

# Horn of Africa: EU to deepen strategic relationship with the region



The Council today approved conclusions affirming the EU's commitment to give new impetus to its partnership with the Horn of Africa, and **establishing a new strategy for the region**.

A **geo-strategic priority** for the EU in Africa, the Horn of Africa region has undergone unprecedented developments over the last years and is now at a crossroads.

With this new strategy, EU's intention is to further strengthen and deepen its strategic relationship and partnership with the Horn of Africa and its countries, notably with a view to reduce instability, promote democracy and sustainable growth.

The strategy will aim at reinforcing a joint approach to **democracy** and **regional peace and security**, revitalising **multilateralism** and the rules-based international order, strengthening commitment to **social and human development**, boosting post-COVID socio-economic recovery and **trade and regional integration**. The strategy also aims at strengthening the partnership with the broader region notably the Red Sea, the Western Indian Ocean and the Nile.

The cornerstones of the EU's engagement will be **mutual accountability**, whereby there is a common understanding of each partner's responsibilities, priorities and concrete objectives, and a **Team Europe** approach, which has shown that through collective action the EU is a solid partner of the region.

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