



# Regional Multi-annual Indicative Programme

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# Geopolitical priorities

Green Alliances and Partnerships	Alliances for Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital	Alliances for Sustainable Growth and Jobs	Migration Partnerships	Governance, Peace and Security, Human Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Low-carbon and circular economy</li> <li>• Green and smart cities</li> <li>• Sustainable energy</li> <li>• Biodiversity and Forests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible Digitalization - regulatory frameworks and data protection</li> <li>• Connectivity, including key enabling infrastructure</li> <li>• Digital skills and entrepreneurship</li> <li>• E-services, including e-governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable finance</li> <li>• Regional economic integration, trade and connectivity</li> <li>• Creation of decent jobs</li> <li>• Business environment and investment climate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement</li> <li>• Durable solutions for refugees</li> <li>• Migration and border management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human rights, democracy, fundamental values</li> <li>• Rule of law and accountability</li> <li>• Conflict prevention</li> <li>• Human development</li> </ul>



# EU vision for Asia and the Pacific

Addressing global challenges

Support for multilateralism

Promotion of human rights and democracy, peace, security and stability

Promotion of improved and sustainable connectivity

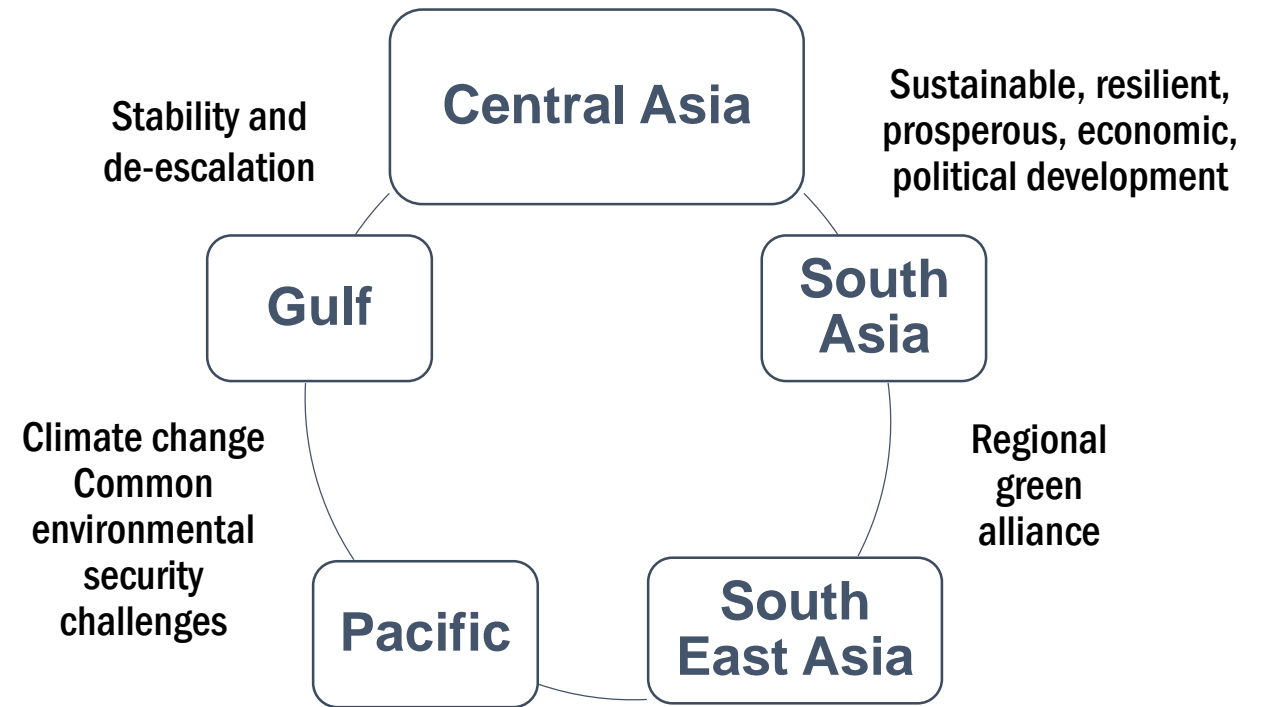
EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific (April 2021)

