

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: 203

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

France

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

Germany

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

Hungary

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

Ireland

87. Financial Justice Ireland
88. Trócaire

Italy

89. ECCO think tank
90. Focsiv

Lithuania

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

Malta

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

Norway

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

Portugal

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

Serbia

100. CEKOR- Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Spain

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

Sweden

142. Act Church of Sweden
143. Afrikagrupperna
144. Diakonia

145. PMU

Switzerland

146. Alliance Sud

147. Global Social Justice

The Netherlands

148. Rutgers

149. Wemos

UK

150. Bond

151. Debt Justice UK

152. The Freedom Fund

Global South organisations alphabetically by country

Bangladesh

153. Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum (CEHRDF)

154. COAST Foundation

Barbados

155. Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Botswana

156. Success Capital Africa

Brazil

157. Brazilian Campaign for the Right to Education

158. Gestos

Congo

159. ONG CONSTRUISONS ENSEMBLE LE MONDE

160. Plateforme dette et developpement

Ecuador

161. Mujeres Luna Creciente

Ethiopia

162. East Action Organization

Ghana

163. Abibinsroma Foundation

Haiti

164. Groupe de Réflexion et d'Initiative pour l'Avancement de la Grand'Anse (GRIAG)

165. UNASCAD (Union des Amis So io Culturels d'Action en Developpement)

India

166. Nadi Ghati Morcha- India

Indonesia

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

Kenya

168. Good Health Community Programmes

169. Women In Democracy And Governance

170. Global Public Investment Network

Kyrgyzstan

171. Nash Vek PF

Liberia

172. Liberian Women Empowerment Network

Mexico

173. DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO

174. Equidad de Género

175. Foro Internacional de Inversión en Juventud

Morocco

176. Espace Associatif pour le développement participatif

Nepal

177. LDC Watch

178. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal

179. Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)

Nicaragua

180. RENICC

Nigeria

181. Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)

Pakistan

182. Alternative Law Collective

Peru

183. Chirapaq/ECMIA President

Philippines

184. Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research

185. Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific

Senegal

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

Sierra Leone

187. RESCUE THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL

Somalia

188. Somali Youth Development Foundation

South Africa

189. ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa NPC

Sri Lanka

190. Institute of Political Economy

Togo

191. Amis des etrangers au Togo: ADET

192. ITUC-AFRICA

Uganda

193. DISABILITY PEOPLE'S FORUM UGANDA

194. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)

195. Uganda Debt Network

196. Uganda Peace Foundation

197. Voice Life Health Organization (VLHO)

Yemen

198. National Forum for Human Rights

Zambia

199. Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia

200. Climate Action Network (CAN) Zambia

Zimbabwe

201. National Association of Youth Organizations (NAYO)

Rest of the World

USA

202. The Society for Children Orphaned By AIDS Inc. (SOCOBA)

203. Women and Youth Advancement Inc.

Individual signatories: 61