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## **OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS**

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Subject: First Results Report on EU international cooperation and development  
- Council conclusions (28 November 2016)

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Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on the first Results Report on EU international cooperation and development, as adopted by the Council at its 3505th meeting held on 28 November 2016.

**Council conclusions on the  
first Results Report on EU international cooperation and development**

1. The Council welcomes the first Results Report <sup>1</sup> as a significant step forward in strengthening the focus on performance and results in EU international cooperation and development. The Council also recalls its conclusions of 14 May 2014 and 26 May 2015 which paved the way towards the EU International Cooperation and Results Framework.
2. The Council welcomes with satisfaction the good results achieved in areas such as good governance and democracy, support to situation of fragility, job creation, education, health, sustainable agriculture and natural resources. The Council encourages the Commission to step up efforts in areas where the results achieved identify challenges, notably nutrition, human development, environment, climate change and gender equality.
3. The Council also calls on the Commission to better reflect, in future reports, results in areas that are not yet thoroughly covered in the Results Framework, such as migration.
4. The Council stresses the need to continuously show through results reporting that EU development cooperation achieves impact on the ground. The Council stresses the importance of the Results Framework as a tool to strengthen accountability, transparency, learning, including peer learning, and the visibility of EU cooperation and development assistance in order to inform policy and implementation. The Council encourages the Commission to continue strengthening results monitoring at all levels as well as evaluation. The Council also encourages continued efforts by the Commission to report against sex and, wherever possible, age disaggregated data in order to show how the results of EU cooperation are being distributed.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 11468/16 (SWD(2016) 255 final)

5. The Council invites the Commission to update and review relevant parts of the Results Framework in accordance with the indicators for Sustainable Development Goals as well as with key priorities of EU development cooperation. Furthermore, the Commission is invited to consider how best to expand the coverage of the report to include timely results of on-going programmes.
  6. The Council stresses the importance of ownership and the need to support and use partner countries' results monitoring systems.
  7. The Council encourages the EU and its Member States to enhance coordination, information sharing and mutual learning with a view to promoting a common results-based approach.
  8. The Council welcomes the integration of the results report into the Annual Report on the EU's development and external assistance policies and their implementation thus ensuring that reporting draws on the Results Framework.
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## EU International Cooperation and Development Results Report

### Overall development progress in partner countries



Despite significant progress, **29%** of the population continue to live in **extreme poverty**. Average GDP growth over the last five years has been **4.5%**, but inequality persists.



The proportion of **undernourished** people has fallen almost by half over the last two decades, but on average **16.7%** of the population do not have enough to eat.



Substantial progress in **health** has resulted in the **reduction of child and maternal mortality** almost by half over the past two decades.



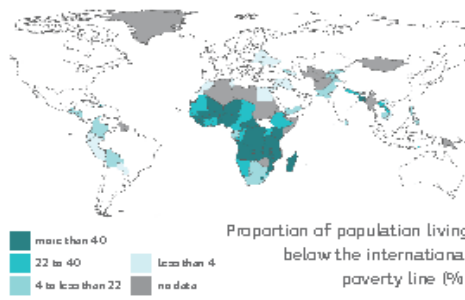
More and more children are completing **primary** and **secondary education**: currently **80.6%** of 15 to 24-year-olds report being able to read and write.



**Women** have gained ground in parliamentary representation but on average only **19 of every 100** members of parliament in partner countries are women.



**Global biodiversity** has **decreased** over the last 40 years and the populations of vertebrate species have declined by almost 50% since 1970.



### Selected aggregate results in partner countries with EU support\* from all external assistance instruments



#### Employment

**326 000** people benefited from training and skills development intended to improve employability, productivity and competitiveness



#### Sustainable agriculture

**4 544 000** women of reproductive age and children under 5 benefited from nutrition-related programmes



#### Health

**1 160 000** births were attended by skilled health personnel, helping to reduce maternal mortality



#### Education

**29 009 000** children were enrolled at school  
19 447 000 in primary education  
9 562 000 in secondary education



#### Good governance

**19** elections were supported where the electoral process was perceived by independent observers as free and fair

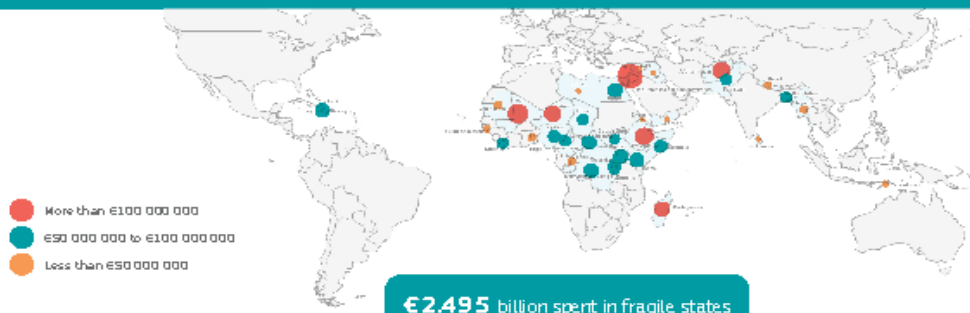


#### Natural resources

**13 785 000** hectares of protected areas were managed to help ensure biological diversity and to preserve natural heritage

\* For projects that ended between July 2013 and June 2014.

### Payments to fragile states (2014)



The above are a selection of illustrative results > [Read more: Results Report full text](#)