EU countries are failing to meet their development promises

European countries are still far from achieving their official development assistance (ODA) objectives. And budgets are being further squeezed as funds are earmarked to host refugees and tackle the migration crisis.

EU countries and the 0.7% pledge

EU countries had committed to spending at least 0.7% of their gross national income (GNI) on aid by 2015.
On average, the 28 spend just 0.44% of their GNI on official development assistance. This is €36.9bn less than was planned for 2015.

**European aid... that stays in Europe**

EU countries account for the cost of hosting refugees and foreign students, as well as debt cancellations for poor countries, in their ODA budgets.

**The refugee crisis and European aid**

Asylum applications have exploded in Europe since 2013.
To cope with these figures, European countries each have their own way of accounting for expenses related to the hosting of refugees.

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