

Is Euro-Mediterranean solidarity sufficient to meet the challenges in the southern and eastern Mediterranean countries?

The challenges to be taken up in the southern and eastern Mediterranean countries are at least as big as those to be met by the countries with prospects to become members of the European Union.

Strengthening of reciprocal commitments, of solidarity and of Mediterranean and Euro-Mediterranean cooperation for sustainable development are essential to make this region a stable one.

In 2008, the EU and its Member States were again the biggest international donor, providing almost 60% of global aid. The European foreign aid was about 12 billion euros. 8.9 billion euros were managed by EuropeAid.

In 2008 the «Mediterranean and Middle East» region received 1.6 billion euros, i.e. 18% of the funds from the EU and managed by EuropeAid.

In 2008, the Balkan countries received 14 % of the aid from the EU. The amounts per capita received in the southern and eastern Mediterranean countries (6 euros) were three times less than those received by the inhabitants of the Balkans (19 euros).

The division of the funds from the EU into large categories makes it difficult to assess the share of the aid that contributes to sustainable development and to the objectives of MSSD for the Mediterranean countries.

The share of funds in the “Social infrastructure and services” category could be the basis for a first assessment: it is 71 for the Mediterranean, 76% for the SEMC and 52% for the Balkans (38% for the EU funds)

Definition

This indicator is defined by

- The amount of the net funds from the EU for the Mediterranean country (in absolute value and per inhabitant), and
- The relative share of these funds that contribute to the MSSD objectives;

The funds from the EU concerning the following categories:

- Social infrastructure and services (SIS)
- Economic infrastructure and services (EIS)
- Production sectors (PS)
- Multisector/crosscutting (MC)
- Commodity aid and general programme assistance (CG)
- Action relating to debt (AD)
- Emergency assistance (EA)
- Other/unallocated/unspecified (OTH)

Precautions / Notes

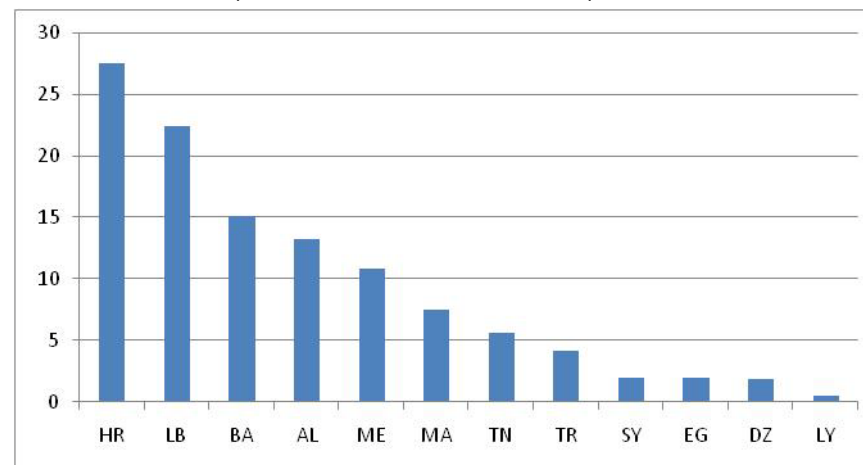
The relative share of the funds contributing directly to the MSSD objectives is not easy to assess and additional data processing is necessary to make the calculation.

Sources / References

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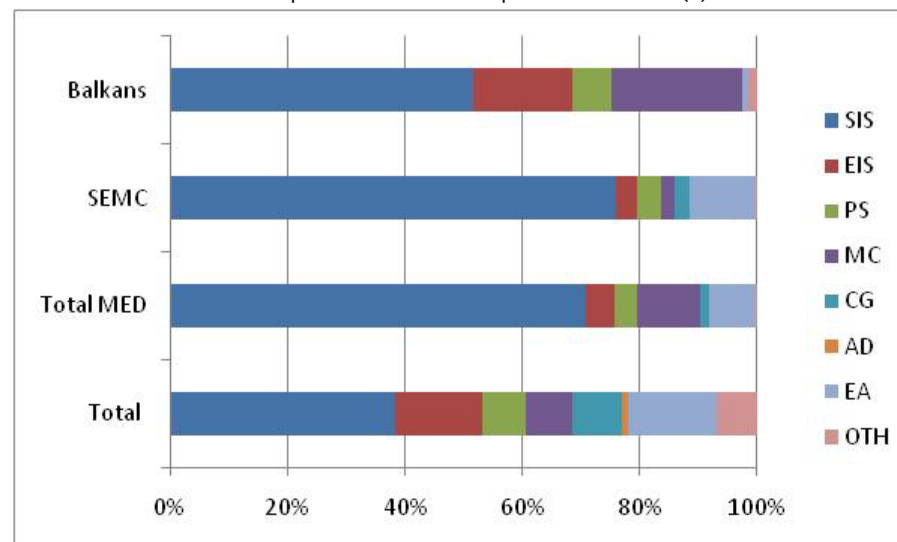
28. EU net public financial flows (In the Mediterranean region and contributing to the Strategy objectives)

EU net public financial flows in 2008 (Euros per inhabitant)



Source : EuropAid

EU net public financial flows per sector in 2008 (%)



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