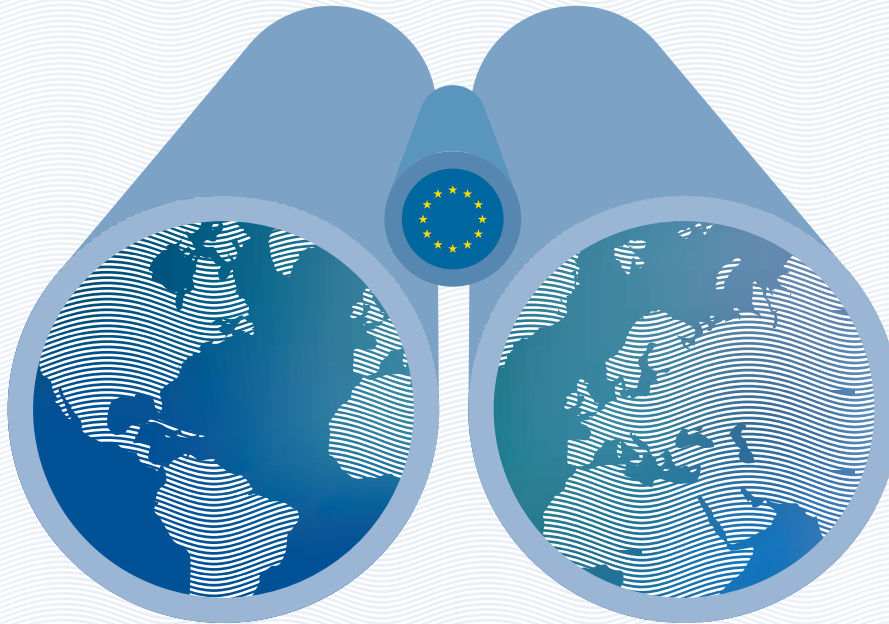




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INTRODUCTION

“Around the World in 80 Pictures: Zooming in on EU Diplomacy” is the outcome of an Open Call for photos launched by the European External Action Service (EEAS) in November 2018.

The objective was to gather photos, taken by EU staff in Delegations, Missions and Operations, showcasing the EU’s action in countries throughout the world. This was a chance to engage colleagues in a common project, to appeal to their creativity and to recognise their contribution towards the EU’s diplomatic service.

After the successful outcome of the Open Call, for which over 200 photographs were submitted, it became clear to us that we had enough material to take you on this journey ‘Around the World in 80 pictures’. This publication, is a unique opportunity to zoom in on the diversity of the work accomplished by our colleagues and to give you a sample of what the EU believes and stands for.



FOREWORD

EEAS Secretary-General HELGA SCHMID



The European External Action Service is the voice of the European Union in the world.

Through our global network of 140 Bilateral/Multilateral Delegations and Offices, and 16 Common Security and Defence Policy Missions and Operations, it carries out the Union's Foreign and Security Policy. Together with Member States and under the umbrella of the Global Strategy, our service works towards a shared vision and a common action - both within and outside the EU.

In partnership with third countries and other EU institutions, International Organisations, the private sector and civil society, we work to promote peace and security, to respond to crises and to build resilience, and to improve livelihoods throughout the world. Through Election Observation Missions deployed every year, we are also committed to ensure the rule of law and strengthen democratic institutions worldwide.

Our staff in EU Delegations and Missions & Operations are at the forefront of this joint effort. They are the first counterparts in host countries for political dialogue, trade and economic partnerships. They are the EU's arm for defending human rights and advocating for democracy globally. Through cooperation projects, outreach campaigns, and public diplomacy activities, they contribute as well to increase the EU's visibility and promote its values around the world every day.

This Photo Book is a collection of stories told by them. All photographs have been taken by EU staff and reflect their work and commitment, as well as the impact of their actions in communities throughout Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Central Asia and the Middle East.

From the support to sustainable economic opportunities to actions tackling climate change, promoting education, gender equality and human rights; from military training and capacity building initiatives to conservation projects; this is a first person narrative from the people who are spreading the EU's values and putting our foreign policy into action. Nevertheless, these photos are of course only a selection and a small sample of the breadth of our external action.

I recognise the efforts of all EU staff around the globe and thank them for their valuable work and commitment. A special thank you goes to the colleagues who have shared their impressive photos –as a result let us enjoy this wonderful photobook!

Helga Maria SCHMID
EEAS Secretary-General

Africa





Meeting Tree

Delegation of the European Union to Angola • Photographer: Danilo Barbero

In the Central Highlands of Angola, villagers gathered under a tree to learn about land governance and sustainable natural resource management.





Harvesting tea leaves in Teza (Muramvya)
Delegation of the European Union to Burundi • Photographer: Xavier Pavard

Men picking tea leaves in the Teza tea plantations which are supported by the EU to boost the sector. The project helps rehabilitate the industrial equipment of 5 tea factories in Burundi to enable the sector to fully exploit its potential, especially for export.





Xalabas

Delegation of the European Union to Cape Verde • Photographer: Guilherme Bragança

Local and international street artists are brought together to transform the Achada Grande Frente neighbourhood into an 'Urban Art Neighbourhood'. This project, Xalabas, in partnership with a human rights award winning youth organisation, aims to make tourism more inclusive for the local community.





