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Since the historic shift in the country in December 2024, the EU has actively supported Syria through every stage of their challenging transition. The EU's strategy is founded on the belief that lasting peace and stability can only be achieved through an inclusive transition that meets the aspirations of Syrians from all ethnic and religious backgrounds without discrimination. The EU also calls upon all involved parties to safeguard Syria's diverse cultural heritage and religious sites.

In response to the documented incidents, the EU persists in calling for thorough investigations and ensuring that all those responsible for violence in Syria are held to account. Within its discussions with Syria's transitional authorities, the EU reiterates that this is instrumental for pursuing national reconciliation and an inclusive transition. During their visit to Syria, the Presidents of the European Council and the Commission unveiled a new EU-Syria Political Partnership¹, designed to support the political transition, national reconciliation and reconstruction. On 11 May 2026, the EU held its first High-Level Political Dialogue with Syria in Brussels, where *inter alia* the need to ensure a genuinely inclusive process for sustainable reconciliation and restoring Syria's rich social fabric was underscored.

The EU remains vigilant about the respect for human rights of all Syrians and will continue to support comprehensive accountability efforts for all perpetrators regardless of their affiliation. In May² and June³ 2025, the EU introduced new listings against human rights violators and will continue monitoring the situation on the ground and the follow up of the commitments of the transitional authorities. Protecting the rights of most vulnerable ethnic and religious communities is essential to ensuring social cohesion, preventing further sectarian divisions, and laying the foundations for a sustainable and inclusive peace, as reiterated in the Council conclusions of 18 December 2025⁴.

¹ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-proposes-full-resumption-eu-syria-cooperation-agreement-2026-04-20_en.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202501110.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202501255.

⁴ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/12/18/european-council-conclusions-on-the-middle-east-european-defence-and-security-next-mff-enlargement-and-reforms-migration-and-other-items/>.