



# EU Joint Cooperation Strategy in Support of Kenya's Medium-term Plan 2014 - 2017



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The European development partners present in Kenya - namely the Delegation of the European Union, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Sweden and the United Kingdom - are committed to delivering better aid and development results through improved coordination and coherence of their cooperation strategies in the context of their aid-effectiveness commitments. The commitments made by world leaders including EU Development partners at the past Aid-Effectiveness High level meetings aim at better managing the diversity of donors on the ground.

Through joint programming, the EU (EU institutions and EU member states) have developed the present long-term vision of their joint development cooperation in Kenya, reaffirming their support to Kenya's Medium Term Plan II and Vision 2030 and the needs identified therein, leading to greater ownership and alignment to Kenya's policies. This joint strategy reflects the change brought about by Joint Programming in that EU Partners now work together in the identification of priority areas to support and jointly define the way in which this support will be rolled out, also building upon synergies and exploring joint implementation modalities.

The present joint Strategy is based on values and principles shared by the European partners and the Government of Kenya to fighting poverty and support inclusive and sustainable growth, guided by principles such as the respect for human rights, democracy, gender equality, as well as non-discrimination, equality, integrity and accountability.

An indicative amount of €3 billion will be allocated by EU donors to support the implementation of the Medium Term Plan II and Vision 2030 for the period 2013-2017. Within this overall allocation, the European Development Partners commit to work together in the following priority areas:

1. Agriculture, Rural Development & ASAL (Arid & Semi-Arid Lands);
2. Energy & Transport;
3. Democratic governance, justice and the rule of law;
4. Water & Sanitation.

Joint Programming of the EU is aligned to the cycle of the second MTP of Kenya's Vision 2030 covering the period 2013-2017. In order to address these priority areas jointly and in the most effective manner, the EU Development partners present in Kenya have committed to respond to MTP2 priorities in a coordinated and timely manner. This entails the sharing of information including systematic and regular consultation among the EU Development Partners when developing their strategies or new programmes and projects using to the extent possible existing coordination mechanisms. The coordinated approach should also lead to greater transparency and predictability for the Kenyan Government and for all development partners.

Joint programming in Kenya aims to strengthen collaboration and coordination among EU Development partners towards improved and more effective dialogue with the Government of Kenya. An improved coordination, a better division of labour and the efforts to deliver development

results jointly should ultimately lead to an increase in aid-effectiveness and a reduction in transaction costs for the Kenyan government. To this end, the EU commits to implement actions together where relevant and pertinent. A number of joint actions are already being implemented including through modalities such as basket funds, delegated cooperation and blending. Further synergies for joint implementation are being analysed as a result of joint programming.