

India-EU Strategic Agenda 2030: Key Pillars and Priorities

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India-EU Strategic Agenda Latest News

- India and the European Union have agreed to deepen their partnership by adopting the **“Towards 2030: India-EU Joint Comprehensive Strategic Agenda.”**
- The agenda was adopted during talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting European leaders Ursula von der Leyen and Antonio Costa.

India-EU Joint Comprehensive Strategic Agenda (Towards 2030): Key Takeaways

- This Joint India-EU Comprehensive Strategic Agenda was endorsed at the **16th India-EU Summit**.
- It aims to further reinforce the strategic partnership by broadening, deepening and better coordinating EU-India cooperation to deliver mutually beneficial, concrete and transformative outcomes for both partners and for the wider world.

- This agenda is being described as a more ambitious and **holistic roadmap for the next five years**, aimed at providing clear direction in a complex global environment.
- **Five Key Pillars of Cooperation**
 - The Joint Comprehensive Strategic Agenda seeks to accelerate progress across five pillars:
 - Prosperity and sustainability
 - Technology and innovation
 - Security and defence
 - Connectivity and global challenges
 - Enablers, including skills, mobility, business cooperation, and people-to-people ties
- **Trade, Investment, and Economic Cooperation**
 - Reaffirmation of trade and economic ties as the foundation of the partnership.
 - Timely implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
 - Conclusion of Investment Protection Agreement and Geographical Indications (GI) Agreement.
 - Enhanced financial services regulatory cooperation, customs cooperation, and macroeconomic dialogue.
 - Scaling up Global Gateway investments with EIB participation.
- **Supply Chains and Economic Security**
 - Cooperation on strategic value chains and economic security under the Trade and Technology Council (TTC).
 - Implementation of EU-India Semiconductor MoU; collaboration on R&D, chip design, and manufacturing.
 - Cooperation on critical minerals, APIs, agrifood supply chains, and biotechnology.
- **Clean Transition and Resilience**
 - Strengthening Clean Energy and Climate Partnership.
 - Cooperation on renewables (wind, hydrogen), sustainable mobility, railways, ship recycling, smart cities.
 - Collaboration on carbon markets (CCTS-ETS), industrial decarbonisation, circular economy, water security.
 - Enhanced cooperation on health systems, disaster risk management, and climate adaptation.
- **Critical and Emerging Technologies**
 - Joint research in AI, quantum, semiconductors, clean tech, biotech.
 - Establishment of India-EU Innovation Hubs and Startup Partnership.
 - Cooperation on trustworthy, human-centric AI, HPC, space technologies, and critical technology protection.
- **Digital Cooperation**
 - Building a secure, interoperable digital ecosystem.
 - Cooperation on data protection, digital public infrastructure (DPI), telecom (6G), e-commerce.
 - Exploring interoperability of digital wallets and electronic signatures.
- **Research Collaboration**
 - Deepening engagement under Horizon Europe; exploring India's association.
 - Cooperation in peaceful nuclear research, semiconductors, advanced materials, and ITER.

- **Security and Defence Partnership**
 - Implementation of India-EU Security and Defence Partnership (SDP).
 - Annual Security and Defence Dialogue; agreement on Security of Information.
- **Defence Industrial Cooperation**
 - Industry-led India-EU Defence Industry Forum.
 - Exploring cooperation under relevant EU defence initiatives.
- **Regional and Global Security**
 - Cooperation for a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific.
 - Engagement through IPOI, IORA, IOC, and consultations on the Indo-Pacific.
 - Dialogue on global issues, including Ukraine.
- **Countering Threats**
 - Cooperation against terrorism, hybrid threats, cyber risks, drug trafficking.
 - Strengthened law enforcement cooperation (CBI-Europol, SIENA).
- **Connectivity**
 - Implementation of EU-India Connectivity Partnership (Global Gateway, MAHASAGAR).
 - Deepening collaboration under IMEC, digital corridors, green shipping, aviation dialogue.
- **Cooperation in Third Countries**
 - Trilateral projects in energy, climate resilience, green mobility, digitalisation.
 - Cooperation through International Solar Alliance and CDRI.
- **Global Governance**
 - Coordination in UN, G20, and reform of multilateral institutions (UN, WTO).
 - Cooperation on Paris Agreement, biodiversity, plastic pollution, maritime decarbonisation.
 - Engagement on AI governance, human rights, global health architecture.
- **Skills, Mobility, and People-to-People Ties**
 - Skills and talent mobility, European Legal Gateway Office in India.
 - Easier visas, student and researcher mobility (Erasmus+, MSCA, SPARC).
 - Recognition of qualifications and gender balance.
- **Mutual Understanding**
 - Academic, think-tank, cultural, and diplomatic exchanges.
 - Dedicated Jean Monnet network for India.
- **Business and Institutional Mechanisms**
 - EU-India Business Forum; stronger role for business in TTC.
 - Annual summits, strengthened dialogues, and monitoring via TTC and Strategic Dialogue.

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