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Since the historic shift in the country in December 2024, the EU has actively supported Syria's transition, emphasising that lasting peace requires an inclusive process reflecting the aspirations of Syrians from all ethnic and religious backgrounds without discrimination as reiterated in the European Council conclusions of 18 December 2025¹. In this context, the EU recognises the important role of Syria's diverse communities, including its Christian population, in shaping an inclusive future for the country.

The EU demands full investigations and accountability for reported incidents, stressing these as essential for national reconciliation in its discussions with Syria's transitional authorities. During their Syria visit, the European Council and Commission Presidents announced a new EU-Syria Political Partnership to support the transition, reconciliation and economic recovery. 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 Commission pledged EUR 620 million for 2026 and 2027 for humanitarian aid, early recovery, and bilateral support, ensuring assistance reaches all Syrian communities. EU humanitarian aid is channelled only through pre-certified humanitarian partners, based on needs and humanitarian principles. The EU's support follows strict implementation parameters and extensive monitoring, including third party monitoring and risk assessments.

The EU remains committed to human rights and accountability, regardless of perpetrators' affiliations. In 2025, the EU introduced new listings for human rights violations and actions fuelling instability in Syria in the post-Assad era.

¹ <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/>.