

## **EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum**

The EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum, launched in 2022 during the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, is a unique platform at ministerial level aiming to further develop cooperation between the European Union and its Member States and Indo-Pacific partners.

### **A unique platform for dialogue and communication**

The EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum intends to highlight the singular European approach, focusing on multidimensional cooperation rather than the idea of blocs. It is organized by the European External Action Service (EEAS), with the assistance of the country holding the presidency of the Council. It brings together the ministers of the EU Member States and Indo-Pacific partner countries, with the participation of the Secretary-Generals of regional organizations around three major areas of discussions:

- Economic and connectivity issues
- Global challenges (climate change, biodiversity, sustainable management of oceans)
- Security and defence issues

Over the course of its forums held in Paris (2022), Stockholm (2023) and Brussels (2024), the Forum has become the cornerstone for implementing the European strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific<sup>1</sup>. At its informal structure and discussions in round tables, participants pragmatically established cooperation to address issues shared by all countries in the region.

### **French proposals to increase visibility of the EU-Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum**

Building on the momentum and visibility of the Forum, France proposes discussions involving new stakeholders, such as think tanks, the European Parliament and the private sector. It also wishes to get regional organizations and East African and Indian Ocean partners more involved. France also backs the idea of holding the next Forum in the Indo-Pacific region, including in the format of a summit of heads of State and Government.

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<sup>1</sup> [Link to a document in French](#)