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The EU stands ready to support the new phase in Syria through a Syrian-led and Syrian-owned peaceful and inclusive transition, grounded on human rights and international law. Coordination with all external actors and regional partners, including Türkiye, to reunite and rebuild Syria, in full respect of its sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity will be a crucial element. The recovery and reconstruction of Syria, in which the EU aims to actively engage, is a field where Türkiye plays a key role. It is therefore important that there is good cooperation and coordination between the EU and Türkiye.

The EU intends to scale up its recovery efforts and support eventual reconstruction of Syria, provided that an inclusive transition continues. The EU's approach will be gradual and proportionate to the steps taken by the interim authorities.

The EU decided to suspend several restrictive measures on 24 February 2025 to facilitate engagement with Syria, its people and businesses, in energy and transport sectors, as well as to facilitate financial and banking transactions associated with such sectors and those needed for humanitarian and reconstruction purposes. The sanctions relief is gradual, conditional and reversible. The EU is regularly assessing if the conditions in Syria allow for further suspensions.

Since 2011, the EU has been at the forefront of international efforts to support Syria. From 2011 until December 2024, the EU and Member States have mobilised over EUR 37 billion in support of the Syrian people and their host communities. The EU has organised the ninth edition of the Brussels Conference on 17 March 2025 to mobilise international support to help address Syria's immediate needs, recovery and early stages of reconstruction, where the EU committed nearly EUR 2.5 billion for 2025 and 2026, while together with partners EUR 5.8 billion was pledged overall.