooperation helps to improve policies, share best practices and technologies while above all offering practical solutions.

In the last ten years, UNIDO and the EU have worked together all over the world to fight hunger through the modernization of agriculture. We have improved the social and environmental standards along supply chains and pushed to effectively implement a circular economy and sustainable energy systems both at regional and country levels. Together we have worked in more than 100 countries, to make the Green Deal a reality.

Working in the context of the European Union Global Gateway and the Green Deal is an excellent opportunity for UNIDO and its 172 Member States to generate necessary investments and make real progress towards achieving the sustainable development in local communities worldwide.

In coming years, sustainable industrialization will be the accelerator of change in all corners of the world. UNIDO and the EU can support this process and ensure that the right policies, knowledge and technologies are available to all.

2. OVERVIEW OF UNIDO-EUROPEAN UNION PARTNERSHIP

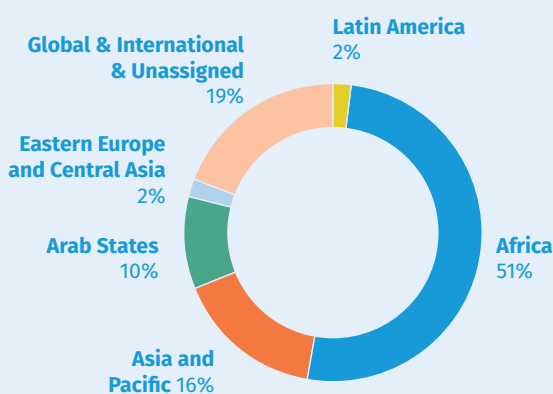
The partnership between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the European Union has regularly deepened and expanded over the past four decades. This cooperation is built on a growing synergy between the two entities, rooted in **shared recognition of the role of industry and the private sector in generating wealth and quality jobs, both in developing countries and the European Union**. This is further supported by

consideration of the increasing need for international industrial cooperation to improve policies, standards and norms, share knowledge and technologies, foster employment and move towards a sustainable economy.

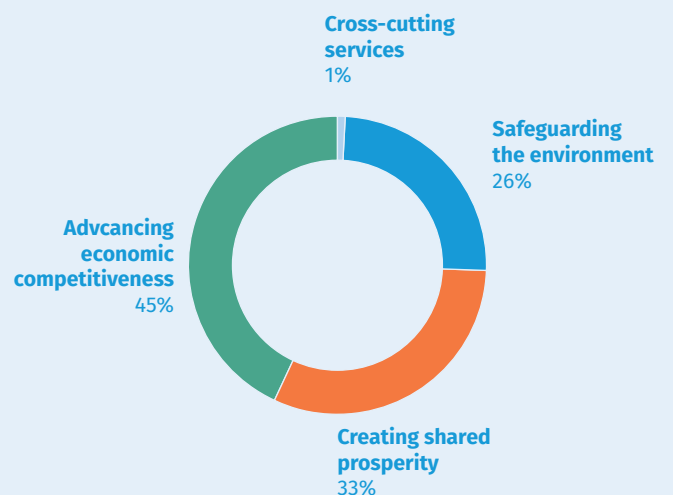
The cooperation between the European Union and UNIDO has been developed through policy dialogue and technical cooperation.

- 1. Policy dialogue:** existing policy mechanisms between the European Union and UNIDO, such as the UNIDO-European Union High-Level Dialogues, the European Union's participation in UNIDO Policymaking Organs, UNIDO's contribution to European Union policymaking and policy advisory high level visits.
- 2. Technical cooperation:** projects and programmes implemented by UNIDO in partnership with and financed by European Union institutions and Member States.

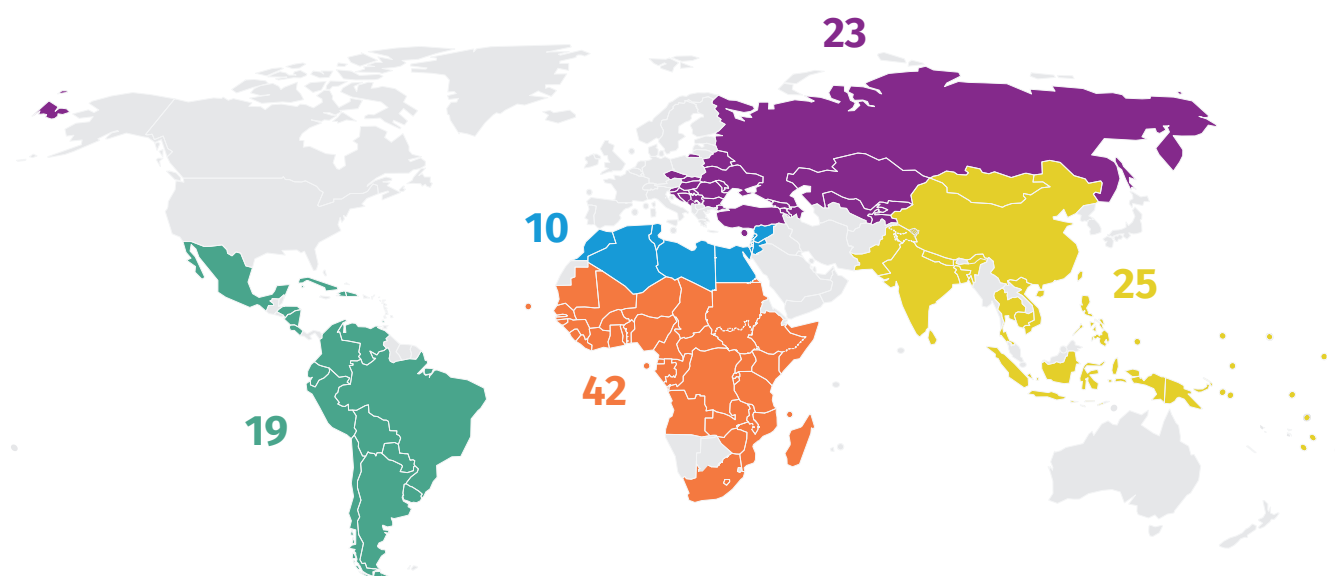
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Thematic priorities 2006–2022