Working in the fields

Delegation of the European Union to the Democratic Republic of Congo • Photographer: Fallon Bwatu Mbuyi

In the Sankuru province, women and men plant soy and peanut in the framework of SAINES, an EU funded project implemented by FAO. This project aims to improve the economic situation of households, practices in nutrition for children and women, as well as access to water, hygiene and sanitation.





Reading in the Park
Delegation of the European Union to Djibouti and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) •
Photographer: Ilwad Elmi

In Djibouti, children are captivated by tales and stories read to them in the park. EU organised this activity in partnership with the Association 'La Caravane du Livre' along with the Victor Hugo Bookstore to fight school dropouts and to celebrate the importance of books in teaching and at home.





In the Somali region of Ethiopia, these two young girls welcome the EU Delegation's visit to the Qologi's Internally Displaced People (IDP) camp. The EU supports IDPs and host communities that are affected by ethnic conflict in Oromo-Somali border areas.



Internally Displaced People Camp, Qologi
Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia •
Photographer: Terhi Lehtinen



Let's act for clean oceans!
Delegation of the European Union to Liberia • Photographer: Winston Daryoue

Over 500 people volunteer to clean up a beach in Congo Town (Monrovia, Liberia) as part of the annual #EUGlobalBeachCleanUp. Many EU Delegations participate in the worldwide campaign to raise awareness about marine litter and environmental protection.





Supporting education in Mali

Delegation of the European Union to Mali • Photographer: Amaury Hoste

This little girl is learning to read thanks to the EU financed project led by the Stromme Foundation and partners in the framework of the Support Programme for basic education in Mali (PROF). Around 19 000 children in the Ségou region benefit from this programme, part of the accelerated schooling strategy adopted by Mali in the early 2000's.





Drilling water wells in the desert
Delegation of the European Union to Mauritania • Photographer: Nathalie Gibon

Water is drilled in the Mauritanian desert region of Hodh el Chargui, close to the boarder with Mali. This project financed by the EU aims to foster security through development.





Fortaleza

Delegation of the European Union to Mozambique • Photographer: Simão Maia

Locals attend the opening ceremony of the restored Fortaleza de São João Baptista on Ibo Island. The island, located in the Quirimbas National Park, is rich in biodiversity and cultural heritage. The fortress was restored by the Redes IBO Project funded by the EU and implemented by the OIKOS Foundation.





Revitalising Agricultural Clusters

Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Malawi • Photographer: Grace Nachiola

Ethel from the Tikondane Group is a farmer taking part in the Kulima Farmer Field Schools project. This project contributes to the promotion of sustainable agricultural growth and incomes to enhance food and nutrition security in Malawi in the context of climate change.





Cycling competition

Delegation of the European Union to Rwanda • Photographer: Flora Kaitesi

Ready, set, go! In the Rulindo district of Northern Rwanda, young farmers, who usually ride bicycles to transport their products to the markets, take part in a cycling competition. The road used, a rural feeder road, was completed as part of a wider national programme funded by the EU.





Octopus pot submersion ceremony
Delegation of the European Union to Senegal • Photographer: Rose Kane

The fisheries' agreement between the EU and Senegal has allowed local associations of artisanal fishers to submerge 10 000 octopus pots. These pots will form artificial reefs and allow the species to settle and reproduce, ensuring sustainable fishery and supporting local economy.





Protection of Children's Rights

Delegation of the European Union to Senegal • Photographer: Rose Kane

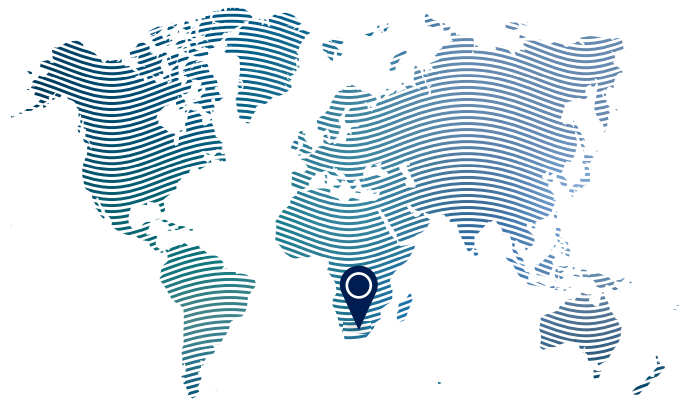
In 2019, human rights will continue to be at the heart of relations between Senegal and the EU. Senegal has been elected as head of the Human Rights Council for one year from 2019 and will be a privileged partner to promote the universal and indivisible nature of these rights





#BeTheLegacy: 67 Minutes for Mandela
Delegation of the European Union to South Africa • Photographer: Anele Matshisi

On Nelson Mandela's birthday, South Africans come together to honour Madiba's life by giving 67 minutes of their time for a good cause. In 2017, the EU team partnered with Dignity Dreams and manufactured, packed and distributed washable sanitary pads to keep young girls in school.





Somali Cadets

European Union Capacity Building Mission - EUCAP in Somalia • Photographer: Francesca Marretta

Young Somali cadets of both genders train for a parade prior to a graduation ceremony. EUCAP Somalia mentors the Somali Police, with a particular focus on the Maritime Police Unit.





