

EU-KUWAIT RELATIONS



European Union (EU27)

- Area: 4.2 million km²
- Population: 447 million (M)
- GDP: 14.5 trillion euros (€)



The EU has a Delegation in Kuwait.

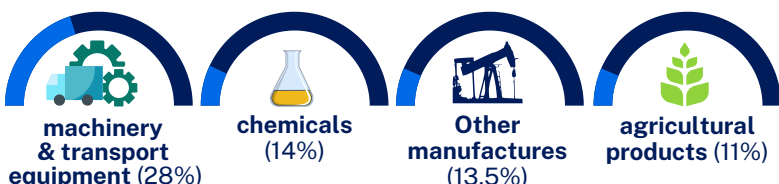
State of Kuwait

- Area: 17,820 km²
- Population: 4.3 M
- GDP: US\$ 106 billion (€101 B)

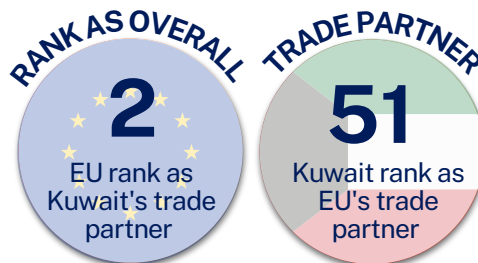
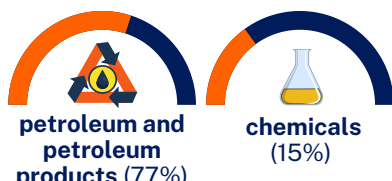
Kuwait's Embassy in Brussels also acts as a representation to the EU.

Over 10 years, Kuwait-EU trade in goods increased by **10%**, totalling **€7 B** in 2021.

EU exports to Kuwait (82%)



Kuwaiti exports to the EU (18%)



Kuwait possesses **some of the world's largest oil reserves** and has been **#2 GCC supplier of oil and petroleum products** to the EU between 2010-2020, overall ranking on average as the EU's **#18** for **oil and petroleum products** and **#16** for **crude oil**.

(Source: European Commission, Eurostat, 2022)

TRADE IN SERVICES

Kuwait exports to the EU (23%)

- 18% Italy
- 14% France
- 11% Denmark
- 9% Netherlands

EU exports to Kuwait (77%)

- 26% Ireland
- 19% France
- 14% Germany
- 12% Netherlands

(European Commission, 2022)



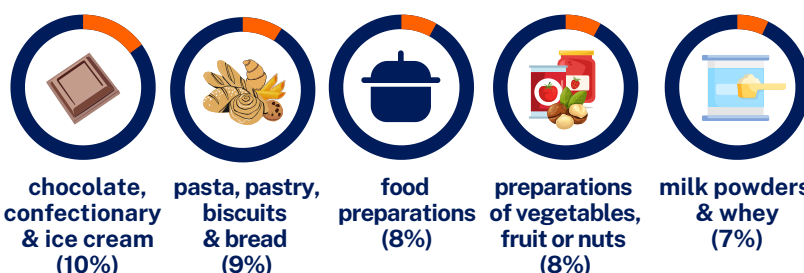
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Kuwait ranked **44th** among the EU's agri-food trade partners (2021).

Growth of EU agri-food exports to Kuwait:

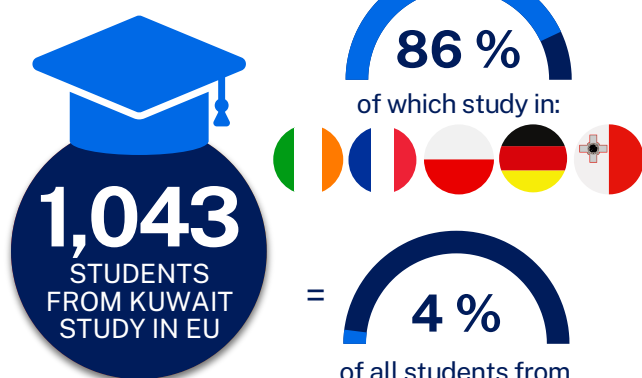
€400 M (2011) → +45% → €582 M (2021)

EU'S MAIN AGRI-FOOD EXPORTS TO KUWAIT:



STUDENT EXCHANGES

Kuwait participates in ERASMUS+



(UNESCO)

INVESTMENTS

(Eurostat, EEAS)

+33% The stock of Kuwaiti investment (FDI) in the EU increased from **€3.3 B** (2019) to **€4.3 B** (2020).

-40% EU FDI in Kuwait decreased from **€3.9 B** (2019) to **€2.8 B** (2020).



KEY INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN KUWAIT

Banking, Financial & Insurance Services	Infrastructure, Storage & Logistics Services	Tourism, Urban Development, Education, Healthcare, Environment	Passenger Transport	ICT
			Industrial Oil & Gas	

MILESTONES

1985: Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister with the GCC Secretary General represented the GCC at the first Ministerial level meeting with the European Community (EC) in Luxembourg.

1990: The European Community condemned Iraqi military aggression against Kuwait, imposed sanctions against Iraq and its member states joined/supported the Coalition forces.

1992: Kuwait hosted the 3rd EC-GCC Joint Council and Ministerial Meeting.

1997: The Kuwait University organised a workshop to explore ways of introducing European studies in Gulf universities and Gulf studies in European universities.

1999: The EU welcomed the decision of the Emir of Kuwait to grant women the right to vote and to stand as candidates.

2005: The EU, Kuwait's Energy Ministry and the GCC co-hosted the EuroGulf Energy Forum in Kuwait. Kuwait's Energy Minister and OPEC Conference President led the first EU-OPEC Energy Dialogue in Brussels.

2010: The Kuwait Lawyers Association received the EU's annual Chaillot Prize for Human Rights in the GCC for its efforts to promote the appointment of female lawyers to the judiciary.

2012: The EU Chaillot Prize was awarded to the Social Work Society of Kuwait for its efforts regarding the protection of foreign domestic workers.

2016: Kuwait was the first GCC country to sign a Cooperation Agreement with the European External Action Service (EEAS).

2017: The EU, Kuwait, Germany, Norway, Qatar and the UK co-chaired the Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region.

2017: The Abolish 153 received the EU Chaillot Prize for its work against violence against women & children.

2018: The EU awarded the Chaillot Prize to LOYAC for empowering youth and women.

2019: The EU opened a Delegation in Kuwait, accredited also to Qatar.

2019: Kuwait's Foreign Ministry and the EEAS held the first Senior Officials' Meeting and agreed to launch an annual informal dialogue on human rights.

2019: Kuwait hosted the 3rd EU-GCC Business Forum.

2019: The EU CBRN Centre of Excellence launched Project 82, a joint capacitybuilding initiative with Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, in Kuwait City.

2020: Kuwait and the EEAS held the first Human Rights Dialogue in Brussels.

2021: The Gray Area received the EU Chaillot Prize for efforts to raise awareness about the social stigmas and legal inequalities faced by children of Kuwaiti mothers and non-Kuwaiti fathers.

2022: HR/VP Josep Borrell visited Kuwait amid Russian invasion of Ukraine. The Commission proposed to lift visa requirements for Kuwaiti nationals.