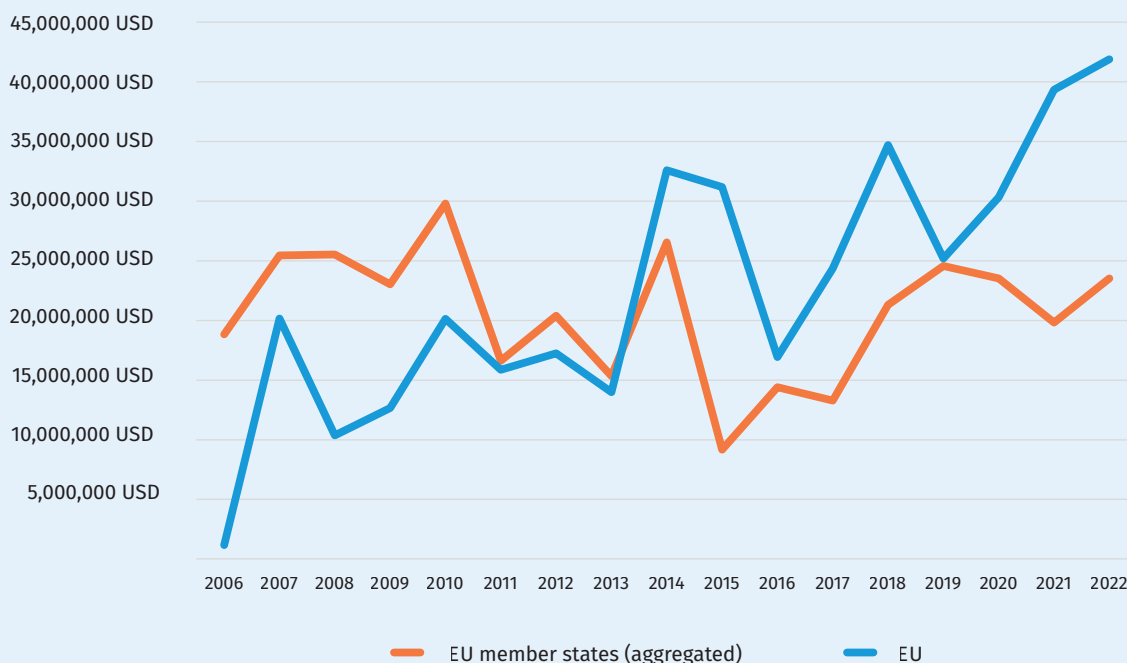


Map of European Union-funded UNIDO projects (accumulated over time)



Sub-Saharan Africa		Asia and Pacific	Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States	Latin America and the Caribbean	Arab States
Angola	Mali	Bangladesh	Armenia	Argentina	Algeria
Benin	Mauritania	Cambodia	Azerbaijan	Bolivia	Egypt
Burkina Faso	Mozambique	China	Bosnia and Herzegovina	(Plurinational State of)	Israel
Burundi	Niger	Cook Islands	Belarus	Brazil	Jordan
Cameroon	Nigeria	India	Bulgaria	Chile	Lebanon
Cape Verde	Rwanda	Indonesia	Croatia	Colombia	Libya
Central African Republic	São Tomé and Príncipe	Kiribati	Czech Republic	Costa Rica	Morocco
Chad	Sierra Leone	Marshall Islands	Cyprus	Cuba	Palestine (State of)
Comoros	Senegal	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Georgia	Dominican Republic	Syria
Côte d'Ivoire	Sudan	Mongolia	Hungary	Ecuador	Tunisia
Congo (Republic of)	Somalia	Nauru	Kyrgyzstan	Grenada	
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	South Sudan	Nepal	Kazakhstan	Haiti	
Equatorial Guinea	South Africa	Niue	Moldova	Honduras	
Ethiopia	Togo	Pakistan	Montenegro	Mexico	
Gabon	Uganda	Palau	Romania	Nicaragua	
Gambia	United Republic of Tanzania	Papua New Guinea	Russian Federation	Paraguay	
Ghana	Zambia	Philippines	Serbia	Peru	
Guinea	Zimbabwe	Samoa	Slovakia	Uruguay	
Guinea-Bissau		Solomon Islands	Slovenia	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	
Kenya		Sri Lanka	Tajikistan		
Lesotho		Thailand	Turkey		
Liberia		Tonga	Ukraine		
Madagascar		Tuvalu	Uzbekistan		
Malawi		Vanuatu			
		Viet Nam			

