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Liberian Diaspora in Europe

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Agenda

- 1. Size of the Liberian Diaspora (Global & Europe)
- 2. Remittances & Economic Impact
- 3. Diaspora Engagement & Policy Context
- 4. EU & World Bank Engagement
- 5. Investment Opportunities & Recommendations



1. Global Liberian Diaspora

- Estimated ~500,000 Liberians living abroad (USA, Europe, Africa, etc.)
- Diaspora includes Liberians of origin living, working, or holding citizenship outside Liberia



2. Liberian Diaspora in Europe

- Estimated 80,000–100,000 Liberians in Europe (approx fig gen. from UN, EU, and other data)
- Main countries: UK, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and other EU countries.
- Figures vary due to data categorization by nationality vs ethnicity



3. Remittances & Economic Impact

- Remittances are a major pillar of Liberia's economy
- Estimated 18–25% of Liberia's GDP (remittances share)
- 2023 remittances estimated at ~US\$800M (about a quarter of GDP)



Remittance Trends (2019–2023)

- Total remittances 2019–2025: ~US\$2.17B
- 2023 alone: US\$400M (reported estimate)
- Remittances primarily support household consumption (food, housing, education, health)



4. Diaspora Engagement & Policy Context

- Dual citizenship reforms to allow Liberians abroad to retain nationality and invest freely
- Diaspora return initiatives and a Senate Diaspora Caucus for representation
- Discussions around a Diaspora Engagement Act and national diaspora commission



5. EU & World Bank Engagement

- World Bank–EU diaspora investment dialogue mapping demographics and investment barriers
- Goal: translate remittances and skills into sustainable investments in Liberia
- Opportunity to strengthen partnerships between Europe-based Liberians and investors



6. Investment Opportunities (Europe–Liberia)

- Diaspora bonds and structured savings/investment products
- Real estate, agriculture, renewable energy, and SMEs
- Tech & innovation hubs (skills transfer, remote work, startups)
- Public-private partnerships for infrastructure and social services



7. Recommendations

- Create transparent, low-cost remittance channels and investment platforms
- Establish diaspora-focused investment funds with clear governance
- Promote diaspora participation in policy, planning, and project selection
- Provide incentives for diaspora entrepreneurship and return investments



Conclusion & Call to Action

- The Liberian diaspora in Europe is a strategic partner for development and investment
- Remittances show financial capacity; structured investment can unlock greater impact
- EU–Liberia partnership can build stronger bridges through diaspora engagement
- Let's convert diaspora strength into sustainable growth

Population Density Report Per EU

- European Country **Liberian-born residents (estimated data) | Albania | No data | Andorra | No data | Austria. | 300 | Bosnia & Herzegovina | | Croatia | No data | Gibraltar | No data | Greece | No data | Holy See | No data | Italy | ≈ 2233 | Malta | No data | Montenegro | No data | North Macedonia | No data | Portugal | No data | San Marino | No data | Serbia | No data | Slovenia | No data | Spain | ≈ 1201 | Austria | No data | Belgium | ≈ 1723 | France | ≈ 2355 | Germany | ≈ 3500 | Liechtenstein | No data | Luxembourg | No data | Netherlands | ≈ 723 | Switzerland | ≈ 841

- European Country **Liberian-841 | Belarus | No data | Bulgaria | 10 | Czechia | 25 | Hungary | 21 | Poland | 18 | Republic of Moldova | No data | Romania | No data | Russian Federation | No data | Slovakia | No data | Ukraine | No data | Channel Islands | No data | Denmark | ≈ 351 | Estonia | No data | Faroe Islands | No data | Finland | No data

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Belarus	No data
Bulgaria	10
Czechia	25
Hungary	21
Poland	18
Republic of Moldova	No data
Romania	No data
Russian Federation	No data
Slovakia	No data
Ukraine	No data
Channel Islands	No data
Denmark	≈ 351
Estonia	No data
Faroe Islands	No data
Finland	No data
Iceland	No data