

## 1958

The ILO and the European Union signed its first cooperation agreement in 1958

## 160 countries

The EU and the ILO have worked together on activities in more than 160 countries

## 2002

Annual high-level meetings have been held between the EU and the ILO since 2002

## \$145.6 million

The European Commission gave more than USD 145.5 million to ILO activities in the period 2008-2014, making it the third largest ILO development partner

## Asia & the Pacific

Most EU-ILO projects in the period 2008-2014 were in Asia & the Pacific (31%)

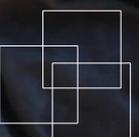
## 150 projects

Over the past 10 years, the ILO and the EU have worked together on more than 150 activities together

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**our dignity**  
**our future**



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The European institutions and European Union countries are key partners in the ILO's fight for decent work for all women and men. With more than 150 joint projects over the past 10 years, the European Year for Development (2015) offers a perfect opportunity to showcase the human impact these efforts have had on millions of lives – in all corners of the world. Each month of the year is devoted to a different theme. That for June is "Sustainable Green Growth, Decent Jobs and Businesses".

As Europe, its institutions and the ILO are long-standing development partners who have, over the past ten years, intensified their work together, the 2015 [European Year for Development](#) offers many opportunities for the ILO to build on and harness this partnership, highlight the results achieved and position the ILO as the lead agency on

all world of work matters – to EU institutions, citizens and partners all over the world.

2015 is also a pivotal year for development. It is the last year for achieving the collectively agreed Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the year in which major decisions will have to be taken on the framework that will replace them. At this juncture, 2015 offers a perfect opportunity for shedding light

on and celebrating what has been achieved and to seek what still needs to be done to eradicate poverty everywhere.

## 5 REASONS WHY THE ILO JOINS THE EUROPEAN YEAR FOR DEVELOPMENT:

- To **showcase ILO-EU results** and the human impact these efforts have brought about - at a critical juncture for the ILO, the EU and the world at large
- To **build closer links and better alignment** with Europe and its institutions
- To **position the ILO as the leader in the world of work**, within a European context
- To **reaffirm the complementarity between the ILO's Decent Work Agenda and EU priorities** and goals, including the EC Agenda for change
- To **ensure transparency and accountability** of ILO activities and show solidarity with one of its largest development partners.

ILO activities to support this important year aim to give a snapshot of the ways in which the ILO's Decent Work Agenda has been made possible by virtue of its support from Europe and its institutions.

## PARTNERS FOR DECENT WORK

### 2011

The 2011 EU Agenda for Change focuses heavily on social dialogue and the importance of core labour standards

## Employment

Most ILO-EU projects have been employment-related

### 2007

All EU Member States have ratified the 8 core ILO labour standards since 2007

## \$33.2 million

In 2014 alone, the EU gave USD 33.2 million to ILO activities

## €55.2 billion

In 2012, the European institutions and 28 Member States gave EUR 55.2 in official development assistance

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