Voluntary contributions from European Union and European Union Member States (aggregated) (2006–2022)



Key partners

Main European Union counterparts:

European Commission (the Directorates-General [DGs] for International Partnerships [INTPA], Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations [NEAR], Trade [TRADE], Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises [GROW], Climate Action [CLIMA], Environment [ENV], Health and Food Safety [SANTE], Research and Innovation [RTD], Joint Research Centre [JRC], Agriculture and Rural Development [AGRI], Energy [ENER] and European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations [ECHO]), the DG for Environment (ENV), the DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CONNECT), the European External Action Service and European Union delegations, the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the European Union Member States.

Other main strategic partners in Brussels (not limited to the following):

the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), the African Union, the European Investment Bank, the United Nations team in Brussels, the private sector, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, European development agencies (AFD, GIZ) and European Development Finance Institutions (EDFI).

3. POLICY DIALOGUE AND AIDE MEMOIRE

The partnership between UNIDO and the European Union is based on a growing convergence of objectives in recent years, both organizations contributing to the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. More specifically, UNIDO's mandate as enshrined in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9 on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization, Infrastructure and Innovation aligns seamlessly with the European Union's renewed emphasis on industrial advancement, as articulated by President Ursula von der Leyen in her recent State of the Union speech (13 Sep 2023). UNIDO's commitment to fostering sustainable industrialization and innovation intersects with the European Union's strategic focus on revitalizing its industrial base to promote sustainable economic, human and social development through the Global Gateway and achieve the green transition through the Green Deal and the Green Deal Industrial Plan. This growing coherence between the two partners' respective objectives is further underscored by President von der Leyen's echoing of UNIDO's guiding motto:

“Progress by Innovation” through her statement that “modernisation and decarbonisation can go hand in hand”.

UNIDO is a particularly relevant partner in supporting the European Union's achievement of the twin green and digital transitions that promote sustainable economic, human and social development. Moreover, the alignment between UNIDO and European Union priorities is exemplified through European Union policies such as the Global Gateway and the Green Deal Industrial Plan, which emphasize global connectivity, sustainable development and the modernization of industries. Additionally, initiatives such as Global Gateway, the Neighbourhood,

Development and International Cooperation Instrument and Team Europe underscore joint efforts in fostering sustainable value chains (VCs), enhancing economic resilience and promoting skills development worldwide. In the context of this recognized alignment of UNIDO's mandate with European Union priorities, the Fifth High-Level Dialogue meeting between UNIDO and the European Union took place on 13 December 2022. The discussions focused on identifying pathways to strengthen the partnership between the European Union and UNIDO, in view of concrete implementation of the Global Gateway strategy through innovative approaches and by focusing on areas where synergies between the two organizations can bring increased added value and impact at the global level.

The Dialogue resulted in the shared recognition that both organizations should explore further synergies and enhance cooperation around the world in four main priority areas:

1. circular economy, decarbonization and sustainable energy;
2. sustainable growth and jobs, and agribusiness;
3. digitalization and innovation;
4. human development, technical and vocational education and training, and skills.

These four priority areas are subdivided into 21 action points to be implemented jointly. To ensure their successful implementation, follow-up dialogue and cooperation have been initiated with the various Directorate-Generals (DGs) of the European Commission, including those for International Partnerships (INTPA), Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CONNECT), Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (GROW), Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR), Research and Innovation (RTS) and Energy (ENER), ENV, AGRI and with the EEAS.



4. TECHNICAL COOPERATION (PROJECTS)

To transform political dialogue into action, UNIDO is working closely with its Member States in all regions of the world to design programmes and projects adapted to their specific needs, with the support of the European Union and its Member States. In addition, in each region of the world, UNIDO works with Regional Economic Communities and other regional institutions to ensure that regional cooperation can reinforce policies and activities developed at the country level.

Global

Some of the cooperation between UNIDO and the European Union takes place at the global level to support important objectives that are of interest to all regions of the world. These projects are key to showcasing the best practices in various regions and helping with their implementation through practical demonstration. It is the case for the circular economy in line with the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency, for improving current production and consumption models and moving towards a more circular and sustainable economy. In addition, the project SWITCH to Circular Economy Value Chains (SWITCH2CE) will improve the sustainability of international supply chains. Other projects are supported by the Organization of Africa, Caribbean and Pacific States to improve investment promotion through the business-friendly programme and capacity to comply with international norms and standards through the African, Caribbean and Pacific Quality Infrastructure Programme in their 79 Member States. Furthermore, the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals toolbox for decision-making in chemicals management provides new tools for sustainable management of chemicals.



