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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: Presidency

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: List of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023

1. The Commission put forward a draft proposal for a list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 (WK 809/2023 INIT) on 19 January 2023 and presented it to the Relex Counsellors - Horizontal Questions Working Party meeting on 20 January 2023.
2. Based on the written comments provided by Member States and previous discussions, the Presidency prepared a revised proposal for a list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 which was discussed in the Relex Counsellors - Horizontal Questions Working Party meeting on 3 and 17 February 2023, taking into account the criteria identified in document ST 10532/22.
3. Agreement on the list was reached on 17 February 2023.
4. The list contains the Global Gateway priority projects for 2023 aiming to reflect the comprehensive EU offer to partners across the globe and can serve EU and Member States for communication purposes.

5. In line with the Global Gateway Governance defined in document ST 13888/22, COREPER is therefore invited to endorse the list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 in the annex.
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List of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023

Digital

Related priority	Region/ Partner countries involved	Milestones 2023	Project information	No.
Digital Economy and Society in Sub-Saharan Africa: EurAfrica Gateway Cable & Building Secure Regional Fibre Optic Backbones <i>Regional TEI¹</i>	Mauritania	Completion of data centre works. Submarine cable: relaunch of the call for tender. Signature of the contract and start of the construction work of the cable.	Data centre in Nouakchott and submarine cable.	1
D4D Framework for Digital Economy and Society in Sub-Saharan Africa <i>TEI</i>	Regional <i>Part of the "EU-Africa Global Gateway investment package – Digital Transition" that was launched in the 6th EU-AU Summit.</i>	Initiative will be operational in 2023. The <i>Digital Investment Facility</i> , a technical assistance facility aimed at enhancing Global Gateway investments into data infrastructure in Sub-Saharan Africa, will be launched in 2023. The Belgian Development Agency ENABEL will financially commit to the EU-AU Data Flagship/Data Governance Action project.	Data Governance in Africa is a ~ EUR 60 million action co-funded by the EC and 5 Member States (Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany). The action supports the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), as well as their Member States in developing data policy frameworks building on the AU Data Policy Framework, developing data use cases to showcase the value of data, and supporting the identification of investments	2

¹ Team Europe Initiative

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			in green and secure data infrastructure in Africa, by leveraging on partnerships with the private sector and financial institutions.	
Human-Centred Digitalisation, Reduced digital gap pillar, National TEI	Kenya	Feb: EU-Kenya Trade and Investments Business Forum.	Construction of Optic fibre infrastructure and last mile connections to underserved areas, with a particular emphasis on school connectivity and digital servicing. Developing mobile access networks in rural areas by extending broadband access	3
EU-LAC Digital Alliance Regional TEI	Brazil, Uruguay, part of national TEI Brazil Digital Transformation	Launch of the EU-LAC digital alliance	Digital – 5G	4
	Regional	Official launch of the EU-LAC Digital Alliance in March, including BELLA cable extension Establishment of two Copernicus regional centres in Panama and Chile and construction of new terrestrial cables begins Start of EU support to provide WAN and WiFi access to 340 schools El Salvador: Launching of agreements on Digital connectivity for the provision broadband connectivity to 170 schools and 30 healthcare facilities in underserved areas.	Digital – Connectivity Provision broadband connectivity to schools and healthcare facilities in underserved areas. Development of digital solutions that provide access to social protection coverage and basic labour rights, including promotion of investment to support Colombia’s plan to increase connectivity to 85% of the population by 2026.	5

Central America Trade Facilitation/ Economic Integration. Part of regional EU initiative	Central America	Launch of the Digital Trade Platform (PDCC) to facilitate trade and promoting interoperability of national systems with SIECA Secretary-General Francisco Lima, during the Summit in July (tbc).	EU only initiative on digital interoperability in Central America.	6
Digital Connectivity in Central Asia Regional TEI	Central Asia (regional)	Next Team Europe outreach to Central Asian partners and European business at the EU-CA Economic Forum, Almaty, 18-19 May Adoption of first part of the EU's contribution to the initiative, focusing on soft connectivity, in Q3 2023. The EIB is already considering a financing facility to one of the major EU satellite operator to cover Central Asia's demand with a view to sign the project in 2023. The project will seek for EU4D grant potential support to cofinance onshore connecting stations throughout the region	Satellite connectivity in Central Asia.	7
Sustainable Connectivity Regional TEI and national TEI Digital Transformation and Connectivity	Philippines	Administrative Arrangement with the Philippines on Copernicus data signed ESA to provide tools for Copernicus technology and data transfer. Signature with European Space Agency.	Scale up service provision from the Copernicus mirror site to all ASEAN countries through purchase of bandwidth capacity to provide high-speed internet capacity. Possible development a regional data management facility.	8
Black Sea Digital Connectivity Black Sea Digital Cable	Georgia	Finalisation of World Bank feasibility study.	Part of EIP Georgia. Black Sea Connectivity (undersea electricity cable Georgia – Romania): This electricity cable is of regional importance: while it	9