Castilla Helo on operations with Op Atalanta
European Union Naval Force - EUNAVFOR Mediterranean - Operation Atalanta •
Photographer: Major (ESP) - Francisco D Paula Gomez Conde

The ESPS Castilla's helicopter is a strong asset in supporting the EU's counter-piracy operations in the Horn of Africa.





A common effort
European Union Training Mission - EUTM in Somalia • Photographer: Maj Ville Mannonen

A member of the EUTM-S works together with soldiers of the Somali National Army (SNA) during a military exercise. This shows the level of involvement of the instructors in planning, training and finalising the work with the SNA recruits, making it straightforward and reliable.





Combat mentoring

European Union Training Mission - EUTM in the Central African Republic • Photographer: Alexandre Duclay

At Camp Kassai, in 2018, an EUTM RCA instructor trains a member of the 2nd Territorial Infantry Battalion of the Central African armed forces (FACA). The Mission supports the Central African government in the build-up of a modernised, effective, ethnically balanced and democratically accountable armed forces.





Colours Ceremony

European Union Training Mission - EUTM in the Central African Republic • Photographer: Alexandre Duclay

Colours ceremony at EUTM RCA on 24 February 2018. The ceremony included a minute of silence in memory of Staff Sergeant Emilien Mougouin and brigadier-chief 1st Class Timothé Dérnoncourt, who died in action in Mali on February 21. The ceremony also included a presentation of decorations.



The Americas





Learning fast to take care of our planet
Delegation of the European Union to Argentina • Photographer: Gisela González Servat

Volunteers connect while taking part in a clean-up action along the banks of the Río de la Plata. This was an opportunity to contribute to the #EUBeachCleanUp while promoting the respect of our planet even at a very early age.





Retrofitting forensic building

Delegation of the European Union to Barbados, OECS , CARICOM and ACP • Photographer: Wayne M. Lewis

EU Ambassador Daniela Tramacere watches as Barbados' Minister of Energy, Wilfred Abrahams, switches on and activates the solar photo-voltaic system at the Barbados Forensic Laboratory. This was the first of 16 government buildings to be retrofitted, thanks to a €5 million grant and a loan from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).





The world in a constant movement
Delegation of the European Union to Bolivia • Photographer: Emmanuel Hondrat

Cholitas, the Bolivian women wearing traditional outfits, dance at the opening of a community tourism programme in the Andean region of the country where the EU supports local development and helps promote cultural heritage.





Todos nascemos LIVRES e IGUAIS!

We are all born free and equal

Delegation of the European Union to Brazil • Photographer: Ana Cintia Gondim Gomes

The EU in Brazil promotes human rights at the international Embassies Fair. Chargé d'Affaires Claudia Gintersdorfer, along with her guests, Brazil's General - Prosecutor, Raquel Dodge, and the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System in Brazil, Niky Fabianic





Winterlude 2018

Delegation of the European Union to Canada • Photographer: Diodora Bucur

The EU Delegation presented a 60-block ice sculpture at the 40th annual edition of Winterlude – a popular winter celebration in Ottawa. The installation featured a photo frame, benches and a table, and raised public awareness about Canada and the EU's global leadership and commitment to climate action.