SWITCH to Circular Economy Value Chains (SWITCH2CE)

The SWITCH2CE project engages with the private sector to scale up investments in green businesses and sustainable VCs, and create green jobs. The project runs pilot initiatives in selected developing countries, supporting suppliers of European Union multinational companies in transitioning to circular practices, while also working to create a supportive landscape through policies, finance mechanisms, skills development, consumer awareness and collaboration platforms.

[Projects in Global 190161 \(unido.org\)](#)

Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals toolbox for decision-making in chemicals management – Phase III: From design to action

The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) partners, including UNIDO, have created the IOMC Toolbox, a problem-solving tool for countries to identify effective actions in managing chemicals. In Phase III of the project, the Toolbox's functionalities will be enhanced, and its scope expanded, with a focus on capacity-building and marketing activities in numerous developing countries.

[Projects in Global 220198 \(unido.org\)](#)

African, Caribbean and Pacific business-friendly: Supporting value chains through inclusive policies, investment promotion and alliances

The programme employs a 3+1 tiered approach (at the regional, macro, meso and micro levels) to utilize VCs in enhancing the competitiveness and growth of small and medium-sized enterprises for inclusive and sustainable job creation and economic growth. Since 2022, UNIDO has added a quality infrastructure (QI) component to its meso-level intervention, collaborating with regional QI bodies to establish internationally recognized quality and regulatory infrastructure for greater economic and social impact.

UNIDO's meso level approach covers the following countries: Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Senegal and Zambia

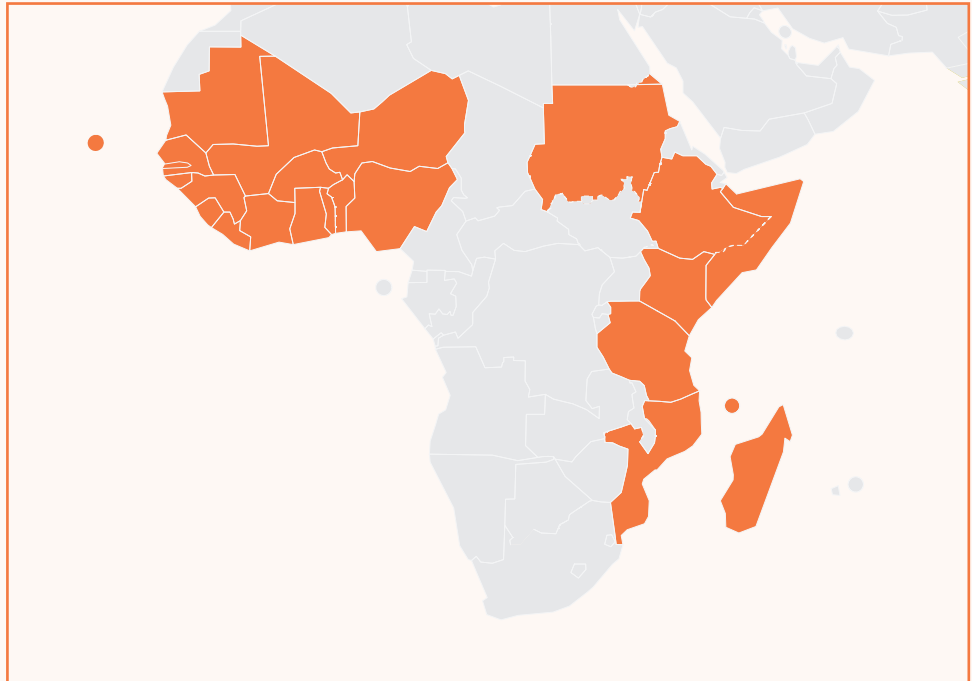
For more information on these projects:

[Projects in Inter-Regional 170049 \(unido.org\)](#)

[Investment Promotion Portal \(unido.org\)](#)

Map of country projects in Africa

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Comoros, Mozambique



Africa

For decades, UNIDO and the European Union have worked together in partnership with African countries, and regional and continental institutions. UNIDO has regularly participated in Africa-European Union summits and business forums, and has developed a solid partnership with the African Union, the Regional Economic Communities and regional development banks. With the support of the European Union, UNIDO has been able to support many priorities of the African Union and its Member States indicated in the various policy frameworks that UNIDO has contributed to developing for the continent: the Action Plan for the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa, the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa 2016–2025 and the outcome of the recent African Union Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification held in Niamey on 20–25 November 2022. UNIDO has been especially mandated by the African Union for helping in the coordination, political mobilization and implementation of these frameworks, which include all social, economic and environmental dimensions of industrial development. These include creating decent jobs in productive sectors through skills, improving sustainable supply chains through competitiveness and compliance with international

norms, and supporting the implementation of the circular economy and sustainable energy in industrial activities.

