The European Union
The EU as a whole, the EU institutions and the Member States, accounts for around 60% of global official development assistance (ODA). EU ODA amounted to almost €54 billion in 2010, equivalent to 0.43% of GNI. Nevertheless, the EU missed its own collective target of 0.56% of GNI for ODA in 2010 by 0.13% of GNI (€ 15 billion).

The European Commission
The EC is the largest provider of bilateral ODA within the EU and the second largest among DAC donors (following the USA). Total EC external assistance in 2010 was €11.1 billion (€10.7 billion of which was ODA), representing around 20% of total EU aid. EU delegations are present in 149 out of the 153 developing countries eligible for ODA. No priority countries as such are identified.

EU development assistance is resourced from both the EU budget (76%) and the European Development Fund (EDF) (around 24%). In 2010, EC aid, including the EDF represented around 8% of the total EU budget.

The vast majority of EDF money is ODA-eligible (with the exception of the Africa Peace Facility). The percentage of non-ODA in annual EC external assistance has decreased considerably and is now at around 4%.

The world’s largest multilateral donor

EU Development Policy
EU development policy is a shared competence between each Member State and the Commission. Therefore, bilateral development policies co-exist with community policies managed by the EC, each with its own administration and institutions. The European Consensus on Development agreed in 2005 sets out EU development policy. Under the Consensus, Member States and the Commission are committed to poverty reduction and the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals as the primary objective of EU development cooperation.

In October 2011, following a public consultation on a green paper "EU development policy in support of inclusive growth and sustainable development", the Commission will publish proposals for a modernised EU development policy.

EC aid sectors in 2010 (Commitments)

Source: Annual Report 2011 on the European Union’s development and external assistance policies and their implementation in 2010

Comparison of aid flows by income group (2009)

**EC**
- Least Developed Countries: 39%
- Other Low Income Countries: 19%
- Lower Middle Income Countries: 35%
- Upper Middle Income Countries: 7%
- 13% Other

**DAC Total**
-Least Developed Countries: 43%
-Other Low Income Countries: 32%
-Lower Middle Income Countries: 9%
-Upper Middle Income Countries: 16%

EC aid by income group for 2010 (excl. regional and unallocated projects)

Top ten recipients of EC aid in 2010 (disbursements in € million)

Source: Annual Report 2011 on the European Union’s development and external assistance policies and their implementation in 2010

The UK and the EU

**DFID Multilateral Assistance, 2005/06 – 2009/10**

**DFID Multilateral Expenditure 2009/2010**

Source: DFID Statistics on International Development 2005/6 – 2009/10, October 2010