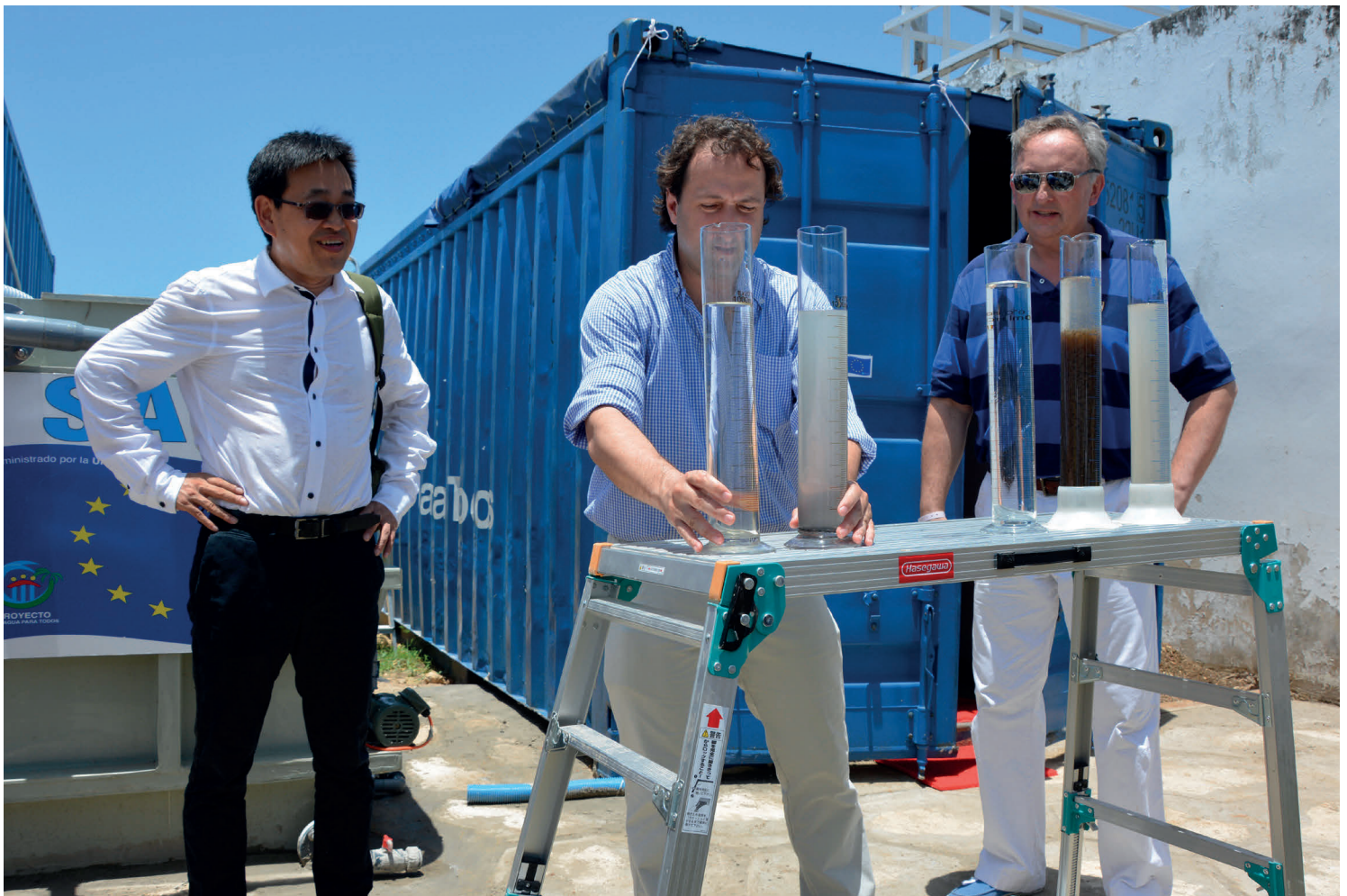




Segundo Cabo Palace, now Center for the Interpretation of Cultural Relations Cuba-Europe
Delegation of the European Union to Cuba • Photographer: Yanet Toirac

EU High Representative, Federica Mogherini, visits the newly restored Segundo Cabo Palace where the Cuba-Europe Cultural Relations Interpretation Centre is located. The restoration of this colonial palace was completed with the support of the EU, UNESCO and Cuban institutions





More Water For All: EU Development Cooperation in Cuba
Delegation of the European Union to Cuba • Photographer: Yanet Toirac

Inauguration of two new pilot plants for wastewater treatment and reuse in Cuba, within the framework of the EU cooperation project "More Water for All".





Tree Planting

Delegation of the European Union to Jamaica, Belize, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the Cayman Islands •

Photographer: Althea Buchanan

EU Ambassador in Jamaica Malgorzata Wasilewska and staff join students and teachers at the Constant Spring Primary and Junior High School for a tree-planting activity on the school grounds, celebrating the National Tree-Planting Day.





Winning the drugs and violence battle
Delegation of the European Union to Nicaragua and to the Central American Integration System (SICA) •
Photographer: Gunter Gadea Barberena

EU Ambassador Kenny Bell plays football with the youth of the Caribbean city of Bluefields, as part of the EU financed project supporting drug prevention and control of organised crime in Nicaragua. This was one of the activities organised to celebrate the Month of Europe and the 60th Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome





Women weavers of dreams
Delegation of the European Union to Nicaragua and to the Central American Integration System (SICA) •
Photographer: Margini Herrera

Thanks to their effort and the EU support, women from the Lake Cocibolca basin, the most important fresh water resource in Nicaragua, not only learned how to save the environment, but also how to make a living by weaving handbags from plastic bags thrown on the lake's shore.





EU interns share a moment of levity
Delegation to the United Nations in New York • Photographer: Shila Patel

Young diplomats-in-training are vital to the work of the EU at UN Delegation, and #UNGA – United Nations General Assembly Ministerial Week – the largest annual gathering of world leaders is the highlight of our year.





Gathering at the 7th EU Security and Defence Symposium in June 2018, leaders discussed stronger defence policy coordination, NATO-EU cooperation, joint EU-US efforts in Africa and collective responses to Russian hybrid activity.



Security and Defence Symposium
Delegation of the European Union to the United States •
Photographer: Tim Rivera



EU Open House 2017
Delegation of the European Union to the United States • Photographer: Michele Bendall

EU staff and trainees greet more than 2,000 visitors at the EU Delegation to the U.S. during the 2017 EU Open House. This event takes place each year in Washington, DC on the occasion of Europe Day.





Despite the differences what really matters is friendship
Delegation of the European Union to Uruguay • Photographer: Elsa Moreno

The “Teletón Friends Day” promotes integration activities between students from EU Member States-linked schools in Uruguay and children from the Teletón Center, dedicated to the rehabilitation of handicapped children and adolescents. Music, drawing or games are part of the day’s activities.





Second EU Race against gender violence
Delegation of the European Union to Venezuela • Photographer: Luis Medel Romero

More than 2,000 participants showed their opposition to the violation of a universal Human Rights by running in the second edition of the Race Against Gender Violence in Caracas.





Asia and the Pacific



**Information campaign on irregular migration
Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan**

As part of an information campaign for the Afghan public, this Mobile theatre show in the Bamyan province raises awareness on the perils of irregular migration and risks of human trafficking.





Peace-marchers
Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan • Photographer: George Cunningham

Pierre Mayaudon, EU Ambassador to Afghanistan, talks with Afghan peace-marchers from the Helmand province. This group undertook, in 2018, a 700 km journey to reach Kabul and raise their voices in a cry for peace.





