

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: 143

Europe

1. ACT Alliance EU
2. Africa-Europe Faith & Justice Network
3. Fern
4. Recourse
5. Save the Children
6. SDG Watch Europe
7. SOLIDAR
8. Caritas Europa
9. Eurodad

Austria

10. AG Globale Verantwortung
11. KOO - Co-ordination office of the Austrian Bishops' Conference for international development and mission
12. SDGWatch Austria
13. VIDC

Belgium

14. 11.11.11
15. ACV-CSC
16. BOS+
17. Broederlijk Delen
18. CNCD-11.11.11
19. Entraide et Fraternité
20. FOS - Socialistische Solidariteit
21. Join For Water
22. Rikolto
23. Solidagro
24. UCOS
25. Viva Salud

Bulgaria

26. CVS-Bulgaria

Croatia

27. Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity (CROSOL)

Czechia

28. FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

Denmark

29. Global Focus

Estonia

30. Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

France

31. CCFD-Terre Solidaire

32. Coordination SUD

33. Global Health Advocates (GHA)

Germany

34. Brot für die Welt

35. erlassjahr.de

36. German NGO Forum on Environment & Development

37. Germanwatch

38. Global Policy Forum Europe

39. Netzwerk Steuergerechtigkeit/Wem gehört die Stadt

40. SocDevJustice

41. Urgewald

42. WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development

Hungary

43. Barn Owl Foundation

44. Consultants for Sustainable Development

45. E-misszió Environmental Association

46. Ecological Studio Foundation

47. Green Action Association

48. HELYES Association

49. Hungarian Society for Environmental Education (HSEE)

50. Inspi-Ráció Egyesület

51. Közép-magyarországi Zöld Kör

52. Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége - Friends of the Earth Hungary

53. Pécsi Zöld Kör

54. Planetrise Foundation

55. Towards Sustainability Association

Ireland

56. Financial Justice Ireland

57. Trócaire

Italy

- 58. ECCO think tank
- 59. Focsiv

Lithuania

- 60. Lithuanian NGDO Platform
- 61. Vartotoju aljansas (Lithuanian Consumers Alliance)

Malta

- 62. SKOP (The National Platform for Maltese NGOs)

Norway

- 63. Debt Justice Norway
- 64. The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM)

Portugal

- 65. CIDAC
- 66. Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

Serbia

- 67. CEKOR - Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development
- 68. Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Spain

- 69. ACCIÓN VERAPAZ
- 70. Action Against Hunger
- 71. ActionAid International
- 72. Alianza por la Solidaridad - ActionAid Spain
- 73. Amadecul, SCA
- 74. Amani-Laicos Combonianos por el Sur
- 75. Anesvad Foundation
- 76. APDHA - Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía
- 77. ARCORES International
- 78. ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA SOLIDARIDAD
- 79. Coordinadora Andaluza de ONGD
- 80. Creación Positiva
- 81. Enlázate por la Justicia
- 82. Entreculturas
- 83. Federacion de Asociaciones Medicus Mundi en España
- 84. FETS - Finançament ètic i solidari
- 85. Fundación Proclade
- 86. Fundación Savia por el Compromiso y los Valores
- 87. Futuro en Común
- 88. JPIC-IBVM Spain
- 89. Karit, solidarios por la paz

- 90. Lafede.cat - Organitzacions per a la Justícia Global
- 91. Movimiento Por la Paz - MPDL
- 92. Observatorio UCM 2030
- 93. Oscarte
- 94. PROYDE
- 95. Red Entidades para el Desarrollo Solidario
- 96. REEDES

Sweden

- 97. Act Church of Sweden
- 98. Afrikagrupperna
- 99. Diakonia

Switzerland

- 100. Global Social Justice

The Netherlands

- 101. Wemos

United Kingdom

- 102. Amnesty International
- 103. Debt Justice UK

Global South Organisations (alphabetical by country)

Bangladesh

- 104. COAST Foundation

Barbados

- 105. Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Botswana

- 106. Success Capital Africa

Brazil

- 107. Gestos

Congo

- 108. ONG CONSTRUISSONS ENSEMBLE LE MONDE
- 109. Plateforme dette et developpement

Ecuador

- 110. Mujeres Luna Creciente

Haiti

- 111. Groupe de Réflexion et d'Initiative pour l'Avancement de la Grand'Anse (GRIAG)
- 112. UNASCAD

India

- 113. Nadi Ghati Morcha

Indonesia

- 114. Solidaritas Perempuan

Kenya

- 115. Global Public Investment Network
- 116. Good Health Community Programmes
- 117. Women In Democracy And Governance

Kyrgyzstan

- 118. Nash Vek PF

Mexico

- 119. DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO
- 120. Equidad de Género

Nepal

- 121. LDC Watch
- 122. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal

Nicaragua

- 123. RENICC

Nigeria

- 124. Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)

Pakistan

- 125. Alternative Law Collective

Peru

- 126. Chirapaq/ECMIA President

Philippines

- 127. Ecumenical Institute for Labor Education and Research
- 128. IBON International
- 129. Reality of Aid - Asia Pacific

Senegal

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

South Africa

131. ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa NPC

Togo

132. Amis des etrangers au Togo: ADET

133. ITUC-AFRICA

Uganda

134. Disability People's Forum Uganda

135. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information Negotiations Institute

136. Uganda Peace Foundation

Yemen

137. National Forum for Human Rights

Zambia

138. Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia

139. Climate Action Network (CAN) Zambia

Rest of the World (alphabetical)

United States

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

141. WEDO

142. Women and Youth Advancement Inc.

International Organisations

143. Society for International Development