



The European Union and Africa: Partners in Trade



In 2019, the trade in goods and services between the European Union and Africa amounted to

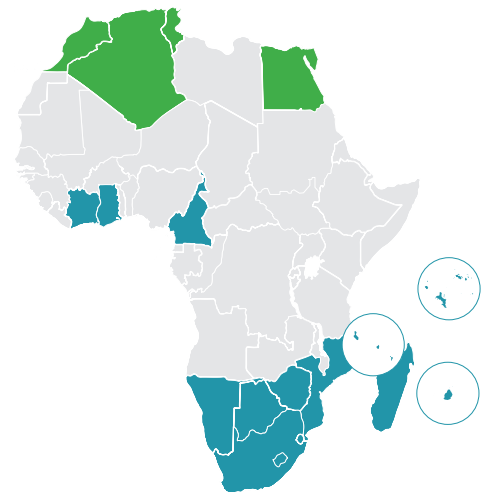
€280 billion

Trade agreements between EU and Africa

5 applied Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) with 14 countries

- Southern African Development Community (SADC)¹
- Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA)²
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Ghana
- Central Africa (Cameroon)

4 Association Agreements with countries in North Africa with Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia



Unilateral preferences

Furthermore, in Africa the EU applies unilateral Generalized Scheme of Preferences (GSP):

- Standard GSP arrangement (Congo, Kenya, Nigeria)
- GSP+ (Cape Verde)
- Everything But Arms arrangement (33 countries)



The EU is Africa's first trading partner and by far its largest export market.

Africa is the EU's 4th largest trading partner.












Trade between the two regions is fairly balanced at €280 billion in 2019, although net EU exports to Africa slightly exceed net African exports to the EU by €8 billion euros.

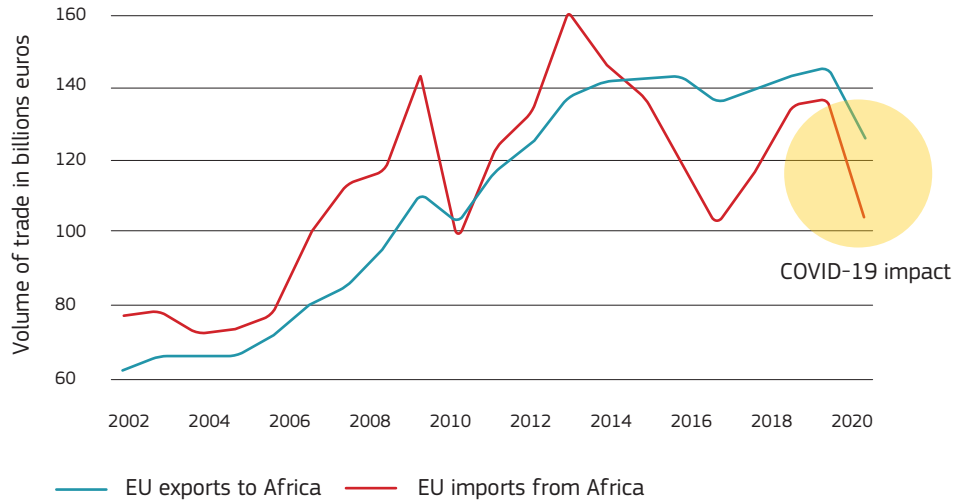
¹ Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique and South Africa.

² Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles and Zimbabwe.

EU's Trading Partners in Africa

	Morocco	16%
	South Africa	15%
	Algeria	11%
	Egypt	11%
	Nigeria	10%
	Tunisia	8%
	Libya	3%
	Ivory Coast	3%
	Ghana	2%
	Rest of Africa	21%

Evolution of trade between the EU and Africa



The trade between the European Union and Africa increased by 20% between 2016 and 2019.



Through the preferential trade regimes, more than 90% of African exports enter the EU market free of import duties.



In 2019, EU exports to Africa amounted to €145 billion, close to 7% of total EU exports.



Africa is an attractive and growing market for EU trade and investment.