Conservation project

Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia • Photographer: Thy Mao

In Mondulkiri Province, a member of a local community explains how villagers share savings for purchases or emergency needs. An EU funded project there supports sustainable management of the rich forest resources on which these communities depend for their livelihoods.





Land issues

Delegation of the European Union to Cambodia • Photographer: Simone Pieri

A woman from a local community in the Koh Kong Province discusses land redistribution. Economic land concessions in Cambodia have led to the eviction of thousands of poor families from their dwellings. The EU has been supporting parties involved towards more fair and sustainable solutions.





Global Climate Change Alliance Programme
Delegation of the European Union to East Timor • Photographer: Stéphanie Rycken

A group of motivated youth, at a permaculture camp, attend a workshop on how to cope with climate change through agroforestry practices. Engaging youth in agriculture is one of the main objectives of both the EU and the Timorese government with regards to rural development.

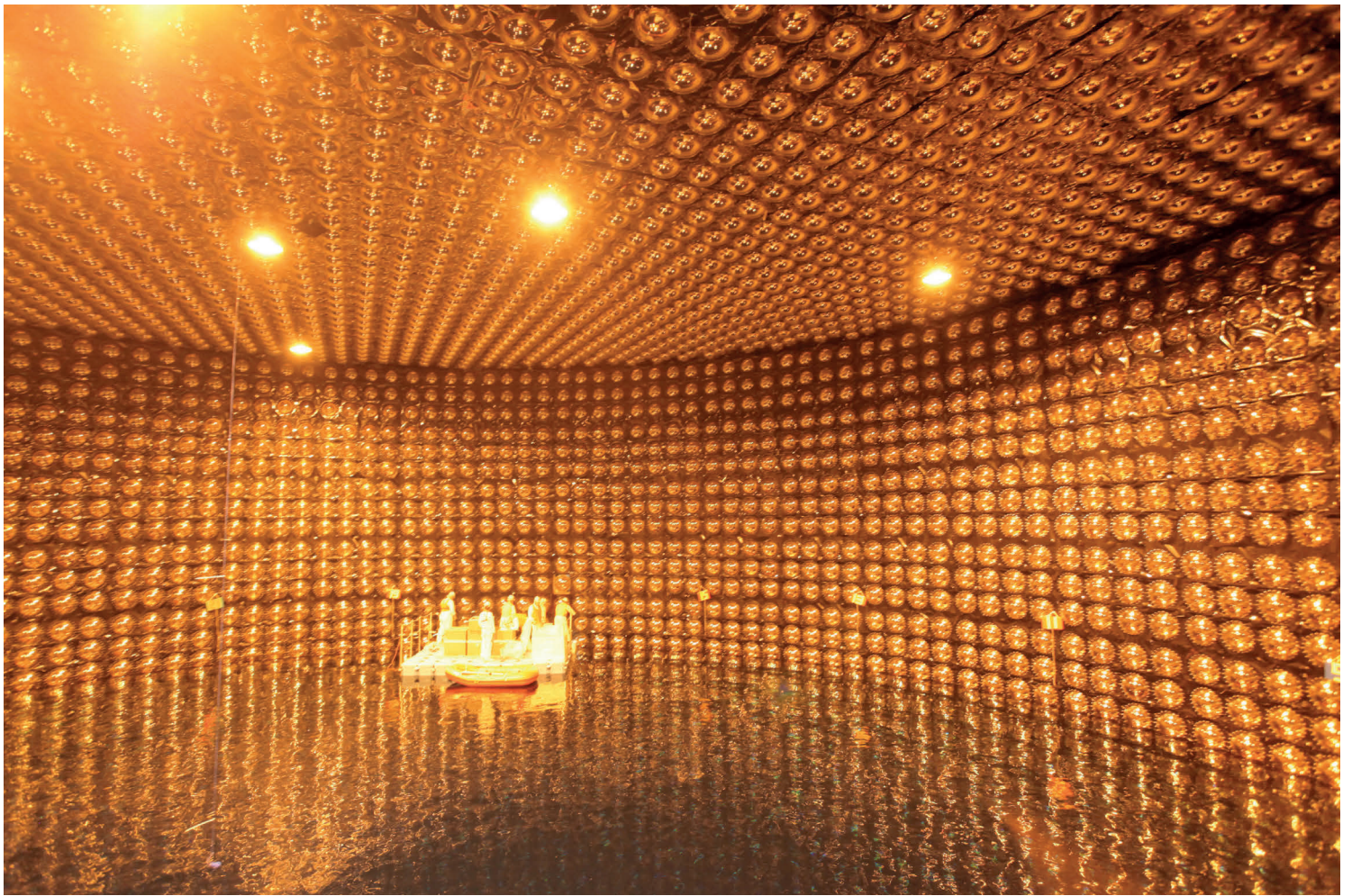




Supporting IDAHOT
Delegation of the European Union to India and Bhutan • Photographer: Vikram Roy

On the occasion of the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia - IDAHOT, the EU Delegation reaffirmed its commitment to combat all forms of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender and sex characteristics. EU will continue to actively promote and protect human rights of LGBTI persons.





