

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: 188

European and international organisations

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

Austria

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

Belgium

28. 11.11.11
29. ACV-CSC
30. BOS+
31. Broederlijk Delen
32. CNCD-11.11.11
33. Entraide et Fraternité
34. FOS - Socialistische Solidariteit
35. Join For Water

36. Monetary Diversity
37. Rikolto
38. Solidagro
39. UCOS
40. Viva Salud

Bulgaria

41. BulgariaCVS
42. Obshtestven Center za Okolna Sreda i Ustoichivo Razvitie
43. Za Zemiata

Croatia

44. Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity (CROSOL)

Czechia

45. FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

Denmark

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

Estonia

49. Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

France

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

Germany

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

Hungary

63. Barn Owl Foundation
64. BODROG EGYESÜLET
65. Consultants for Sustainable Development
66. CSEMETE Association of Nature and Environmental Protection
67. E-misszió Environmental Association
68. Ecological Studio Foundation
69. Éghajlatvédelmi Szövetség / Hungarian Climate Alliance
70. Green Action Association
71. HAND Association
72. HELYES Association (Association for Supporting Local Energies)
73. Hungarian Society for Environmental Education (HSEE)
74. Inspi-Ráció
75. Közép-magyarországi Zöld Kör
76. Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége - Friends of the Earth Hungary

77. Mozgalom az Egészséges Város Környezetéért Civil Társaság
78. Pécsi Zöld Kör
79. Planetrise Foundation
80. Reflex Environmental Association
81. Towards Sustainability Association

Ireland

82. Financial Justice Ireland
83. Trócaire

Italy

84. ECCO think tank
85. Focsiv

Lithuania

86. Lithuanian NGDO Platform
87. Vartotoju aljansas (Lithuanian Consumers Alliance)

Malta

88. Kopin
89. SKOP (The National Platform for Maltese NGDOs)

Norway

90. Debt Justice Norway
91. The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM)

Portugal

92. ACEP
93. CIDAC
94. Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

Serbia

95. CEKOR- Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Spain

96. ACCIÓN VERAPAZ
97. Action Against Hunger
98. Alianza por la Solidaridad - ActionAid Spain
99. Amadecul, SCA
100. Amani-Laicos Combonianos por el Sur
101. Anesvad Foundation
102. APDHA-Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
103. ARCORES International
104. ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA SOLIDARIDAD
105. Bosco Global
106. Centro de Estudios e Investigación sobre Mujeres
107. Coordinadora Andaluza de ONGD
108. Enlázate por la Justicia
109. Entreculturas
110. Federación de Asociaciones Medicus Mundi en España
111. FETS - Finançament ètic i solidari
112. Fundación Proclade
113. Fundación Savia por el Compromiso y los Valores
114. Futuro en Común
115. INCIDEM
116. JPIC-IBVM Spain
117. JUAN CIUDAD ONGD

118. Karit, solidarios por la paz
119. La Coordinadora de Organizaciones para el Desarrollo
120. Lafede.cat - Organitzacions per a la Justícia Global
121. Movimiento Por la Paz - MPDL-
122. Mujeres en Zona de Conflicto
123. Observatori del Deute en la Globalització
124. Observatorio UCM 2030
125. Oscarte
126. PROYDE
127. Red Entidades para el Desarrollo Solidario
128. REEDES
129. SEDRA-Federación de Planificación Familiar

Sweden

130. Act Church of Sweden
131. Afrikagrupperna
132. Diakonia
133. PMU

Switzerland

134. Alliance Sud
135. Global Social Justice

The Netherlands

136. Wemos

UK

137. Bond
138. Debt Justice UK
139. The Freedom Fund

Global South organisations alphabetically by country

Bangladesh

140. Centre for Environment, Human Rights & Development Forum (CEHRDF)
141. COAST Foundation

Barbados

142. Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Botswana

143. Success Capital Africa

Brazil

144. Brazilian Campaign for the Right to Education
145. Gestos

Congo

146. ONG CONSTRUISONS ENSEMBLE LE MONDE
147. Plateforme dette et developpement

Ecuador

148. Mujeres Luna Creciente

Ethiopia

149. East Action Organization

Ghana

150. Abibinsroma Foundation

Haiti

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

India

153. Nadi Ghati Morcha- India

Indonesia

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

Kenya

155. Good Health Community Programmes
156. Women In Democracy And Governance
157. Global Public Investment Network

Kyrgyzstan

158. Nash Vek PF

Liberia

159. Liberian Women Empowerment Network

Mexico

160. DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO
161. Equidad de Género

Morocco

162. Espace Associatif pour le développement participatif

Nepal

163. LDC Watch
164. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal
165. Rural Area Development Programme (RADP)

Nicaragua

166. RENICC

Nigeria

167. Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)

Pakistan

168. Alternative Law Collective

Peru

169. Chirapaq/ECMIA President

Philippines

170. Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research
171. Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific

Senegal

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

Sierra Leone

173. RESCUE THE EARTH INTERNATIONAL

Somalia

174. Somali Youth Development Foundation

South Africa

175. ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa NPC

Sri Lanka

176. Institute of Political Economy

Togo

177. Amis des etrangers au Togo: ADET

178. ITUC-AFRICA

Uganda

179. DISABILITY PEOPLES FORUMUGANDA

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

181. Uganda Debt Network

182. Uganda Peace Foundation

183. Voice Life Health Organization (VLHO)

Yemen

184. National Forum for Human Rights

Zambia

185. Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia

186. Climate Action Network (CAN) Zambia

Rest of the World

USA

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

188. Women and Youth Advancement Inc.

Individual signatories: 47