EU Strategy on Central Asia (June 2019)

EU Asia Connectivity Strategy (September 2018)

Council Conclusions on Enhancing EU Security Cooperation in and with Asia (May 2018)

Strategic Partnerships: China, India, Japan, RoK, ASEAN



**Green Deal - Digital Agenda - Peace and Security - Sustainable Jobs and Growth - Migration**

# Regional integration and cooperation

## Central Asia

### Partnering for resilience

- Water and energy
- Human rights, women's empowerment, rule of law and support to civil society
- Integrated approach to peace and stability

### Partnering for prosperity

- Digital connectivity
- Entrepreneurship and regional trade
- Human development

## South Asia

### Sustainable and resilient environment

### Trade, Energy and Digital Connectivity

### Integrated approach for regional stability and conflict prevention

## South East Asia and ASEAN

### Implementing EU-ASEAN partnership

- Policy dialogue
- Global challenges and BBB
- Regional integration

### Green Alliance

### Sustainable connectivity

## Pacific

### Climate action and environmental sustainability

### Inclusive Economic Development

### Fundamental Values, Human Development, Peace and Security

## Pan-Asia

- International partnerships across Asia, Pacific and the Middle East in pursuit of the EU's external priorities
- MSMEs equipped for global trade and EU-Asia resilient and sustainable value chains, sustainable consumption and production, circular business models
- Strong cultural ties between Europe and Asia

# Pursuing EU interests with key partners

## China

- Promote European values and interests in bilateral relations
- Global public goods, global challenges and international commitments including the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement
- China's role as global actor and emerging donor, international norms and standards

## India

### Green Deals

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Biodiversity
- Clean energy transition
- Resource efficiency/circular economy
- Urban development

### Sustainable Growth

- Health
- Digital agenda/transformation
- Mobility
- Connectivity
- Support to green, digital and innovative EU businesses
- Trade

### Governance, People, Peace, Security

- Security
- Migration and mobility
- CSO engagement

## Gulf countries

### Political and policy dialogue at national and regional level

### Sectoral cooperation

### Intra-regional cooperation

## Asian partners

- Cooperation with like-minded countries in Asia to strengthen multilateralism
- Promotion and projection of EU policies and standards
- Economic diplomacy: FTAs, level playing field, market access, investment, business opportunities
- Supporting key political processes, tools and objectives between the EU and Asian High Income Countries and other key partners
- Enhance EU's profile as global actor in the Asia-Pacific through Public Diplomacy and Principles

# Migration and mobility

## Durable solutions to forced displacement

- Afghan displacement situation
- Displacement of populations from Myanmar
- Displacement caused by natural disasters and climate change

## Orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility

- Address irregular migration
- Re-integrate support to returnees
- Promote legal and safe pathways to migration

## Cooperation of migration and/or forced displacement challenges

Flexible financing mechanism to incentivise cooperation of partner countries on migration and forced displacement

New Pact on Migration and Asylum - Partnerships - Humanitarian, development and peace nexus - Gender Focus

# Team Europe Initiatives

## Pan Asia Green Action to deliver Sustainable Consumption and Production

- Policy dialogues
- Technical assistance
- Potential for synergies with Member States

### ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity

- Proposed for South East Asia and ASEAN.
- Transport, energy, digital and people-to-people

### ASEAN Green Alliance

- Regional chapeau for water management and air pollution
- EU Green Deal focus

### Pacific Green Blue Alliance

- Mainstream climate ambitions
- Public Finance Management
- Biodiversity

### Digital transformation in Central Asia

- Infrastructure and digital connectivity
- Social and economic empowerment of youth and women

