



EU Africa Strategy

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- 15 members in Europe and North America
- Main areas of work:
 - Trade & food security
 - Resources for development
 - Global governance
 - Development programmes and peace
- 48 members in Europe (global confederation)
- Main areas of work:
 - Social inclusion
 - Migration & refugees
 - Humanitarian Aid
 - Development programmes and peace



Before the EU Africa Strategy

Euro-Mediterranean Partnership
+
European Neighborhood Policy

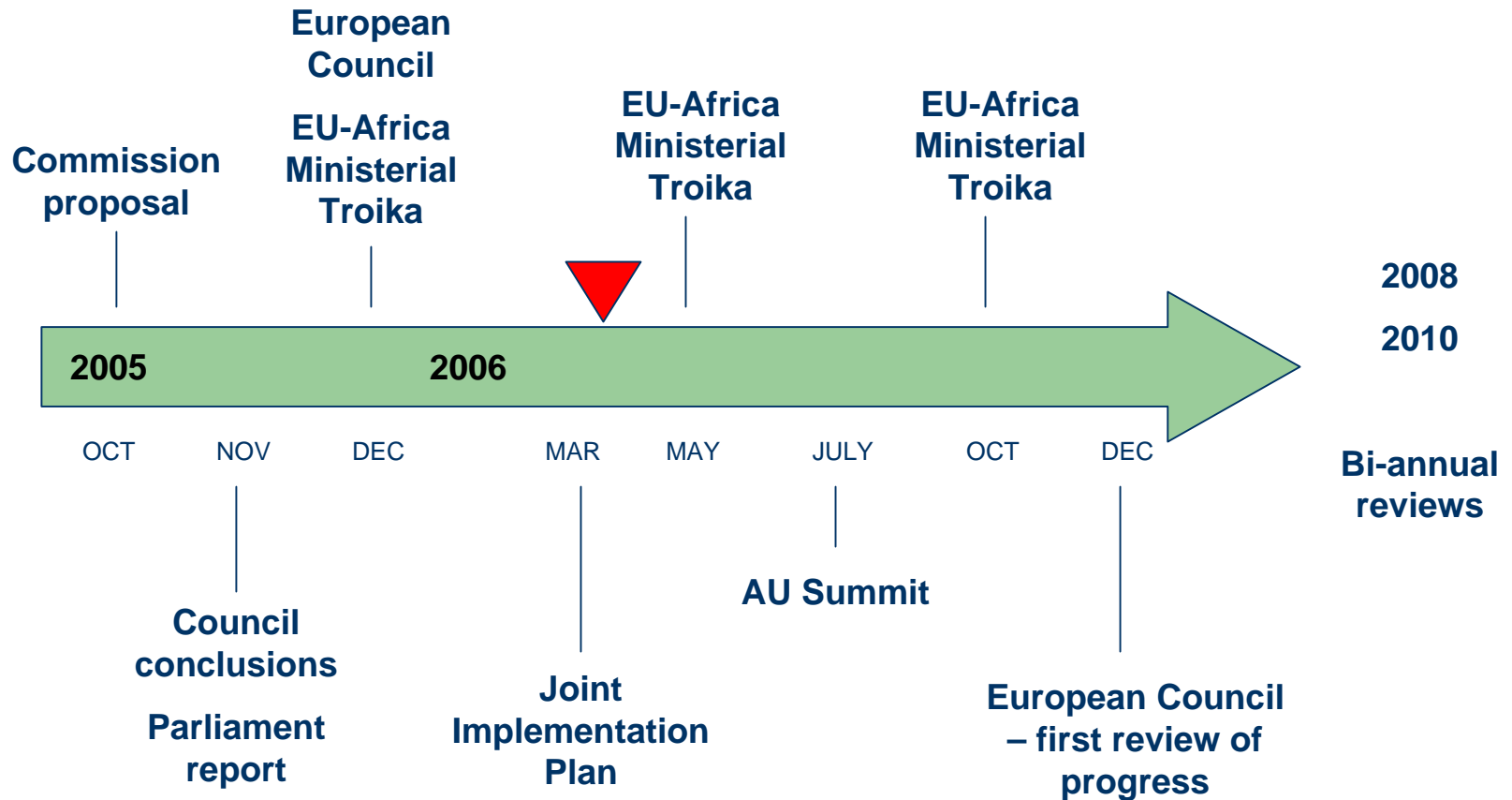
Cotonou Agreement



Why an Africa Strategy?

