European Union Summary
This development partner profile showcases different dimensions of performance and the distribution of development finance of the European Union. The information below was compiled from two sources: AidData’s 2014 Reform Efforts Survey and 2004-2013 Core Database. The 2014 Reform Efforts Survey asked public, private, and civil society leaders in 126 low- and middle-income countries questions about the most pressing problems they face, their top policy priorities, and how aid agencies can partner with them most effectively. Leaders evaluated the degree to which the European Union’s influenced the policy agenda (n=1982), provided useful advice (n=1154), and how helpful this development partner was in implementation (n=833). The 2004-2013 Core Database represents the most comprehensive dataset tracking international development finance.

Where does the European Union's Development Finance go?
Top Partner Countries
(in millions USD by % of development finance)
1. Turkey (11%, 21675.2)
2. Serbia (3%, 6423.2)
3. Morocco (3%, 5174.8)
4. Egypt (2%, 4393.7)
5. Palestine (2%, 4143.2)
6. Ukraine (2%, 3866.9)
7. Afghanistan (2%, 3650.5)
8. Tunisia (2%, 3430.7)
9. DRC (1%, 2780.9)
10. Bosnia and Herzegovina (1%, 2729.9)

Distribution of the European Union's Development Finance, 2004-2013
(millions of USD)

Source: AidData’s 2004-2013 Core Database

In which countries is the European Union performing the best?

Helpful in implementation (0-5)

Source: AidData’s 2014 Reform Efforts Survey, Q14, Q21, Q25

* The usefulness of advice scale ranged from 1 to 5.
How do in-country stakeholders perceive the European Union's performance?

**Influences the policy agenda**

Survey respondents gave an average score of 3.0 to the European Union's agenda-setting influence, 1.0 above the average country.

**Provides useful advice**

Survey respondents gave a score of 3.3 to the European Union's usefulness of advice.

*The usefulness of advice scale ranged from 1 to 5.

**Helpful in implementation**

Survey respondents gave a score of 3.4 to the European Union's helpfulness in policy reform implementation.

Source: AidData's 2014 Reform Efforts Survey, Q14, Q21, Q25

The European Union's Useful Advice, Amount of Development Finance, and Influence by Policy Area

**Policy Domain**
- Economic policy
- Social and environmental policy
- Governance policy

**Agenda-setting influence**

0 = no influence at all
5 = maximum influence

Governance: land, decentralization, anti-corruption & transparency, democracy, public administration, justice & security, tax, customs, and public expenditure management
Economic: macroeconomic management, trade, business regulatory environment, investment, labor, energy & mining, infrastructure, and finance, credit & banking
Environment & Social: health, education, family & gender, social protection & welfare, environmental protection, and agriculture & rural development

**The amount of development finance is log-transformed to account for skewed distribution of aid across sectors.**

Source: AidData's 2004-2013 Core Database and 2014 Reform Efforts Survey, Q14, Q21

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