EIP² Georgia			will directly connect Georgia with EU [Romania]; it will also strategically connect the entire South Caucasus with the EU. It will also help us to achieve our ambitious green targets by enabling export of green energy from the South Caucasus to Europe and unlocking the capacity for renewable energy generation [GE – hydro, AZ – solar/wind, AM – solar].	
	Georgia, Armenia	<p>DG NEAR HQ, in cooperation with the EUD in Georgia, has been stressing to Georgia the importance of adopting Potential adoption of the Draft Law on infrastructure sharing, which has been in the Parliament for a long time. DG NEAR will allocate up to Grant of EUR 100 thousand as part of the regional programme EU4Digital facility to perform a market assessment preparing the ground for the investment. Next step: EIB proposal for investment (Q1 2023)</p> <p>As soon as the appraisal of the project is completed, EIB will be ready to submit a proposal for a EUR 20 million NIP Investment grant (by end Q1 2023).</p> <p>In parallel, EUD is preparing a –technical assistance project under the EU4 Smart Economic Development programme (individual measures 2021) to promote digital hub and ecosystem in Georgia, as catalysed by the prospects of the high-speed cable connections. This will be complemented by a regional programme to be adopted in 2023.</p>	<p>Black Sea Digital Connectivity (undersea digital cable):</p> <p>While there are more than 400 sub-marine cables spanning the globe, there is only one cable under the Black Sea, which is close to become obsolete in terms of capacity.</p> <p>The deployment of a new digital cable under the Black Sea is a regional priority because the internet traffic in the region is expected to grow by three-fold every year and because of the strategic location of the region, as a digital hub between Europe, the Middle-East and Central Asia. The new cable will be essential to (i) accelerate the digital transformation of the region and (ii) increase its resilience by reducing its dependency on terrestrial fibre-optic connectivity transiting via Russia.</p>	10

² Economic and Investment Plan

<p>Medusa optical fibre cable</p> <p><i>Part of EIP on Southern Neighbourhood</i></p>	<p>Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia</p>	<p>The grant contribution agreement NEAR-EIB is currently in preparation and will be signed during Q1-2023. The project will be operational in 2025.</p> <p>CEF grant agreement for ViaTunisia (France-Tunisia link), start of the project.</p>	<p>Part of EIP Southern Neighbourhood.</p> <p>Medusa submarine optical fibre cable: The Medusa project will install 7100 km state-of-the-art submarine optical fibre cable in the Mediterranean and connect Northern African countries with Cyprus, France, Italy, Portugal, and Spain with the aim of increasing by 200 times the speed of internet in Northern Africa universities. This investment will integrate 500 universities and research centres from Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, into “EU essential terabit R&D network”. They will receive a 200 Giga bits per second connectivity for the next 20 years. SMEs will also benefit from this enhanced connectivity.</p>	<p>11</p>
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Climate and Energy

Related priority	Region/ Partner countries involved	Milestones 2023	Project information	No.
<p>Africa EU Green Initiative</p> <p><i>Regional TEI</i></p>	Benin	WAPP (West African Power Pool) information and coordination centre inaugurated in second half of 2023.	<p>Upgrade of large-scale solar power plant and photovoltaic minigrids (WAPP, West African Power Pool).</p> <p>National TEI : Investor dans l'énergie durable</p>	12
	Burundi	Signature of agreement with EIB.	<p>Access to Electricity Bujumbura.</p> <p>National TEI: Energie</p>	13

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	Cabo Verde	Signature of agreement with EIB.	Pump and Storage Facility, Santiago. National TEI: Green Deal.	14
Strategic partnership on critical raw materials	Democratic Republic of Congo	Important political and business moment is foreseen in Kinshasa in March 2023 with the European Commission to build an EU approach on critical metals. This project could help the negotiation of a strategic partnership between DRC and the EU.	Developing of critical raw materials value chain – Strategic partnership on critical raw materials with DRC being explored.	15
	Djibouti	Signature of EIB Finance Agreement with the Government in 2023, possible start of works on solar energy plant in 2023.	Expansion of the desalination plant to double its capacity, and construction of a solar energy plant to fully power the plant, including related PV plant and water treatment infrastructure. National TEI: Propre et prospérité Djibouti à l'horizon 2027.	16
Africa EU Green Energy Initiative Regional TEI	Democratic Republic of Congo/ Rwanda/ Burundi	Launch of studies. A joint TEI trip to Tshopo province is planned with the Development Cooperation Heads of the Embassies, to visit several activities in the regions and to launch the TEI at the university of Kisangani.	Ruzizi III – regional hydropower plant. National TEI: Alliance verte : un partenariat pour les hommes, la nature et une économie verte en RDC.	17