Structure of Africa's exports to the EU

Moving towards export diversification and less dependency on fuels and raw materials

EU imports from Africa by type of product in 2020 (%)

Other products

17%

Chemicals and plastics

3%

Base metal and articles thereof

5%

Textile and clothing

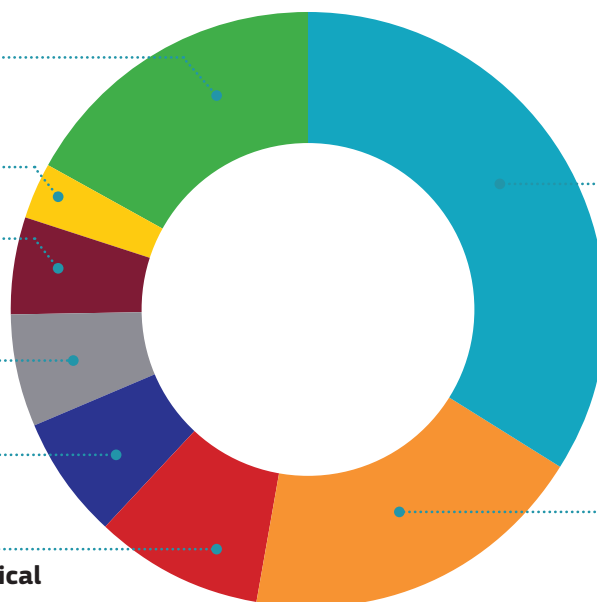
6%

Vehicles and parts of

7%

Machinery and appliances; optical and medical instruments

9%

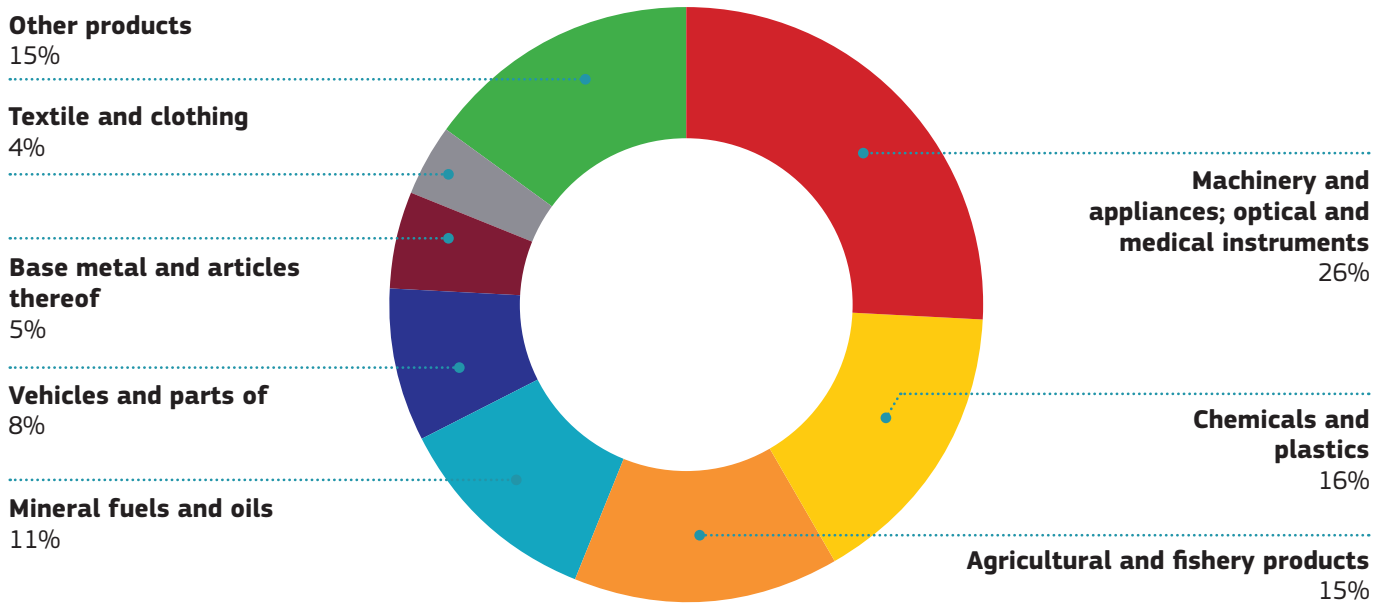


Mineral fuels and oils
34%

Agricultural and fishery products
19%

Structure of Africa's imports from the EU

EU exports to Africa by type of products in 2020 (%)



Success stories of diversification of trade

Cars represented 14% of Morocco's exports to the EU.

Egypt's exports of cameras constituted over 3% of Egypt's total exports to the EU.

Ghana's diversified its exports with semi-processed or prepared fruits, the value of which reached EUR 7 million in 2018, up 100 % in 5 years.

Exports of textiles and clothing from Madagascar increased by more than 40%, accounting for over 33% of Madagascar's exports to the EU.

South African exports of cars to the EU increased by almost 250% and accounted for 31% of South Africa's total exports to the EU.

Exports of watches and clocks from Mauritius represented 2.7% of Mauritius' total exports to the EU.