



EU FUNDING TO THE UN SYSTEM


The EU and EU Member States collectively make the **single largest financial contribution** to the UN system, year after year. EU Member States jointly finance **one quarter** of the UN regular budget; and together the EU and EU Member States provide **one third** of all financial contributions to UN agencies, funds and programmes (based on latest definitive figures, from 2022). EU funding to the UN is at its highest level ever.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT EU FUNDING TO THE UN

1. In 2022, **EU Member States' contributions** to the UN system amounted to around **€14.1 billion**. The EU alone contributes approximately **€3 billion** annually.
2. EU Member States make both **assessed** (paid by all States to the UN, based on Gross National Income), as well as **voluntary contributions**. The EU, with its enhanced observer status, provides voluntary contributions.
3. The EU and EU Member States are the **top financial donors to many key UN bodies**, including the World Health Organisation (WHO), the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN's Children Fund (UNICEF). The EU and EU Member States are the largest donors to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), providing overall financing over time of between 40-50%, representing a lifeline for this agency over the years.
4. For the three-year period 2022-2024, EU Member States account for **23.5% of the UN peacekeeping budget**.
5. The EU and EU Member States are the **leading donors of official development assistance in the world**, providing **€95.9 billion** in 2023, which accounts for 42% of global assistance. Much of this funding is channeled through UN agencies.

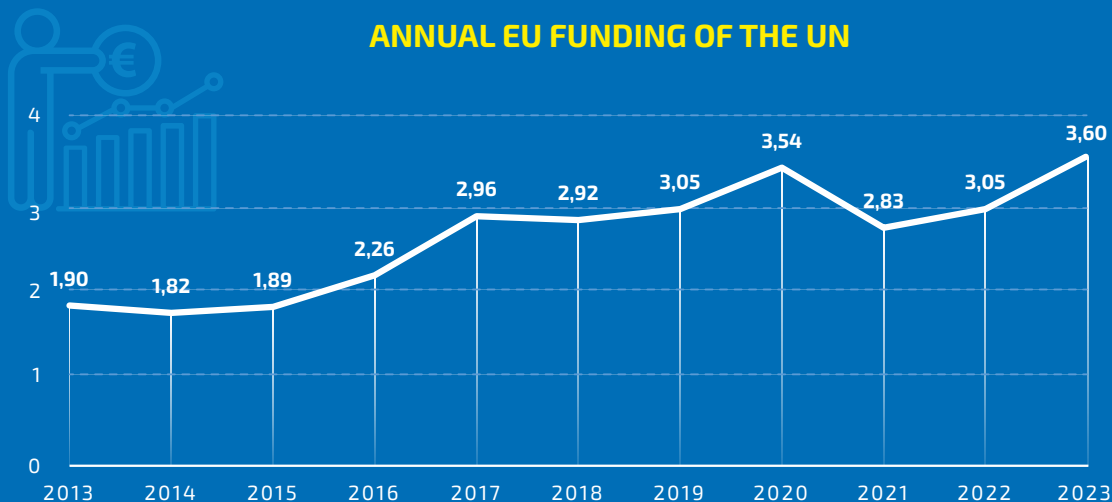
ZOOMING IN ON EU FINANCING (funds derived from the EU's budget)

€ 3.6 billion
EU Voluntary Contributions
to the UN in 2023

+18% 
increase compared to 2022
to reach a level similar to 2020

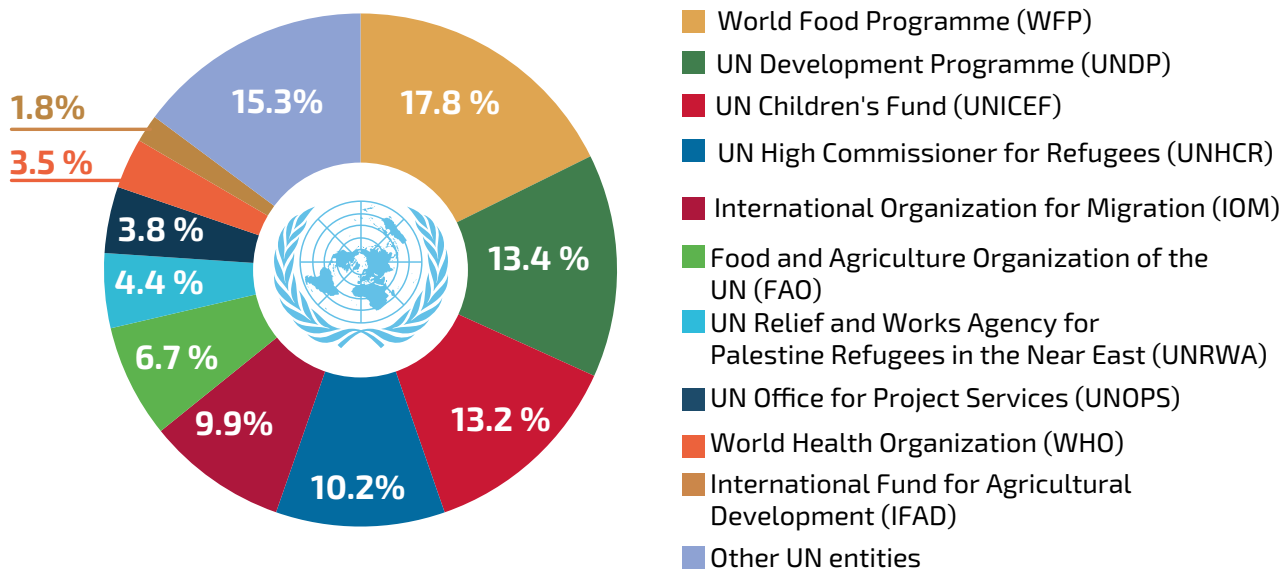
89%
Increase of EU contributions
to the UN since 2013

ANNUAL EU FUNDING OF THE UN



From 2013 to 2023, the EU committed a total amount of approximately EUR 29.8 billion to UN agencies, funds and programmes out of which 17.8% went to WFP, 13.4% to UNDP, 13.2% to UNICEF and 10.2% to UNHCR.

2013-2023 EU COMMITMENTS TO UN AGENCIES



Despite challenging times over the past decade, the EU has continued and stepped up its funding to the UN system aligning its support to the global needs of our time.

PROGRESS OF EU FUNDING - TOP 5 UN BODIES (MILLION €)