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	Egypt	The project promoter, ELICA, a member of Kopelouzos Group, is expected to complete the project's feasibility study within 2023 and is currently evaluated by the European Commission regarding its potential status as a PCI project.	<p>GREGY project- Electricity interconnection cable Egypt-Greece</p> <p>A high voltage electrical interconnection in the Eastern Mediterranean between Europe and Africa passing from Egypt to Greece (GREGY project). It constitutes an underwater electricity cable that would interlink the electricity systems of Greece and Egypt with the purpose of transmitting up to 3 GW of green power, generated by solar and wind parks in Egypt, to the EU via Greece. When completed, it would constitute the second electricity cable to link Africa with the European Union and the first one to do so in the Eastern Mediterranean opening up a major clean energy export corridor that would tap the vast solar power potential of Egypt. This project would allow a substantial increase of renewable energy capacity for Europe at a lower price and in perfectly alignment with the REPowerEU goals.</p>	18
	Ivory Coast	Inauguration of 37.5 MW grid-connected solar plant (Boundiali, north part of the country).	<p>Development of solar power plant in Boundiali, Serebou and Kossou; extension, reinforcement and upgrading of networks.</p> <p>National TEI: Transition Bas Carbone.</p>	19
	Madagascar	Signature of contribution agreement for rural electrification with AFD.	National TEI: Green Deal – Énergie Renouvelable et Durable.	20

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			320 MW increase of renewable energy production with various sub-projects.	
	Morocco	Conducting a call for proposals for P2X hydrogen power plant (Public Private Partnership).	Volume: EUR 100 million. Construction in 2024 (tbc) Production in 2026 (tbc).	21
	Mozambique	Selection of the Owner Engineer. Launch of tender process for the works.	National TEI: Green Deal for Mozambique Construction of National Control Centre for Energy Infrastructure for monitoring and controlling the transport of electricity in the country. Improvement of the reliability and sustainability of the power supply, enhancement of the capacity of the grid and contribution to the digital transformation of the electricity sector (installation of the optic fibre included).	22
	Namibia	Signature in the context of planned EIB operations.	Construction of 85 MW solar PV plant combined with electrolyzers.	23
	Niger	Inauguration of the Gorou-Banda solar plant (Niamey) -Launch of the Project to strengthen distribution networks and improve access to electricity” (PREDAC) with Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD) Participation in the international conference on solar energy in Niamey in May.	Construction de centrales hybrides et solaires et extension du réseau de l'énergie centrale photovoltaïque Gorou Banda 30 MW ; centrale hybride d'Agadez d'une capacité de 19 MGW ; Dorsale Nord d'Interconnexion 330 K Nigeria – Niger – Bénin – Burkina Faso. National TEI : Niger generations futures	24
	Tanzania	Signature of Agreement with AFD.	Kakono Hydropower Plant	25
	Zambia	Construction works ongoing. Signature FA with the Government of Zambia.	National TEI: Climate Action for Inclusive Green Growth in Zambia. Rehabilitation of	26

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			Kariba Dam.	
Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative Regional TEI and TEI Green Economy Alliance	Nigeria	Signature of Financing Agreement.	Generation and evacuation infrastructure for on-grid renewable energy projects e.g 200MW of power from a solar photovoltaic park. Construction of six small hydropower of a total of approximately 2MW for SME/MSME in the agricultural sector (in complementarity of the AgriFI-ElectriFI nexus country window financed under Agri-CADE), at least 45 state owned public health care facilities electrified with solar micro-grid.	27
	Nigeria	Signing a partnership contract between TomatoJos (major tomato paste processor), First City Monumental Bank and HortiNigeria (NL program). Launch of our Youth in Agribusiness (YAS!) programm.	YAS will support 10,000 young people in setting up their own business in the agri-food sector or finding a suitable job. Launch of NL combi-tracks solar energy and horticulture, bringing together aid, trade and investments and also connecting renewable energy and agri-food.	28
	Nigeria	Potential signature of EIB loan.	Construction of about 150 small PV-hybrid mini-grids. The mini-grids with a total PV capacity of 15 MWp are expected to directly benefit about 54,000 households and 6,000 SMEs, providing initial electrification or substituting polluting and more expensive diesel-generated electricity supply.	29
TEI on inclusive Green Growth with Namibia	Namibia	Development of roadmap with concrete actions.	Implementation of the MoU (Strategic Partnership) on raw materials value chains and renewable hydrogen with Namibia.	30