West Africa:

UNIDO and the European Union have been working together to support West Africa, its countries and the local private sector for more than 20 years. The cooperation has been leveraged to a new strategic level with the West Africa Competitiveness Programme (WACOMP), a regional programme of EUR 110 million in total, mainly implemented through a partnership between the European Union, UNIDO and the International Trade Centre. Beyond the regional components of the programme, several complementary projects have been implemented by UNIDO at the country level.

WACOMP, funded by the European Union, aims to support several selected VCs at the national and regional levels to promote structural transformation and better access to regional and international markets while taking account of social and environmental concerns.

The major objectives of the programme are strengthening the competitiveness of West African countries and enhancing their integration into the

regional and international trading system. To reach this overarching goal, the programme will work to improve:

- performance, growth and contribution to the industry
- regional trade and exports of selected VCs
- the business climate at the national and regional levels

All countries where WACOMP is being implemented: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo

WACOMP – West Africa Competitiveness Programme (ecowas.int)

West Africa Competitiveness and Quality Infrastructure Project (WACQIP)

The West Africa Competitiveness and Quality Infrastructure Project (WACQIP) is the regional component of WACOMP, which supports the development of four selected regional VCs: 1) cassava and its derivatives; 2) mango; 3) textiles and garments; and 4) information and communications technology as a cross-cutting value chain. The project mainly supports the strengthening of the Economic Community of West African States' QI and enhancing the capacity of its Member States to develop and implement industrial development policies along the selected regional VCs.

West Africa Competitiveness Programme Gambia: Increasing competitiveness through enhanced quality and compliance along the onion value chain

Projects in Gambia 190043 (unido.org)

The Gambia – WACOMP (ecowas.int)

West Africa Competitiveness Programme Ghana

<https://wacompghana.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/WACOMPGhana>

West Africa Competitiveness Programme Guinea: Pineapple Sector Revival Project (REFILA)

Projects in Guinea (unido.org)

West Africa Competitiveness Programme Guinea-Bissau: Improving the competitiveness of the mango value chain in Guinea-Bissau – production, local processing and export support

Guinea-Bissau – WACOMP (ecowas.int)

West Africa Competitiveness Programme Senegal: Resilience and recovery programme for micro, small and medium enterprises in Senegal (P2R)

Projects in Senegal (unido.org)

West Africa Competitiveness Programme Sierra Leone: Increasing competitiveness through enhanced productivity and trade compliance in selected value chains

Sierra Leone – WACOMP (ecowas.int)

Projects in Sierra Leone (unido.org)

Youth Rising: European Union Support to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for Young People in Liberia

The project seeks to strengthen the Liberian TVET sector in its capacity to deliver equitable and gender balanced access to high-quality and demand-driven TVET. This will be done by supporting capacity development at the central and TVET provider levels and by strengthening links with the private sector. The intervention addresses equity issues, with emphasis on remote south-east rural areas and vulnerable youth, including people with disabilities.

Projects in Liberia (unido.org)



East Africa

Ethiopia – Leather initiative for sustainable employment creation (LISEC)

[Home-grown Economic Reform \(video\)](#)

[MLC – Modjo Leather City 02 \(video\)](#)

[Ethiopia: cluster approach helps small leather goods enterprise to grow \(UNIDO article\)](#)

Promotion of sustainable Ethiopian agro-industrial development (PROSEAD) Component 5 (Ethiopia)

[Projects in Ethiopia 190001 \(unido.org\)](#)

Market Access Upgrade Programme (MARKUP)

[Projects in Kenya 170183 \(unido.org\)](#)

Strengthening the business incubator ecosystem in Madagascar (Incubost)

[Projects in Madagascar 200317 \(unido.org\)](#)

Business incubators to support entrepreneurship and micro, small and medium-sized enterprise creation in Somalia

[Projects in Somalia 200319 \(unido.org\)](#)

Employment opportunities and entrepreneurship development for migrant youth, refugees, asylum seekers and host communities in Khartoum State, Sudan

[Projects in Sudan 160092 \(unido.org\)](#)

QUALITAN project supporting micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in Tanzania with quality and standards compliance to reduce costs and enhance market access and customer protection

[Projects in Tanzania, United Republic of 210097 \(unido.org\)](#)

Southern Africa

Support programme for production, industrialization and free trade in Comoros (APILE Comoros)

[Projects in Comoros \(unido.org\)](#)