- 2005: Focus on the Millennium Development Goals
 - Africa most off track
 - Pressure for better donor coordination
- New continental interlocutors – African Union / NEPAD
- Visibility of the EU in Africa
- EU “policy mix” approach
- Lead-up to a second EU-Africa Summit

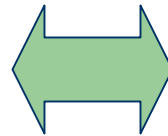
Where are we today?



Objectives



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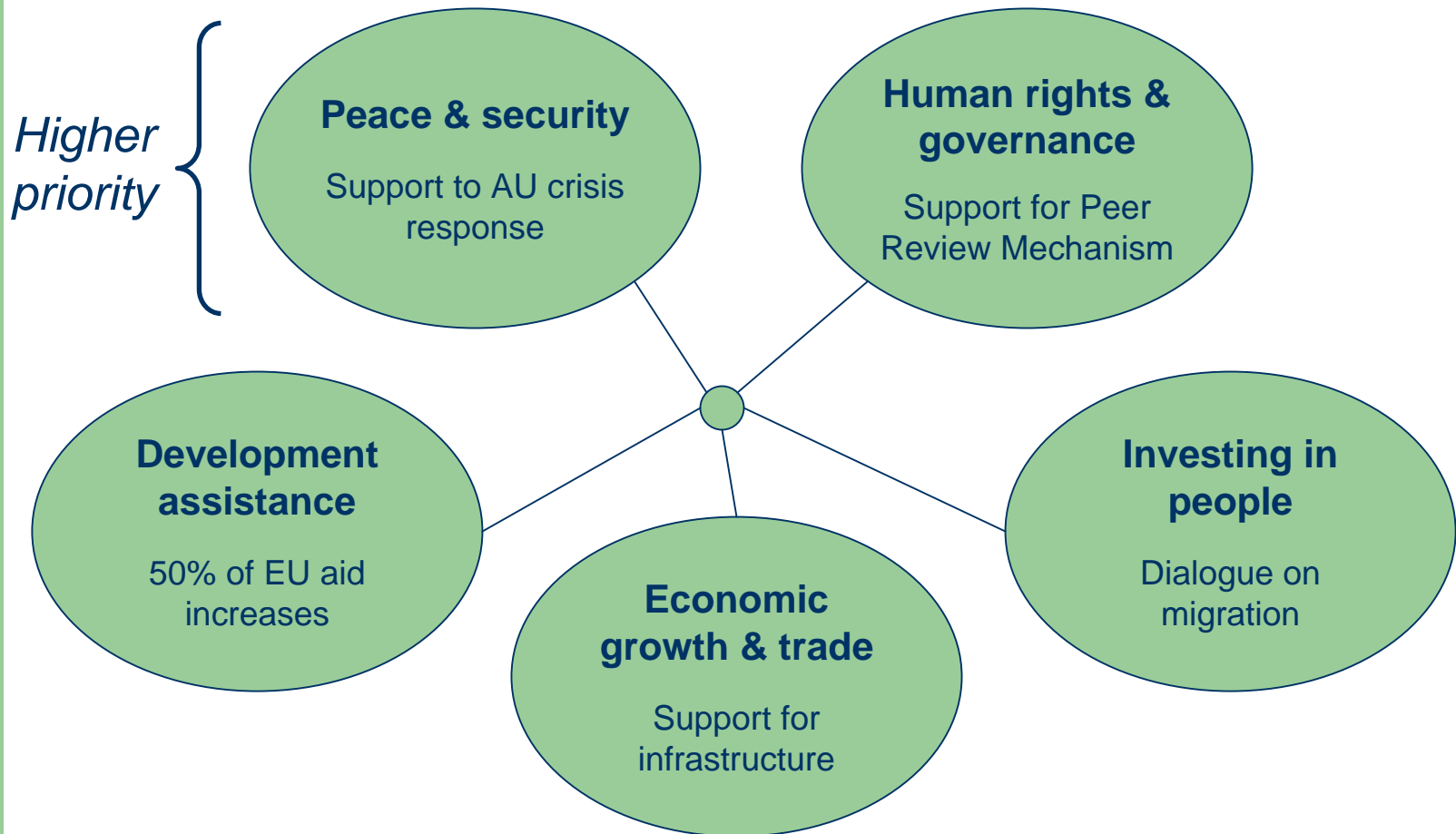


