EU continues its strong support for the victims of Syria's crisis

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The European Union significantly increased its funding in response to the Syria crisis at today's Third International Pledging Conference for Syria in Kuwait. Together, the European Commission and Member States pledged close to €1.1 billion - double the overall EU pledge at the 2014 Conference. Of this, €500 million in humanitarian aid, early recovery and longer-term stabilisation assistance come from the EU budget, which nearly triples the contribution from last year. EU Member States also increased their pledges compared to 2014.

"The magnitude of the Syria crisis is testing the capacities of the entire international aid system. The needs are overwhelming and an extraordinary effort is needed by the wider donor community to mobilise significant funding. With our substantial contribution, the European Union – Commission and the Member States - shoulders its responsibility to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people," said Christos Stylianides, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, who is representing the EU at the Pledging Conference.

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