THE EU: DRIVING GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY THE EU’S PARTNERS

Under the flagship project Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA), the EU aims to become a climate-neutral continent by 2050 and set standards for the success of the Paris Agreement.

- Support peer-to-peer learning and exchanges of good climate policy practices between the EU and G20 members. This EU-led collaboration helps implement the Paris Agreement especially by G20 Members, which account for 80% of greenhouse gas emissions
- Build robust Emissions Trading Schemes (ETS) based on European standards by facilitating joint research between Chinese, South Korean, and European experts

PAIRING CITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Under the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) programme, the EU brings together cities across the world, such as Aarhus (Denmark), Bologna (Italy), Udaipur (India) or Austin (USA), to craft urban development strategies that work for people and the planet.

“Aarhus places a high priority on promoting the UN’s sustainable development goals – both locally and globally, wherever possible. One example of this is the fruitful collaboration that has developed between Aarhus and Udaipur in the area of water management, drinking water supply, and wastewater”

– Jacob Bundsgaard, Mayor of Aarhus, on his city’s cooperation with Udaipur (India) under the IUC programme
PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY BEYOND THE EU’S BORDERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The EU uses its influence to halt biodiversity loss by shaping an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework and by advancing its environmental priorities with G7 and G20 partners.

▶ Engage actively with partners to amplify the EU’s efforts to switch to a circular and resource-efficient economy: the EU ensured that the 2019 G7 environmental meeting Declaration integrated EU priorities on circular value chains
▶ Mobilise experts, policymakers, young leaders, and scientists from the EU’s key partner countries to design an ambitious follow-up framework to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020)

LEADING THE TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The EU is pioneering the switch to sustainable and low-carbon growth that works for people and the planet.

▶ Help EU businesses becomes leaders in clean energy products and technology through the development of agricultural methods that will produce rice, soybeans and rye grass using half the water and emit no methane
▶ Increase the impact of the EU-Americas partnership by including the possibility for companies in Canada, Chile, Argentina and Colombia to work with EU companies to develop low-carbon technologies
▶ Tackle marine litter and develop sustainable management of plastic waste with Asian and American partners
▶ Fight illicit waste between the EU and ASEAN to boost the green transformation
▶ Support India in designing a national strategy for resource efficiency to anchor the circular economy in global value chains

Low-carbon business partnerships between European, Mexican and Brazilian companies

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Budget for the next round of Low Carbon Business Partnerships

€20m