All of Africa

Achievement of the MDGs

Promotion of sustainable development,
security and good governance in Africa

What's new in the Strategy?



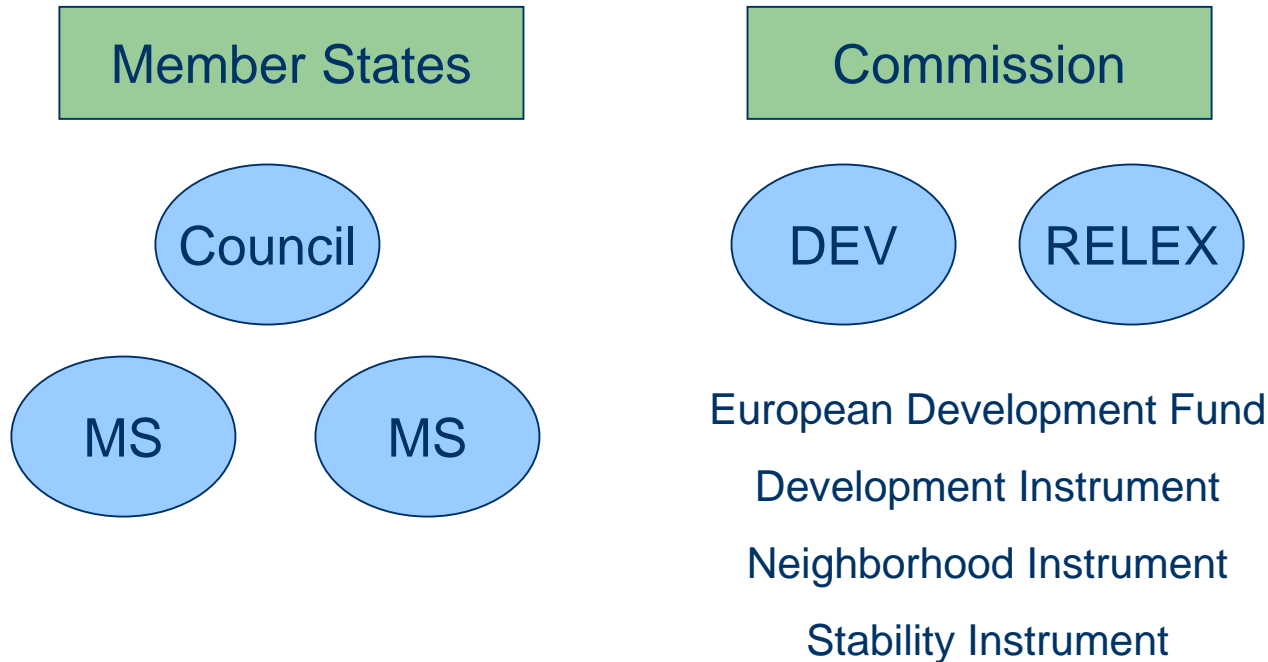
Reorienting EU policy

Effects already being seen:

- Programming of 10th European Development Fund – 2006
 - Common framework: governance, security, trade
 - Allocation criteria: governance, security, investment climate
- Africa Infrastructure Fund
 - 9th EDF + European Investment Bank + Member States
 - EC Communication on Infrastructure Partnership in July

Challenges

Many actors and instruments...



... common commitment?

Critical issues

Views from
European civil society

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Key questions

Does the Strategy...

