

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: 145

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
27. Za Zemiata

Croatia

28. Croatian Platform for International Citizen Solidarity (CROSOL)

Czechia

29. FoRS - Czech Forum for Development Cooperation

Denmark

30. Global Focus

Estonia

31. Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

France

32. CCFD-Terre Solidaire

33. Coordination SUD

34. Global Health Advocates (GHA)

Germany

35. Brot für die Welt

36. erlassjahr.de

37. German NGO Forum on Environment & Development

38. Germanwatch

39. Global Policy Forum Europe

40. Netzwerk Steuergerechtigkeit/Wem gehört die Stadt

41. SocDevJustice

42. Urgewald

43. WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development

Hungary

44. Barn Owl Foundation

45. Consultants for Sustainable Development

46. E-misszió Environmental Association

47. Ecological Studio Foundation

48. Green Action Association

49. HELYES Association

50. Hungarian Society for Environmental Education (HSEE)

51. Inspi-Ráció Egyesület

52. Közép-magyarországi Zöld Kör

53. Magyar Természetvédők Szövetsége - Friends of the Earth Hungary

54. Pécsi Zöld Kör

55. Planetrise Foundation

56. Towards Sustainability Association

Ireland

57. Financial Justice Ireland

58. Trócaire

Italy

59. ECCO think tank

60. Focsiv

Lithuania

61. Lithuanian NGDO Platform

62. Vartotoju aljansas (Lithuanian Consumers Alliance)

Malta

63. SKOP (The National Platform for Maltese NGDOs)

Norway

64. Debt Justice Norway

65. The Norwegian Forum for Development and Environment (ForUM)

Portugal

66. CIDAC

67. Plataforma Portuguesa das ONGD

Serbia

68. CEKOR - Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

69. Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development

Spain

70. ACCIÓN VERAPAZ

71. Action Against Hunger

72. ActionAid International

73. Alianza por la Solidaridad - ActionAid Spain

74. Amadecul, SCA

75. Amani-Laicos Combonianos por el Sur

76. Anesvad Foundation

77. APDHA - Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía

78. ARCORES International

79. ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA SOLIDARIDAD

80. Coordinadora Andaluza de ONGD

81. Creación Positiva

82. Enlázate por la Justicia

83. Entreculturas

84. Federacion de Asociaciones Medicus Mundi en España

85. FETS - Finançament ètic i solidari

86. Fundación Proclade

87. Fundación Savia por el Compromiso y los Valores

88. Futuro en Común

89. JPIC-IBVM Spain

90. Karit, solidarios por la paz

91. Lafede.cat - Organitzacions per a la Justícia Global

92. Movimiento Por la Paz - MPDL

93. Observatorio UCM 2030

94. Oscarte

95. PROYDE

96. Red Entidades para el Desarrollo Solidario

97. REEDES

Sweden

98. Act Church of Sweden

99. Afrikagrupperna

100. Diakonia

Switzerland

101. Global Social Justice

The Netherlands

102. Wemos

United Kingdom

103. Amnesty International

104. Debt Justice UK

105. Bond

Global South Organisations (alphabetical by country)

Bangladesh

106. COAST Foundation

Barbados

107. Caribbean Policy Development Centre

Botswana

108. Success Capital Africa

Brazil

109. Gestos

Congo

110. ONG CONSTRUISONS ENSEMBLE LE MONDE

111. Plateforme dette et developpement

Ecuador

112. Mujeres Luna Creciente

Haiti

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

114. UNASCAD

India

115. Nadi Ghati Morcha

Indonesia

116. Solidaritas Perempuan

Kenya

117. Global Public Investment Network

- 118. Good Health Community Programmes
- 119. Women In Democracy And Governance

Kyrgyzstan

- 120. Nash Vek PF

Mexico

- 121. DECA, EQUIPO PUEBLO
- 122. Equidad de Género

Nepal

- 123. LDC Watch
- 124. National Campaign for Sustainable Development Nepal

Nicaragua

- 125. RENICC

Nigeria

- 126. Village Farmers Initiative (VFI)

Pakistan

- 127. Alternative Law Collective

Peru

- 128. Chirapaq/ECMIA President

Philippines

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

Senegal

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

South Africa

- 133. ISIZIBA Community Based Organizations of South Africa NPC

Togo

- 134. Amis des étrangers au Togo: ADET
- 135. ITUC-AFRICA

Uganda

- 136. Disability People's Forum Uganda
- 137. Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information Negotiations Institute
- 138. Uganda Peace Foundation

Yemen

- 139. National Forum for Human Rights

Zambia

140. Civil Society SDGs Campaign GCAP Zambia

141. Climate Action Network (CAN) Zambia

Rest of the World (alphabetical)

United States

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

143. WEDO

144. Women and Youth Advancement Inc.

International Organisations

145. Society for International Development

Individual signatories: 59