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NaturAfrica Regional TEI	Regional: Congo Basin Central Africa, West Africa Forests, Sudano-sahelian savannahs of West Africa, Eastern Rift savannahs, Southern Africa.	Two (simplified) Financing Agreements are foreseen to be signed in 2023 on the regional NaturAfrica.	Regional: priority six regions: Congo Basin forest ecosystems, Transhumance landscapes in in Central Africa, West Africa Forests, Sudano-sahelian savannahs of West Africa, Eastern Rift savannahs and watersheds, Transfrontier conservation areas of Southern Africa.	31
Regional TEI LAC Green Transition	Argentina	Energy dialogue.	Also part of national TEI Argentina Green investments and sustainable value chain. Green investments and sustainable value chain Includes development of Gran Chaco and expansion of the electricity transmission network covering 23 provinces nationwide.	32
	Brazil	Energy dialogue.	Part also of national TEIs Brazil Green Deal. Team Europe-Brazil Framework for Sustainable Investment and Recovery: tropical forests w/ pillars on bioeconomy; deforestation and traceability and sustainable and smart cities.	33
	Chile Uruguay, Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay + poss. Costa Rica	Energy dialogue with Chile.	Part also of national TEI Chile Green Hydrogen. Green Hydrogen. Including promotion of Renewable Hydrogen (RH2) in Chile.	34

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	Chile, Argentina	Potential for MoU in Chile and Argentina to be signed on cooperation on raw materials, building on the trade agreement.	Critical Raw Materials – Lithium to develop local value chains. Chile: Lithium and copper value chains.	35
	Costa Rica	Launch of TEI	Electric mobility Support to electric mobility schemes: development of a new business model for the conversion of urban bus fleet to electric; 40 public e-vehicles contributing to a reduction of 5000 CO2 ktons/yr. Part of national TEI: Green Recovery, Decarbonisation and Sustainable Urban Mobility.	36
	Panama	February, formal launch in context of ES Secretary of State mission (ES to confirm) May 2023 : EU-Panama Dialogue on Financing the Energy Transition (EUROCLIMA).	Energy Transition Sustainable access to electricity through the extension of grids, construction of mini-grids and implementation of isolated systems powered by renewable sources of energy and Metro lines extension.	37
Regional TEI LAC Green Transition and regional TEIs Amazon Basin, Five Great Forests of Mesoamerica	Regional	Launch of the Amazon Basin TEI and the Amazonia+ programme to prevent deforestation Launch of the Guyana/Suriname Forest partnership TEI following signature of the Partnership Forest MoU and VPA FLEGT in December Launch of the Five Great Forests of Mesoamerica initiative (cinco bosques).	Sustainable forestry, including local value chains. Also part of national TEIs: Brazil Green Deal, Colombia Green Alliance for Sustainable Development, EU-Guatemala Green Deal, Green Transition through the joint Guyana-Suriname Forest Partnership, Honduras Green Partnership.	38
TEI Ecuador	Ecuador	Launching of the National Decarbonisation Strategy for Ecuador. -Launch of national	Team Europe- Ecuador: “A Green Deal for Ecuador” To develop an inclusive, sustainable and resilient economy, stimulated by	39

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		competition for project ideas from municipalities for the development of EU investment projects (financed by EIB, KfW, AFD) to support green urban infrastructure projects in Ecuadorian municipalities (in cooperation with German BMZ-funded project “Sustainable Intermediate Cities Ecuador”).	innovations and investments at a decentralised level”.	
Global Green Bond Initiative <i>Global TEI</i>	Dominican Republic, Jamaica Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru	Technical assistance (TA) to the Ministry of Finance starting Jamaica: TA to Jamaica Stock Exchange starting to develop taxonomy Colombia: TA to develop taxonomy starting. Costa Rica: TA to develop taxonomy starting Latin America Green: support issuing of at least 3 green bonds (in Dec 2022 the first blue bond was issued for Ecuador).	Part also of national TEI Dominican Republic Green and Sustainable Transition Sustainable Finance – Green Bonds.	40
Green energy transition <i>National TEI Bangladesh</i>	Bangladesh	Signature of EIB Finance Contract with the Government and signature of EU Grant Contribution Agreement with EIB in 2023. Launch event to mark the start of the project/ financing in Bangladesh.	Solar and wind power energy investments.	41
Green-Blue Alliance for the Pacific and Timor Leste TEI	Fiji	Feasibility study finalized. Formal financing request submitted to EIB.	Qaliwana Hydropower Project Fiji.	42