Super Kamiokande

Delegation of the European Union to Japan • Photographer: Tomasz Kuczynski

At Super-Kamiokande, an underground neutrino detector 1,000 m beneath Mount Ikeno, several research projects partner EU and Japanese scientists. SKPLUS – a Horizon 2020 research mobility grant under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – investigates neutrinos to advance the understanding of basic interactions in nature.



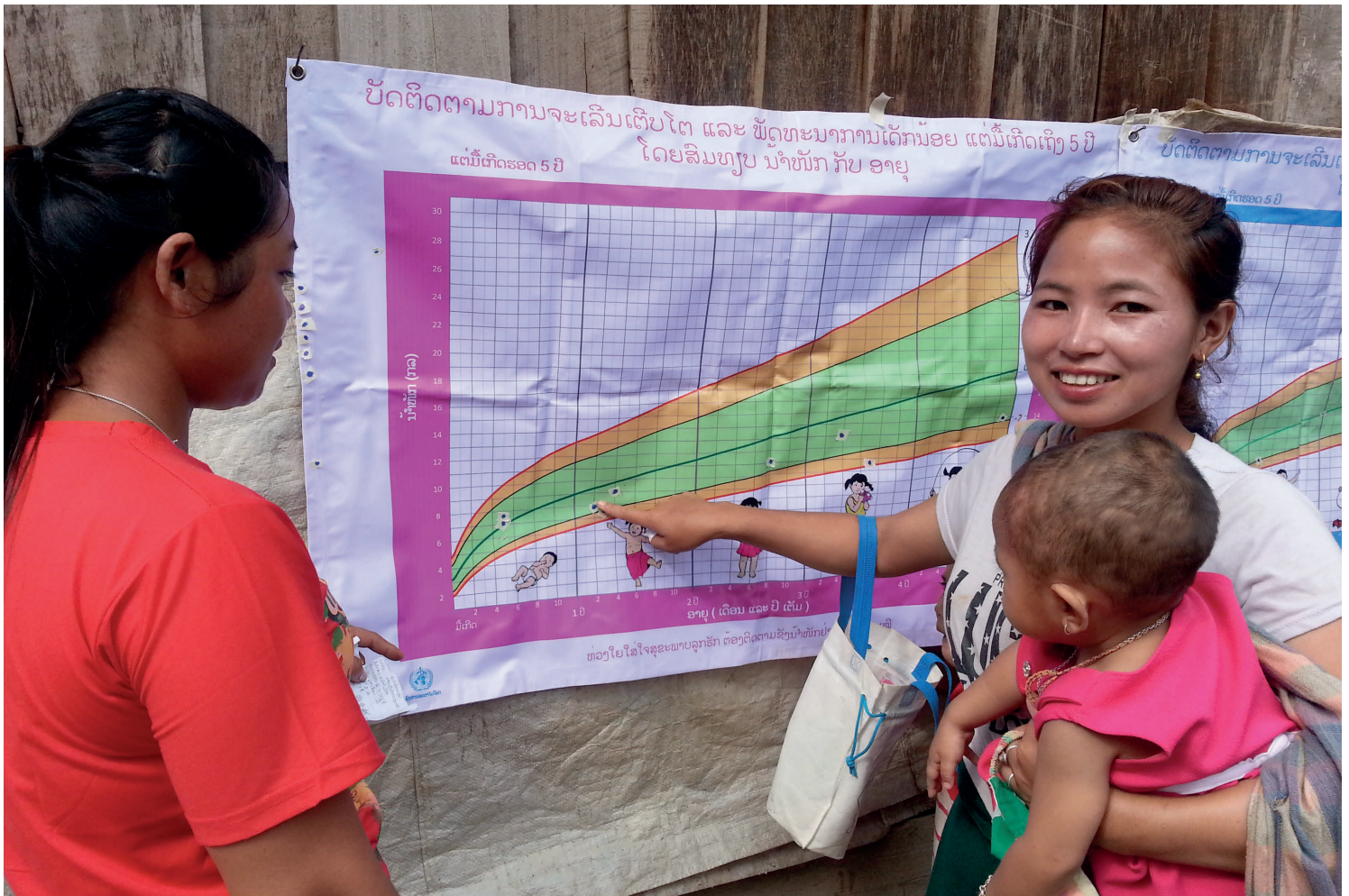


2018 Study and Research in Europe Fair

Delegation of the European Union to the Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) • Photographer: Thongvone Sosamphan

University students in Luang Prabang Province discover the opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ to study in Europe. The Erasmus+ programme is very popular amongst Lao students and the Study and Research in Europe Fair helps them get closer to their study dream destinations.





Fighting under-nutrition
 Delegation of the European Union to the Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR) • Photographer: Koen Everaert

As part of the EU funded 'Partnership for Improved Nutrition in Lao PDR', a young mother has her baby's growth monitored regularly by local health volunteers. This project contributes to improvements in the nutritional status of children and women.





EU contributes to scale up nutrition levels across Nepal
Delegation of the European Union to Nepal • Photographer: Ambar Mainali

Women at Khadachakra Municipality of Kalikot, District in the Karnali province of Nepal, participate in the 'Multisector Nutrition Programme' implemented by UNICEF with financial support from the EU. The mothers share their experience on how this has made a difference in the health of their babies.





EU supports education sector in Nepal
Delegation of the European Union to Nepal • Photographer: Mim Hamal

In the 1990's and early 2000's, education standards in Nepal's rural areas were quite low. The EU's contribution to the education sector has been instrumental in improving them. Families return to the area, villagers are now proud of their educational facilities, and more children attend school.