- bring convincing responses to obstacles to Africa's development?
- better enable poor people in Africa to work for their own development?

What priorities?

Security

Crisis response or conflict prevention?

Governance

Accountability to donors or to citizens?

Resources

Aid only or debt cancellation too?

Trade

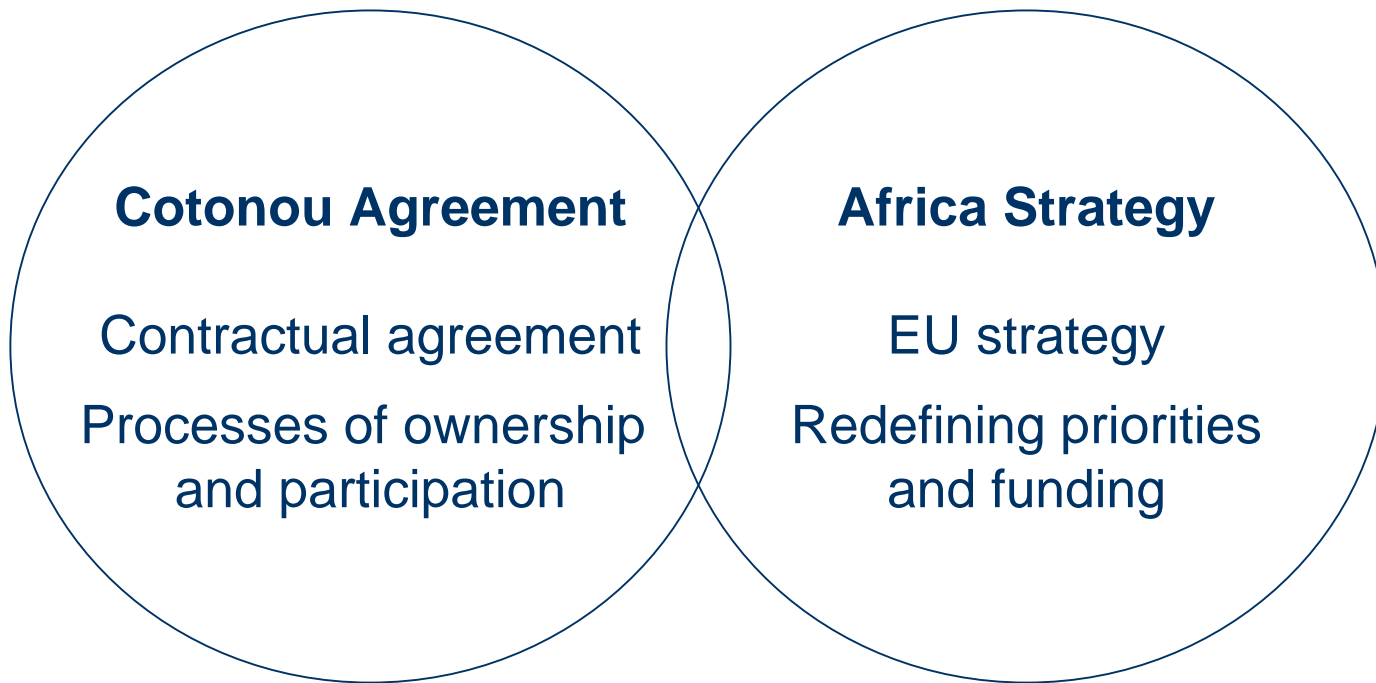
Infrastructure or (agriculture) supply capacity?

Social

Human development: Sector or end goal?

... Voice for African countries in international institutions?

Interaction with Cotonou



... Added value?

Human rights & governance

- Who defines governance and conditionalities?
 - e.g. resource allocation, direct budget support
- Support for the role of civil society?
 - e.g. Peer Review Mechanism, budget monitoring
- How to integrate experience of new Member States?