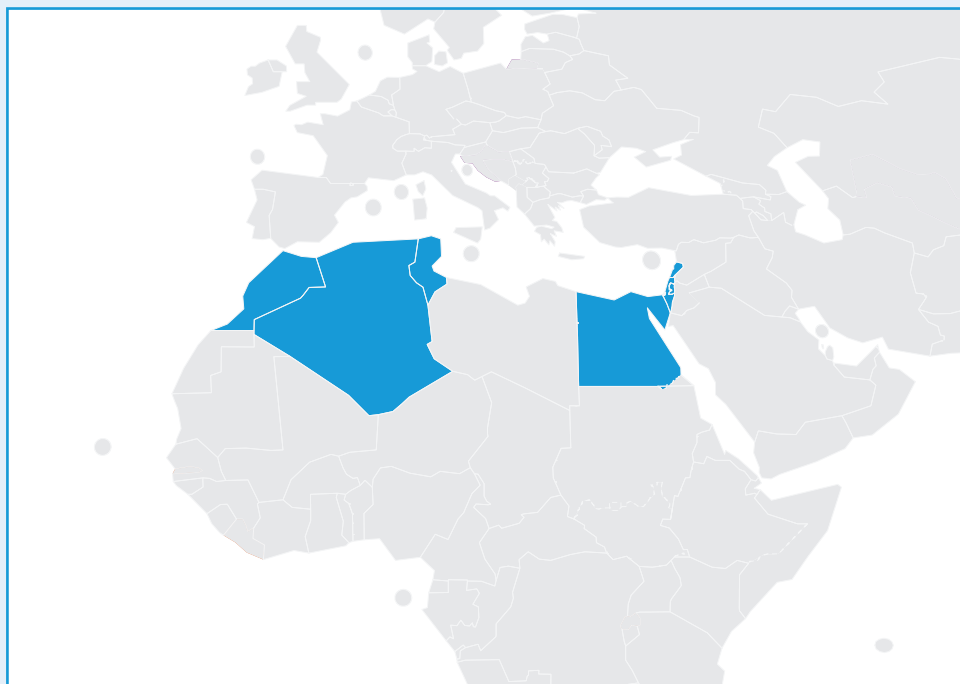
Building Competitiveness for Exports in Mozambique (PROMOVE Comércio)

[Projects in Mozambique \(unido.org\)](#)



Map of country projects in the Arab Region

Morocco, Tunisia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt, Algeria



Arab Region

The cooperation between UNIDO and the European Union in south Mediterranean countries has been developed at the policy level in the framework of Euro-Mediterranean industrial cooperation and at the technical level in close partnership with UNIDO's Member States from the region as well as DG NEAR and European Union delegations. The dialogue has led to the development of a very ambitious cooperation to implement the green industrial transition through the promotion of the circular economy as well as the blue economy in the region. The SwitchMed programme, developed through three phases, is a model of how the Green Deal can be implemented efficiently in developing countries and how public investments can be utilized to leverage at least four times more private investment.

SWITCHing towards sustainable consumption and production (SwitchMed II)

The SwitchMed II programme, initiated in 2019 following its first phase from 2014 to 2019, addresses environmental challenges in the Mediterranean by promoting greener and more circular business models. It aims to create economic opportunities while reducing environmental footprints through regional collaboration, supporting industries and startups in adopting sustainable practices, establishing policy frameworks for resource efficiency, facilitating knowledge-sharing and enhancing efficiency in the marine sector. The programme encompasses Morocco, Tunisia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Egypt, with achievements including initiatives such as mapping textile waste (Morocco and Tunisia), plastic VCs (Israel), industry demonstrations generating substantial savings (Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine), training on safe chemical management (Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia), pilots for textile waste recycling and launching blue economy initiatives for sustainable fish processing and aquaculture (Morocco and Tunisia).

[SwitchMed - Switching to a circular economy in the Mediterranean](#)

Supporting the transition of Algeria to a green and circular economy (ECOVERTEC)

[Projects in Algeria 180115 \(unido.org\)](#)

Private sector transition to a green and circular economy in Lebanon (2Circular)

[Projects in Lebanon 210028 \(unido.org\)](#)

Promoting sustainable energy in Palestinian industry (MOUSTADAMA)

[Projects in State of Palestine 170058 \(unido.org\)](#)

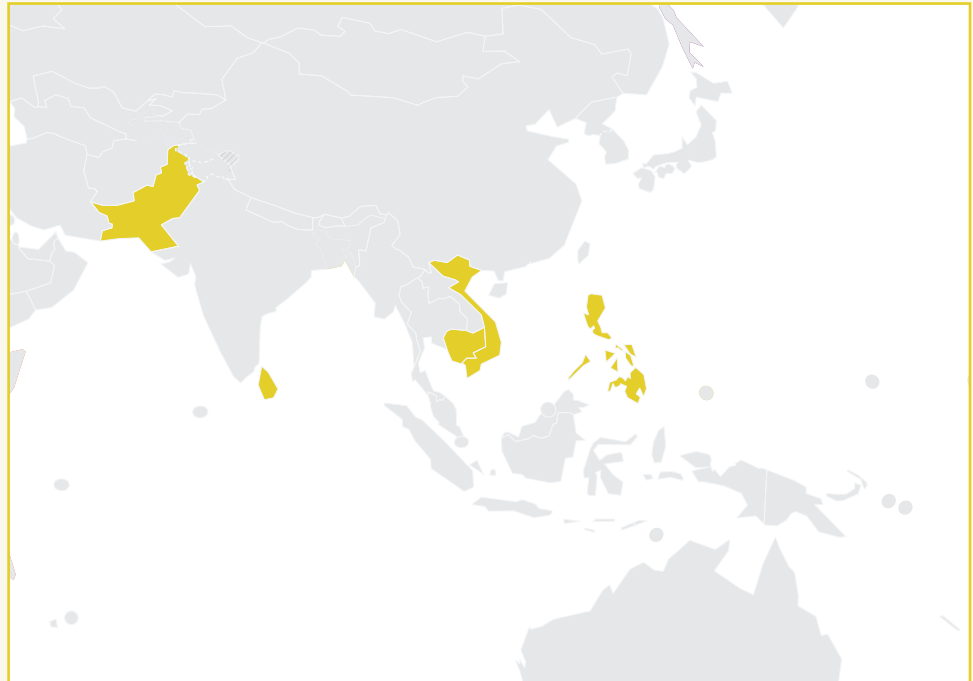
Supporting handicrafts and design value chains in Tunisia