Road rehabilitation

Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific • Photographer: Mohammed Nazeem Kasim

Over 200 sugarcane farmers and their families in Drasa, Fiji, benefit from an EU-funded project for road rehabilitation works. Fijian Prime Minister, Frank Bainimarama and the then EU Ambassador to Fiji and the Pacific, Andrew Jacobs, visit a project site.





Farewell to the Korean frigate participating in Atalanta
Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea • Photographer: Kim Jungyoon

EU Ambassador Michael Reiterer bids farewell to the Korean Daejooyoung-ham Anti-piracy Unit leaving the Port of Busan. The frigate with a helicopter on board joined the ATALANTA operation off the coast of Somalia.





Building a life after the war

Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka and Maldives • Photographer: Dharshani Premaratne

These fishermen, one of them a former fighter, belong to a community in Batticaloa District on Sri Lanka's East Coast. They received new catamarans through an EU project helping people to rebuild their lives after the war.





SWITCH-ASIA in Surabaya

European Union Mission to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) • Photographer: Persefoni Chatzilampou

The *Clean Batik Initiative*, a SWITCH-ASIA project funded by the EU, encourages a Sustainable Production and Consumption of Eco-Friendly Batik in Indonesia and Malaysia. The photo was taken in a small batik workshop in Surabaya.



Europe and Central Asia





EuroVillage event in Sheki
Delegation of the European Union to Azerbaijan • Photographer: Ahmed Mukhtar

In Sheki, local children attend a EuroVillage event organised by the EU Delegation and Member States. Thanks to this event, the local population was able to learn about culture and traditions in the EU.





Children gathered to celebrate Europe Day in the main square of the town of Prnjavor in Bosnia and Herzegovina which is also known as “Little Europe”. The event was attended by local communities and representatives of minorities’ associations.



Little Europe in northern Bosnia
Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and
Herzegovina (BiH) and Office of the European Union Special
Representative in BiH • Photographer: Zora Stanic



The restoration of this typically Alsatian timbered house in Strasbourg into the 'Maison Citoyenne' was a project funded by the EU and led by the Eco-Quartier Strasbourg association. This little house was about to be torn down when the association decided to rehabilitate it into a place where citizens can meet and work.



Maison citoyenne
Delegation of the European Union to the Council of Europe •
Photographer: Marie Greget



Batken region medical centre
Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic • Photographer: Carl Frosio

Women gather outside a medical centre in Batken region, Kyrgyzstan. The centre was rehabilitated through the EU project 'Comprehensive community actions to respond to emerging community needs', implemented by Rural Advisory Services in Osh.





HarbourEx
Delegation of the European Union to Norway • Photographer: Marcia Kammitzi

Former EU Ambassador Helen Campbell, EU Official Loic Lallemand-Zeller and Norway's Minister for EEA and EU Affairs inspect the emergency work under Harbour EX15 in Oslo in April 2015. This full scale rescue and crisis management exercise, co-funded by the EU, was the largest joint civilian emergency exercise carried out in Norway.





Children drawing contest

Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova • Photographer: Iva Stamenova

A child takes part in a drawing contest '*How do I see my city/village in the future?*'. This contest was a part of the inauguration event for the Tomai village road rehabilitation. The general framework of this project was the Support for Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD).





Better Connected

Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of North Macedonia • Photographer: Natasha Duchevska

In the Republic of North Macedonia, an EU branded train was part of an information campaign known as 'Better Connected'. The purpose was to inform citizens about the EU's assistance for the transport sector in this country.





Beyond Sounds

Delegation of the European Union to Turkey • Photographer: Berna Çetin

Children play drums at the Kızılay Community Centre in Istanbul. Syrians and Turkish citizens gather here to socialise, take vocational courses and do recreational activities. There are 10 such centres run by Turkish Red Crescent and funded by the EU under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey.





My Happiness

Delegation of the European Union to Turkey • Photographer: Berna Çetin

'I was reborn when I came to Turkey. I know women have a right to work and children have a right to education.' Rojin, 29, had to leave her country, Syria, several years ago and start her life over in Turkey. The EU supports a number of UNICEF-ASAM safe spaces in Turkey so that other children have the opportunity to do the same.





Tanya is the only nurse of the Feltshers & Midwives Aid Point in Verkhniotoretske, village in Eastern Ukraine, where residents are affected by the conflict and have difficulty accessing healthcare. She is provided medical supplies through the EU's Humanitarian Aid funds for which over €116 million have been allocated.



Promoting access to healthcare
Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine ·
Photographer: Eick Mathias



BOMCA 9

Liaison Office of the European Union in Turkmenistan • Photographer: Amir Yelchibekov

Head and senior officials from the border agency of Turkmenistan visited the K9 Training Centre in Almaty city, Kazakhstan, during the Third Conference for Regional Cooperation in the Field of Border Security, funded by the EU's Border Management Programme, BOMCA 9. Members of BOMCA 9 Consortium gave nicknames to puppies.





Training Ukrainian police
European Union Advisory Mission - EUAM Ukraine • Photographer: Mariia Aleksevych

EUAM Ukraine Criminal Investigations Advisor Kent-Ake Ingemar Bengtsson, from Sweden, and Human Rights and Gender Advisor Sari Aulikki Rautarinta, from Finland, train a group of Ukrainian police officers in Kyiv on 17 April 2018 in how to address domestic violence.





