

(English version)

Question for written answer E-002850/25
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Fernand Kartheiser (NI)
(11 July 2025)

Subject: Financing of international institutions under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe

Under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument — Global Europe, the International Criminal Court and other international institutions receive direct financing from the European Union. In the case of the former, it is estimated that half of its budget is borne by the EU.

1. Could the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) indicate the precise wording of this strategic partnership and the steps taken to ensure that this financing does not negatively affect the independence of the court?
2. Could the VP/HR also specify the period of time for which the funds are granted and under what conditions they are allocated, as well as share relevant documentation regarding the financing, including the amounts involved?
3. More generally, could the VP/HR specify the nature, duration and scope of the relationship with the International Criminal Court, including the forms of cooperation involved (such as political dialogue or technical assistance)?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(16 September 2025)

The overall objective of the Commission's support to the International Criminal Court (ICC) is to contribute to the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole ⁽¹⁾. The specific objectives are to broaden the understanding of the ICC and the Rome Statute, achieve greater support and cooperation of states with the ICC, and to reinforce national capacities in dealing with crimes under the Rome Statute.

The Commission fully supports the independence and impartiality of the work of the ICC. To ensure that financing by the Commission does not negatively affect the independence of the ICC, the financial contribution is not earmarked.

The Commission has been supporting the ICC since 2003, and the current financial contribution is for EUR 3 million which will cover the period until 31 December 2025. The Commission is also planning additional financing in the amount of EUR 3 million for the years 2026-2028.

The terms of cooperation and assistance between the EU and the ICC are defined in the 2006 Agreement between the two ⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/03fdbrg2/action-plan-en_2020-2027.pdf.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/EN/legal-content/summary/agreement-between-the-eu-and-the-international-criminal-court-icc.html>.