[Projects in Tunisia 180185 \(unido.org\)](#)



Map of country projects in Asia and Pacific

Cambodia, Viet Nam, Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka



Asia and Pacific

UNIDO has been working with the European Union in Asia for more than two decades to help Asian countries support their competitiveness and compliance to international norms and standards, and to improve the impact of industrial activities on the environment and the climate. Several projects clearly illustrate the integrated and comprehensive contribution combining the social, economic and environmental dimensions that UNIDO and the European Union can bring to Asian countries. In the Pacific, UNIDO and the European Union have worked together in the last decade to support biregional research and innovation through the Pace-Net programme. Currently, the cooperation between UNIDO and the European Union is supporting the Pacific Region through two programmes financed by the OACPS and the European Union that support the capacity of industrial sectors to comply with international norms and standards, and another that helps countries improve their investment promotion to attract more and better-quality investments.

Cambodia Programme for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in the Fisheries Sector, CAPFISH-Capture: Post-harvest Fisheries Development Project (Cambodia)

The CAPFISH-capture project in Cambodia aims to bolster the post-harvest fisheries sector by enhancing food safety standards, regulatory frameworks and private sector practices. The strategy focuses on upgrading institutional systems, promoting innovation, ensuring compliance with global market standards and supporting business competitiveness while addressing cross-cutting issues such as gender equality and environmental concerns.



Key achievements include the development of harmonized laws, a functional certification authority, enhanced testing laboratories and implementation of the National Residue Monitoring Programme. Additionally, the project introduced the Cambodia Quality Seal, facilitated the Value Chain Investment Support scheme, provided training to enterprises, established the Food Technology, Research, and Innovation Platform, and initiated efforts to register two fishery products as geographical indications. The European Union's DG SANTE is expected to verify Cambodia's eligibility for the European Union's fish and fishery product exports in 2024.

[Projects in Cambodia 180039 \(unido.org\)](#)

[Modernizing Cambodia's Post-harvest Fisheries \(video\)](#)

[03 Fisheries Enterprises Talking about VCIS \(video\)](#)

Accelerating energy efficiency in larger industries through energy management systems, system optimization and the promotion and adoption of energy efficiency in small and medium-sized enterprises in Viet Nam

[Projects in Viet Nam 190311 \(unido.org\)](#)

Renewable energy technology for seaweeds value added in Tawi-Tawi (RETS)

[Projects in Philippines 170011 \(unido.org\)](#)

Renewable Energy Technology for Seaweed Value-Added in Tawi-Tawi Project (RETS) (video)

Bangsamoro Agri-Enterprise Programme (BAEP) – inclusive agribusiness development for human security (Philippines)

[Projects in Philippines 210124 \(unido.org\)](#)

Poverty alleviation and inclusive development across rural Sindh (PAIDAR)

The PAIDAR programme in rural Sindh, Pakistan, focuses on alleviating poverty and promoting inclusive development in areas where poverty exceeds the national average. Operating in five pilot districts, PAIDAR aims to enhance public services, create urban employment opportunities (especially for women and youth after COVID-19) and align pro-poor policies with the Poverty Reduction Strategy. The programme utilizes a grant fund for infrastructure projects, enterprise development and poverty graduation programmes, successfully establishing partnerships, Rural Growth Centres, and intermediary groups for microenterprise development, and collaborating on skills enhancement and infrastructure development to increase public service accessibility for marginalized communities.

