

Fourth Financing for Development Conference - civil society's calls

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We, the undersigned civil society organisations and individuals, urge European leaders to commit to a transformative and ambitious agenda of financial architecture reform at the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), taking place in Sevilla, Spain in mid-2025.

FfD4 is a pivotal moment for Europe to commit to equitable global economic governance and reforms that are needed to tackle the deep inequality and environmental crises which drive and exacerbate grave problems today and tomorrow. The consequences of the current system are felt across generations.

Critical reforms include how countries deal with the vicious circle of sovereign debt; the development of a fair and inclusive system of international tax cooperation; and the strengthening of development cooperation. Public finance continues to have a proven and distinct role in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the eradication of hunger and poverty, in gender equality and the fight against climate change.

The Financing for Development conference is the only space where global economic and financial matters are discussed in a transparent and inclusive manner and where all countries participate on an equal footing. FfD4, therefore, has the potential to bring fairness and justice into global economic governance.

It is also the first time an FfD conference has taken place on European soil. This gives Europe the opportunity to play a role in reinvigorating trust and cooperation into a rules-based multilateral order. The success of the conference is a matter of Europe's reputation and a test of its value-driven approach to engaging with the rest of the world.

In January 2025, a [civil society letter](#) addressed to European leaders provided a list of key policy demands regarding FfD4. We welcome the openness to dialogue that has been demonstrated in meetings with civil society ever since. We also welcome the [reiteration](#) of European support for the Financing for Development process, demonstrated during the meeting of the European Council and the UN Secretary General on 20 March in Brussels.

At the same time, we are concerned by the lack of visible positive change in the European position in the negotiations of the Conference's outcome. Instead of backing proposals for more democratic decision-making on global economic issues, European countries have so far opposed any meaningful reform, defending an unfair and dysfunctional status quo and limiting the European offer to using scarce public resources to leverage private finance. Indeed, the [official EU position](#) and conduct in the negotiations on the road to Sevilla are highly problematic. While the EU supports ambitious development goals and stands for gender equity and human rights, it blocks the actual means of implementation that are needed to achieve these goals.

In a world where only 17 per cent of the SDGs have been achieved, with only five years to their deadline, this cannot be the European approach to accelerate action. The Sevilla conference is the last chance to fill the SDG financing gap through meaningful structural reforms. It must not be wasted.

Europe must play its part in a multilateral system that contributes to fair and democratic global economic governance. This would reflect the poverty eradication objective of Article 208 of the Lisbon Treaty.

Aligning with progressive voices calling for meaningful reforms to global economic governance in the negotiations leading up to Sevilla is not only the right thing to do. It will also strengthen Europe's geopolitical standing. It is an unprecedented strategic opportunity and we call on you - European leaders - to seize it.

Signatories

Total Organisations: 204

European and international organisations

1. 350.org
2. ACT Alliance EU
3. ActionAid International
4. Africa-Europe Faith & Justice Network
5. Amnesty International
6. Care International
7. Caritas Europa
8. Center for Economic and Social Rights
9. Christian Aid
10. Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe
11. Counter Balance
12. Debt4Climate
13. Eurodad
14. Fern
15. IBON International
16. Oil Change International
17. Oxfam International
18. Greenpeace
19. Plan International
20. Recourse
21. Save the Children
22. SDG Watch Europe
23. Society for International Development
24. SOLIDAR
25. WEDO

Austria

26. AG Globale Verantwortung
27. KOO - Co-ordination office of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for international development and mission
28. SDG Watch Austria
29. VIDC

Belgium

30. 11.11.11

31. ACV-CSC
32. BOS+
33. Broederlijk Delen
34. CNCD-11.11.11
35. Entraide et Fraternité
36. FOS - Socialistische Solidariteit
37. Join For Water
38. Monetary Diversity
39. Rikolto
40. Solidagro
41. UCOS
42. Viva Salud

Bulgaria

43. BulgariaCVS
44. Obshtestven Center za Okolna Sreda i Ustoichivo Razvitie
45. Za Zemiata

Croatia

46. Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity (CROSOL)

Czechia

47. FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

Denmark

48. Civil Society in Development
49. Global Focus
50. The People's Fund for Global Health and Development

Estonia

51. Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

Finland

52. Fingo

France

53. CCFD-Terre Solidaire
54. Coordination SUD
55. Global Health Advocates (GHA)
56. Plateforme Française Dette et Développement

Germany

57. Brot für die Welt
58. erlassjahr.de
59. German NGO Forum on Environment & Development
60. Germanwatch
61. Global Policy Forum Europe
62. Netzwerk Steuergerechtigkeit / Wem gehört die Stadt
63. SocDevJustice
64. Urgewald

65. WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development

Hungary

66. Barn Owl Foundation
67. BODROG EGYESÜLET
68. Consultants for Sustainable Development
69. CSEMETE Association of Nature and Environmental Protection
70. E-misszió Environmental Association
71. Ecological Studio Foundation
72. Éghajlatvédelmi Szövetség / Hungarian Climate Alliance
73. Green Action Association
74. HAND Association
75. HELYES Association (Association for Supporting Local Energies)
76. HOLOCEN Nature Conservation Association
77. Hungarian Society for Environmental Education (HSEE)
78. Inspi-Ráció
79. Közel Afrikához Alapítvány
80. Közép-magyarországi Zöld Kör
81. Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége - Friends of the Earth Hungary
82. Magosfa Foundation for Environmental Education and Ecotourism
83. Mozgalom az Egészséges Város Környezetéért Civil Társaság
84. Pécsi Zöld Kör
85. Planetrise Foundation
86. Reflex Environmental Association
87. Towards Sustainability Association

