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EU development funding through the United Nations and member state organisations

Key facts and findings

151
partner organisations

EU-funded development actions

€29.7 billion
contracted in 2021-2025

€16.5 billion
implemented by **partner organisations**

- **Member state agencies/ development banks** *€6.0 billion*
- **United Nations** *€5.2 billion*
- International financial institutions *€2.5 billion*
- Other organisations *€2.8 billion*

European Commission oversight of partners



What did we find?

- No regular re-assessment of partner organisations' systems and controls
- Contractual set-up limits oversight and assessment of value for money
- Extensive reliance on information from partners and no overview of results

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