

ETTG | European Think
Tanks Group



**COLLECTIVE
ACTION FOR
GREATER
IMPACT**

ABOUT US

The European Think Tanks Group (ETTG) is a network of European independent think tanks working on EU international cooperation for global sustainable development.

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OUR MEMBERS

- **The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)** [↗](#)
- **The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)** [↗](#)
- **The Elcano Royal Institute / Real Instituto Elcano** [↗](#)
- **The International Affairs Institute / Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)** [↗](#)
- **The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations / Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI)** [↗](#)
- **The Overseas Development Institute (ODI)** [↗](#)

The strength of ETTG is based on the multidisciplinary expertise of over 400 researchers, covering the EU's comprehensive external action and international cooperation agenda. ETTG members share a strong belief in collective action to achieve global public goods. As independent think tanks, ETTG members systematically connect with the policymaking world at the level of the EU institutions and member states, with a broad range of civil society actors, through practical research and analysis, and by organising debates, workshops and high-level events.

OUR MISSION

The ETTG mission is to provide innovative, sound, evidence-based and **policy-relevant research and analysis**. By doing so, ETTG contributes to shaping the global and European external action and sustainable development agendas, and their implementation.

ETTG's **key objectives** are four:

- 1 Inform and influence European and international cooperation**
- 2 Facilitate, produce and disseminate evidence-based knowledge and innovative thinking**
- 3 Convene and facilitate multi-stakeholder dialogue**
- 4 Connect policy-relevant research with EU policymaking and implementation**

ETTG brings in the diversity of European country perspectives on various key issues on the **EU international cooperation agenda**. Through collective action, ETTG increases the reach and legitimacy of the research findings of its members, for greater impact on EU decision-making processes.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The work of the ETTG member institutes covers the major aspects of the 2030 Agenda, as well as EU external action and Europe's role in global development and international cooperation. ETTG pays particular attention to the future of Europe-Africa relations and the EU's engagement in the global world.

Thematically, ETTG pursues **five priorities**:

1. Support the role of the EU as a global player in the changing **multilateral** system
2. Monitor the implementation of the **2030 Agenda** and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
3. Foster debate on the **EU's regional strategic partnerships**, with a particular focus on the EU's relationship with Africa, focusing on some crucial topics such as green transformation and climate change, sustainable economic development, trade and regional integration, peace and security, inclusive governance, migration and mobility, and digitalisation
4. Strengthening Europe's joint action (such as in the "**Team Europe**") and policy coherence agendas, including through more inclusive programming and management of EU resources under the new Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)
5. Promote policy analysis on the **global and EU finance** architecture for development

ETTG's work also links up with the **global development agendas of the multilateral institutions**, such as the United Nations agencies, COP on climate change, G7 and G20, and other global initiatives.



When the **think tankers** **think** they..



1) **Inform** policy makers with innovative research, analytical studies, publications, blogs, high level meetings, workshops and webinars



2) **Engage** with the EU institutions, EU member states, civil society, international organisations, financial institutions, EU partner countries and regions



3) **Disseminate** and **communicate** our practical research and analysis to the broader public



achieve **impact** through
collective efforts



OUR ADDED VALUE

- **Privileged access** to the key institutions of the EU and to EU, member states, the rotating EU G7, G20 presidencies and the diverse world of civil society organisations
- Delivery of evidence-based, policy-relevant **analysis** through a critical mass of multidisciplinary experts, thanks to the breadth of expertise within our member think tanks
- Strong **convening power** with the capacity to facilitate high-level dialogue and reach out to key European and African policymakers and change-makers in civil society, think tanks, foundations, financial institutions, and national and regional institutions, both in Brussels, in the EU member states and in the partner countries
- A constructive **independent** sounding board on European international cooperation policies and on a diversity of partner regions' perspectives

ETTG publishes accessible and policy-relevant papers, blogs and flagship publications while also organising seminars, workshops, conferences and webinars involving EU decision makers, civil society organisations and leading think tanks and research organisations from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.

HOW WE WORK

Our methodology has three **key components**:

- Innovative and policy-relevant **research and analysis**, pooling the multidisciplinary expertise of our member institutes
- Multi-stakeholder **dialogue** through a broad range of events and systemic partnership building with relevant players and networks
- **Outreach and dissemination** of findings through ET TG publications and newsletters, supported by a strong social media presence

The **High-Level Group of Wise Persons** on the European financial architecture for development, described ETG Network as an example of a successful European Knowledge Hub:



There is high-quality research across the EU, but little coordination and contact with policy-making. Current structures such as the European Think Tanks Group (ETT) could be reinforced.



“Europe in the world - The future of the European financial architecture for development”

Council of the EU, 2019

Establish a forward-looking partnership aimed at advancing Africa-Europe relations and the implementation of Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030
United Nations Development Programme 2021



Aligning the operations of the Public Development Banks to 2030 Agenda is no easy task. ETG has developed four practical steps to implement them.



Final Communiqué of the members of the **Finance in Common Summit 2021**

PARTNERSHIPS

In the 10 years of its existence, ETTG has built partnerships with a diversity of governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations and leading think tanks in **Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe**. The network is open to engagement with new partners provided that its **independence** and long-term strategic perspectives are guaranteed.

Among our funders are the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), the French Development Agency (AFD), the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), the United Nations Development Programme Africa (UNDP).

ETTg has established partnerships with the African Institute for Security Studies (ISS), the Africa Center for Economic Transformation (ACET), the Practitioners' Network and other European development and international cooperation organisations.

ETTg has published blogs and op-eds on several European newspapers and websites (Devex, Euractiv, Huffington Post, Jeune Afrique, El Pais, Rwanda Podium, La Stampa...).

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