Ireland

88. Financial Justice Ireland
89. Trócaire

Italy

90. ECCO think tank
91. Focsiv

Lithuania

92. Lithuanian NGDO Platform
93. Vartotoju aljansas (Lithuanian Consumers Alliance)

Malta

94. Kopin
95. SKOP (The National Platform for Maltese NGDOs)

Norway

96. Debt Justice Norway
97. The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM)

Portugal

98. ACEP
99. CIDAC
100. Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

Serbia

101. CEKOR- Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Spain

102. ACCIÓN VERAPAZ
103. Action Against Hunger
104. Alianza por la Solidaridad - ActionAid Spain
105. Amadecul, SCA
106. Amani-Laicos Combonianos por el Sur
107. Anesvad Foundation
108. APDHA-Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
109. ARCORES International
110. ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA SOLIDARIDAD
111. ASOCIACIÓN SENDEROS DE MAÍZ
112. Bosco Global
113. Centro de Estudios e Investigación sobre Mujeres
114. Coordinadora Andaluza de ONGD
115. Creación Positiva
116. Enlázate por la Justicia
117. Entreculturas
118. Federación de Asociaciones Medicus Mundi en España
119. FETS - Finançament ètic i solidari
120. Fundación Proclade
121. Fundación Savia por el Compromiso y los Valores
122. Futuro en Común
123. INCIDEM
124. JPIC-IBVM Spain
125. JUAN CIUDAD ONGD
126. Karit, solidarios por la paz
127. La Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo
128. Lafede.cat - Organitzacions per a la Justícia Global
129. Movimiento Por la Paz
130. Mujeres en Zona de Conflicto
131. Mujeres Supervivientes
132. Observatori del Deute en la Globalització
133. Observatorio UCM 2030
134. ONGAWA
135. Oscarte
136. Paz y Desarrollo
137. PROCLADE BÉTICA
138. PROYDE
139. Red Entidades para el Desarrollo Solidario
140. REEDES
141. SEDRA-Federación de Planificación Familiar
142. Spanish Youth Council (CJE)

Sweden

143. Act Church of Sweden
144. Afrikagrupperna

- 145. Diakonia
- 146. PMU

Switzerland

- 147. Alliance Sud
- 148. Global Social Justice

The Netherlands

- 149. Rutgers
- 150. Wemos

UK

- 151. Bond
- 152. Debt Justice UK
- 153. The Freedom Fund

Global South organisations alphabetically by country

Bangladesh

- 154. Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum (CEHRDF)
- 155. COAST Foundation

Barbados

- 156. Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Botswana

- 157. Success Capital Africa

Brazil

- 158. Brazilian Campaign for the Right to Education
- 159. Gestos

Congo

- 160. ONG CONSTRUISONS ENSEMBLE LE MONDE
- 161. Plateforme dette et developpement

Ecuador

- 162. Mujeres Luna Creciente

Ethiopia

- 163. East Action Organization

Ghana

- 164. Abibinsroma Foundation

Haiti

- 165. Groupe de Réflexion et d'Initiative pour l'Avancement de la Grand'Anse (GRIAG)
- 166. UNASCAD (Union des Amis So io Culturels d'Action en Developpement)

India

167. Nadi Ghati Morcha- India

Indonesia

168. Solidaritas Perempuan (Women's Solidarity for Human Right)

Kenya

169. Good Health Community Programmes
170. Women In Democracy And Governance
171. Global Public Investment Network

Kyrgyzstan

172. Nash Vek PF

Liberia

173. Liberian Women Empowerment Network

Mexico

174. DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO
175. Equidad de Género
176. Foro Internacional de Inversión en Juventud

Morocco

177. Espace Associatif pour le développement participatif

Nepal

178. LDC Watch
179. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
180. Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)

Nicaragua

181. RENICC

Nigeria

182. Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)

Pakistan

183. Alternative Law Collective

Peru

184. Chirapaq/ECMIA President

Philippines

185. Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research
186. Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific

Senegal

187. Organisation d'Appui aux Jeunes Opérateurs Économiques pour la Gouvernance
Locale

Sierra Leone

188. RESCUE THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL

Somalia

189. Somali Youth Development Foundation

South Africa

190. ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa NPC

Sri Lanka

191. Institute of Political Economy

Togo

192. Amis des etrangers au Togo: ADET
193. ITUC-AFRICA

Uganda

194. DISABILITY PEOPLE'S FORUM UGANDA
195. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
196. Uganda Debt Network
197. Uganda Peace Foundation
198. Voice Life Health Organization (VLHO)

Yemen

199. National Forum for Human Rights

Zambia

200. Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia
201. Climate Action Network (CAN) Zambia

Zimbabwe

202. National Association of Youth Organizations (NAYO)

Rest of the World

USA

203. The Society for Children Orphaned By AIDS Inc. (SOCOBA)
204. Women and Youth Advancement Inc.

Individual signatories: 61