Boundary Line

European Union Monitoring Mission – EUMM Georgia • Photographer: Tamta Megrelidze

Civilian Operations Commander Vincenzo Coppola, accompanied by the Head of Mission Erik Høeg, observes the Administrative Boundary Line with the breakaway region of South Ossetia





Georgia's Mountains
European Union Monitoring Mission – EUMM Georgia • Photographer: Dora Alves

EU Monitoring Mission patrolling in mountainous areas of Eastern Georgia.





Formed Police Unit patrol in action
European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo - EULEX Kosovo • Photographer: Daniel Kowal

Members of EULEX's Formed Police Unit performing a routine patrol in Kosovo*. *This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*





Middle East and North Africa



Cairo's Agro Fair
Delegation of the European Union to Egypt • Photographer: Raphaël Demoulière

Beneficiaries of the EU Joint Rural Development Project (JRPD) in Egypt showcase their produces at the Agro Fair in Cairo. The grapes, olive oil and figs come from the Matrouh province, where the JRPD developed and registered the first geographic indications data in Egypt.





EU for Education
Delegation of the European Union to Egypt • Photographer: Ayman Elsherbiny

Students in a community school in Minya, Upper Egypt, pose for a photo during the visit of the EU Ambassador in April 2017. The school benefits from the EU-funded project 'Enhancing Access to Education and Fighting Child Labour'.





Beach Cleanup
Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon • Photographer: Abdallah Chebly

Divers from the EU in Lebanon and Operation Big Blue Association volunteer to clean the seabed in Raouche, Beirut, during the #EUGlobalBeachCleanUp in September 2018.





EU Green Day
Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon • Photographer: Tatiana Hosny

Children have fun at the #EUGreenDay and learn more about preserving green spaces. The event was hosted by the EU in Lebanon in September 2018, to raise awareness among families and children on the importance of preserving green spaces in Beirut.





Building futures
Delegation of the European Union to Morocco • Photographer: Safaa Kaddioui

School children in the Al Hoceima region celebrate the opening of a new preschool classroom. It was built as part of the EU project to support the integrated development of the rural territories in the North.





In the rural community of Had Rouadi, women gather to learn new crafts techniques which help them generate essential income. The courses here are taught by European experts and financed by the EU in the framework of the Project to support Development dynamics in the rural areas of North Morocco.



Working with the heart
Delegation of the European Union to Morocco •
Photographer: Safaa Kaddioui



#EU4Youth
Delegation of the European Union to Tunisia •
Photographer: Patrice Bergamini

#EU4Youth in action - Enthusiastic youngsters wrap up the Europe Week festivities.





Mangroves Cleanup
Delegation of the European Union to the United Arab Emirates • Photographer: Yasmine Al-Farra

EU Delegation staff signs up to volunteer for the Emirati initiative to clean mangroves. This was also a chance to involve the community in environmental conservation.





Game Day
Delegation of the European Union to the United Arab Emirates • Photographer: Yasmine Al-Farra

EU Diplomats and UAE Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs play a football match as part of the Europe Day activities.





Children in Sana'a at the top of a historical building
Delegation of the European Union to Yemen •
Photographer: Riccardo Villa

As part of the EU's efforts to protect cultural heritage, the EU Delegation funds a UN Habitat project supporting the recovery of Yemeni infrastructure through city profiling. The EU-funded UNESCO project complements this by supporting Yemeni youth to reconstruct damaged buildings.





My Green Jerusalem

The Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA) • Photographer: Shadi Othman

Students from East Jerusalem line up in front of the Damascus Gate after they finished cleaning the streets of Jerusalem's Old City. The 'My Green Jerusalem' initiative was organised under the EU East Jerusalem Programme for 10 schools and over 200 students in East Jerusalem took part.





Smiles of Khan al-Ahmar

The Office of the European Union Representative (West Bank and Gaza Strip, UNRWA) • Photographer: Iuna Viera

A young girl from the Khan al-Ahmar Bedouin community chooses to put on her blue balloon before joining her friends and family at the EU funded Ramadan Iftar organised at the community.





Receiving the honours

EU Mission in the Occupied Palestinian Territory - EUPOL COPPS • Photographer: Hasse Resenbro

On International Women's Day 2018, this young Palestinian Police Officer was recognised for exemplary police service at a ceremony at the Palestinian College for Police Sciences in Jericho. The number of women police officers is rising. Currently more than 10% of the police cadet intake are female.





Bringing the Palestinian Police Gender Strategy alive
EU Mission in the Occupied Palestinian Territory - EUPOL COPPS • Photographer: Hasse Resenbro

Colonel Wafaa Muammar (left), the highest ranking female police officer within the Palestinian Civil Police, in the workshop on the implementation of the Palestinian Civil Police Gender Strategy. EUPOL COPPS, together with UN Women, has played a pivotal role in developing the strategy.





Hoisting the EU Flag

European Union Naval Force - EUNAVFOR Mediterranean - Operation Sophia • Photographer: Maria Schmidt

After joining the SOPHIA Task Force and leaving the harbour of Cagliari for the area of operation, the German frigate AUGSBURG had the EU Flag close up for the first time.



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