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# EU comprehensive partnership package with Tunisia

The EU and Tunisia have agreed to work together on a comprehensive partnership package, strengthening their ties in a mutually beneficial manner. The comprehensive partnership would cover the **five following pillars**:



## Macro-financial support and further assistance

- **Macro-financial assistance** loan with aligned policy conditionality: **up to €900 million** following IMF supported reform programme with a loan of USD 1.9 billion
- **Budget support** in the context of a reform agenda as part of the **€150 million** bilateral assistance for 2023



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## Strengthening economic and trade ties

- The signing of a Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement or Open Sky Agreement **could create thousands of jobs and play a major role for economic recovery and diversification, notably for tourism and connectivity**
- The Medusa digital cable with high-speed broadband connection and the digital sector could be supported through tailor-made programmes, **notably for research and education institutions.**
- Identification of **key infrastructure investments**
- A possible **sustainable investment agreement** to facilitate investments in clean tech, promotion of renewable energy and access to energy grids
- An **Investment Forum** with International Financial Institutions and the private sector



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## Green energy transition

- Conclusion of a Memorandum of Understanding on **renewable energy production**
- Establishing a roadmap on a green energy transition and implementation of **energy market reforms**
- Identifying ambitious **pilot projects on renewable energy**
- Rapid finalisation of negotiations on the **ELMED interconnector** between Italy and Tunisia to increase security and sustainable electricity supply and better renewables energy integration
- Integration of Tunisia in the EU's electricity market



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## Migration

- EU's new substantial 2023 **financial support package of €105 million**, which nearly triples the yearly average migration funding for the last two years
- **Joint work on migration** to fight irregular migration to and from Tunisia and on the prevention of loss of life at sea, including fighting against smugglers and human traffickers, strengthening border management, registration and return in full respect of human rights



## People-to-people contacts

- **€10 million** in 2023 for **technical and vocational training**
- At least **€6 million** to foster legal pathways and boost international mobility under the **Talent Partnership**
- Construction of **80 green and digitally fit schools** through cooperation with the EIB worth **€65 million**
- Stronger cooperation on education, research and culture **with EU programmes such as Horizon Europe and Erasmus+**



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