[Projects in Pakistan 200183 \(unido.org\)](#)

European Union Global Climate Change Alliance Plus support to the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions of Sri Lanka In the industrial sector

<https://www.industriesclimateresponse.com/>

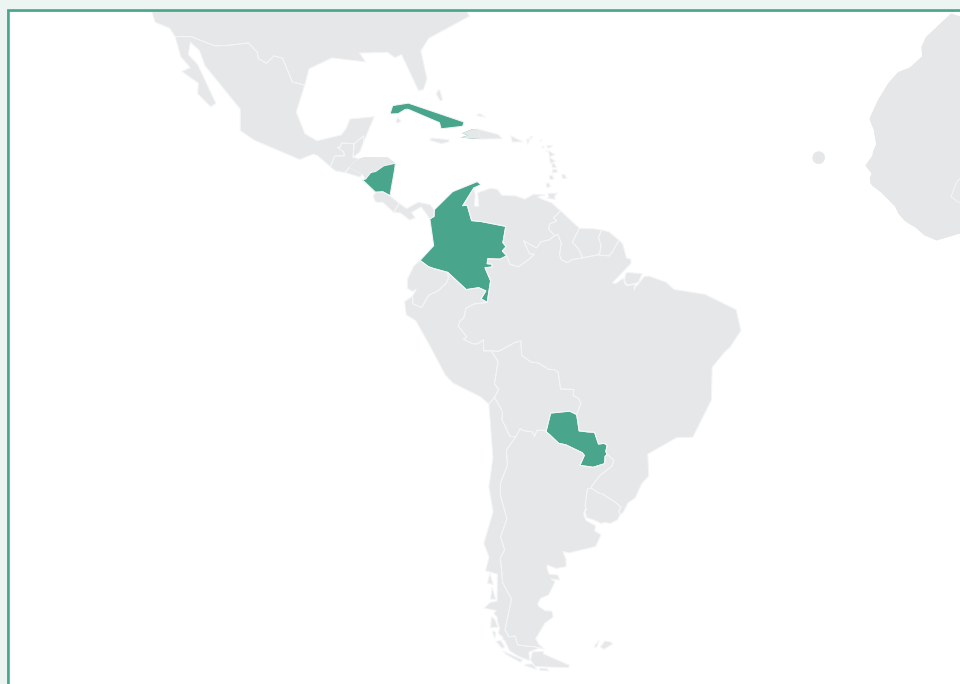
Mainstreaming standards-based best practices for agrifood sector development (BESPA-FOOD) (Sri Lanka)

[Projects in Sri Lanka 190345 \(unido.org\)](#)



Map of country projects in Latin America and the Caribbean

Cuba, Colombia, Nicaragua, Paraguay



Latin America and the Caribbean

UNIDO and the European Union have been working closely in Latin America, particularly to support the Central American and the Caribbean Regions to develop their trade compliance systems and the competitiveness of the private sector. They have also worked to jointly promote the circular economy through joint events and circular economy missions. Selected projects illustrate the type of technical cooperation that countries in Latin America and the Caribbean can benefit from via the partnership between UNIDO and the European Union. In addition, two global projects in partnership with the OACPS and the European Union are supporting Caribbean countries to develop their investment promotion and quality systems.

Support programme for energy efficiency in Cuba

[Projects in Cuba 180087 \(unido.org\)](#)

Rural Development and empowerment of the community councils of the Chocó Department through the sustainable use of natural and mineral resources (Colombia)

[Project website](#)

[Rural development and empowerment of the Community Councils in Chocó \(video\)](#)

[Women and mining in Chocó \(video\)](#)

Strengthening of the cocoa value chain in Nicaragua (NICACAO)

[Projects in Nicaragua 220015 \(unido.org\)](#)

<https://www.nicacao.org/>

Enhancing business intermediary organizations' support services for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises' competitiveness in Paraguay

[Projects in Paraguay 180298 \(unido.org\)](#)

Map of country projects in Europe and Central Asia

Azerbaijan,
Georgia, Ukraine,
Armenia, Moldova



Europe and Central Asia

UNIDO and the European Union have been working together for several decades to support countries in Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans to improve the environmental performance of their industries and comply with European Union norms and standards.

EU4Environment

EU4Environment brings together environmental and economic actors to deliver policy and legislative changes, make planning and investment greener, stimulate uptake of innovative technologies, adopt new business models and create green jobs. It promotes better environmental governance, and improved management of protected areas and forests and sustainable trade by helping Eastern Partnership (EaP) partners preserve their natural capital and increase people's environmental well-being.

Significant achievements include industrial waste mapping in pilot areas in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine. Feasibility assessments were completed for the transition of Moldovan Industrial Park Tracom and Free Economic Zone Valkaneş to Eco-Industrial Parks. In Georgia, 27 companies implemented 105 Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) measures, potentially saving almost 2 million euros annually. Across the EaP region, about 70 Demonstration Companies and 60 Club members are expected to implement RECP measures by the end of 2023, with awareness events on the European Union Single Market for Green Products and Product Environmental methodology training taking place in all EaP countries.



[Projects in Europe 170223 \(unido.org\)](#)

<https://www.eu4environment.org/>

Support to quality infrastructure in Armenia

[Projects in Armenia 210152 \(unido.org\)](#)

Improving standards compliance through increased national capacities for residue monitoring (Moldova)

[Projects in Moldova 220009 \(unido.org\)](#)

European Union innovative action for private sector competitiveness in Georgia

[Projects in Georgia 180316 \(unido.org\)](#)