Economic growth & trade

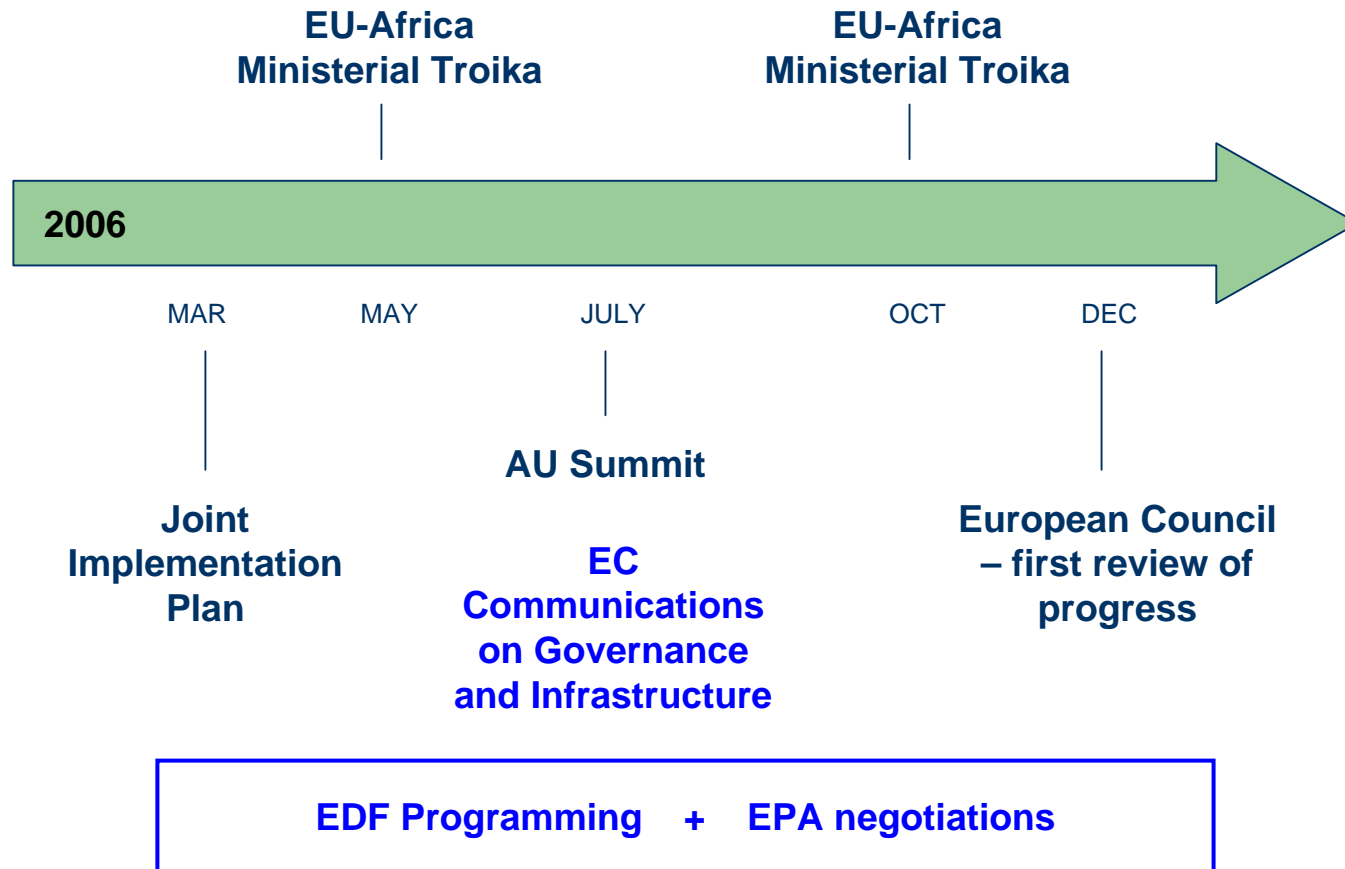
- Are priorities right ?
 - Middle-income countries, sectors, quality of spending
- Economic Partnership Agreements
 - Regional Economic Communities v. EPA regions?
- Aid for trade
 - Compensating loss of preferences with short-term aid?

Continuing discussions...



Make our voices heard!

Opportunities for impact



Thank you

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