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The EU Gender Action Plan III¹ commits the Commission to increase funding for women's rights organisations². In 2021-2024, this averaged EUR 61 million annually, up from EUR 17 million per year between 2014-2020. EU development cooperation works through a wide range of partners, including international organisations, Member State agencies, financial institutions, partner-country authorities and civil society organisations, across sectors such as education, health, social protection, peace and security, governance, economic development, agriculture, food security and energy³.

In 2024, 18% of new actions were marked G0⁴ and 50% of those were correctly justified⁵, up from 33% in 2023. For the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, 84% of actions in 2021–2024 contributed to gender equality, including 4% with gender equality as their principal objective. The Commission seeks to ensure quality gender mainstreaming through guidance, training, and quality controls, and as an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee member it also uses peer reviews to improve its practices.

Reporting requirements for implementing partners are set out in contractual obligations, including intervention logframes. Due to the time lag between financing an intervention and implementing the action and generating results, a significant share of results is expected to materialise towards the end of the current multiannual financial framework. The Commission stays in regular contact with implementing partners and provides guidance and capacity building to improve the quality and speed of outcome data collection and encoding. In addition to partners' results reporting, it also uses external monitoring reviews and evaluations to assess the achievement of specific objectives.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020JC0017>.

² Based on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (OECD DAC) reporting methodology, these are commitments included under purpose code 15170. For an overview of all DAC members' financing for gender equality, here is the link to the OECD charts: <https://www.oecd.org/en/data/dashboards/development-finance-for-gender-equality.html>.

³ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/publications-library/2025-annual-report-implementation-european-unions-external-action-instruments-2024_en.

⁴ Actions marked G0 do not have gender equality among their objectives.

⁵ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/033efa83-fabc-11f0-8da5-01aa75ed71a1>.