### Water-Energy-Climate Change in Central Asia

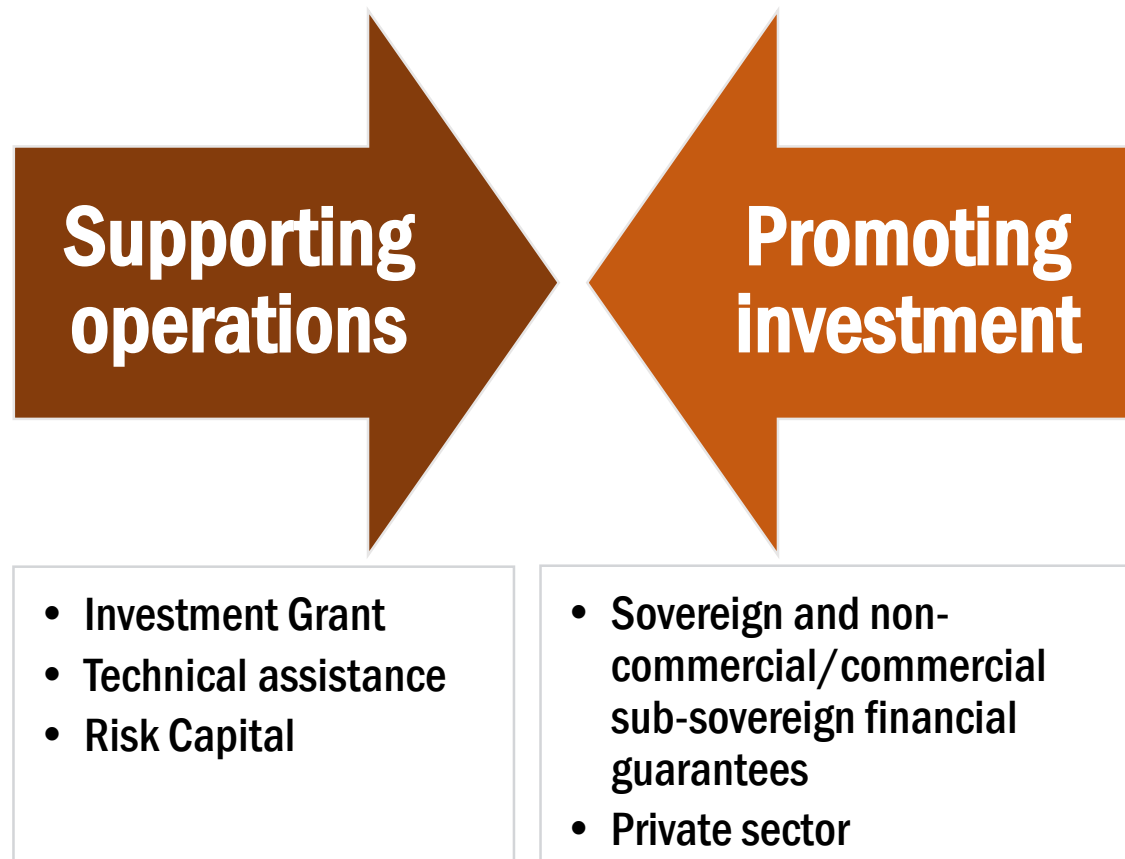
- Hydroelectricity generation and downstream water needs
- Green recovery

### Afghan Refugee Crisis

- Displacement in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran
- Regulated labour migration and mobility



# EFSD+ Financial guarantees



# Cooperation Facility

- Public diplomacy actions
- Implementation of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and EU's strategic partnerships
  - Civil society engagement
- Expertise provided through TAIEX and Twinning to improve programme impact and support good governance.

- Support activities in line with public diplomacy objectives to underpin EU interests, strategic communication, fight against disinformation and visibility actions on EU cooperation.

- Support the implementation of the EU's policy priorities

- Mobilise networks of key target audiences

- Leverage ERASMUS to engage key audiences