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	Papua New Guinea	Maintenance of 127 KM of farm-to-market feeder/ring roads completed. Maintenance and improvement of 5 airstrips completed Construction and improvement of 2 jetties completed.	Part also of national TEI Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity-Renewable Energy nexus. Our Forest, Our Future Support to Rural Entrepreneurship and Trade (EUR 81 million), Enga Integrated Sustainable Landscape Management (EUR 4,9 million).	43
	Pacific islands	Top-up EUR 20 million.	Protecting climate change resilience of Pacific islands Project started in 2020. Signature of the TA in 2022 Aims at strengthening the climate change resilience of Pacific Island ecosystems, economies and communities by promoting and supporting Nature-based Solutions (NbS).The Kiwa Initiative, EUR 57 million, is the first cooperation between France (EUR 26 million), the European Union (EUR 19,9 million), Australia (AUD 2 million), New Zealand (NZD 5 million) and Canada (CAD 10 million). The Initiative is managed by Agence française de développement (AFD).	44
Indonesia Green TEI	Indonesia	Identification of Energy related programme with EFIs in TE approach. Adoption of the Indonesia JETP Resource Mobilisation Plan (JETP - RMP).	JETP Indonesia	45

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Central Asia Water- Energy- Climate change Regional TEI	Kazakhstan	Development of roadmap with concrete actions.	Development of renewable hydrogen value chain (implementation of the MoU on raw materials, batteries and renewable hydrogen with Kazakhstan).	46
	Tajikistan	7th EU-Central Asia High-Level Conference on Environment and Water, Rome. Finalisation of the financial tour de table. Submission to EIB's Board and mobilisation of the EFSD+ guarantee.	Rogun Dam (hydro-power plant) to double the energy production capacity of the country and greatly advance the decarbonisation of the region.	47
National Mongolian TEI Green economic growth	Mongolia	Choir-Sainshand energy transmission line and substations construction works launched. Approval of the Mongolian Parliament for Aimag and Soum Centers Green and Resilient Regional Development Investment Program (ASDIP) to be followed by the signature of the EIB loan first tranche and EC investment grant first tranche.	Climate and energy.	48
	Mongolia	National launch of the Forest Partnership, together with the roadmap. Launch of the TEI Green economic growth – together with the national launch of the forest partnership and its roadmap.	Forest partnership. MoU signed in November 2022 during the COP27.	49
Nepal National TEI on Green recovery	Nepal	Launch event for the TEI February during a visit of the Commissioner with HoMs, government, EIB, Development partners, local government representatives.	Team Europe Initiative on Green recovery.	50
ASEAN Green	Vietnam	EIB to start consultations under Article 19 procedure.	Part also of national TEI Climate-resilient, low-carbon	51

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Initiative Regional TEI		EIB's board to take investment decision. Adoption of the Vietnam JETP Resource Mobilisation Plan (JETP - RMP).	circular economy. Bac Ai Hydropower Hydro Pump Storage (1200 MW) to contribute to JETP.	
ASEAN Green Initiative Regional TEI	Vietnam	KfW starts due diligence.	Part of national TEI Climate-resilient, low-carbon circular economy. Upgrading of Hydropower plant Tri An by 200MV to increase peak capacities and to allow for integration of variable renewable energy. EUR 120 million.	52
Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor: Serbia – Montenegro – Bosnia and Herzegovina EIP on Western Balkans	Serbia – Montenegro – Bosnia and Herzegovina	Section 4 (Bajina Basta - BH/ME borders): The KfW loan agreement will be signed on 23 January. The tender documents are to be prepared this year. The construction works are expected to start in Q1/Q2 2025. Section 3 (Obrenovac - Bajina Basta): Additional KfW loan: planned signing of loan agreement planned towards the end of Q1 2023. The construction works are expected to start in Q2 2024.	Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor in Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 400kV Interconnection. The Trans-Balkan Electricity Corridor is a flagship investment of EUR 41.2 million that allows the interconnection of the electricity transmission systems of Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina to those of Croatia, Hungary, Romania and Italy. The construction of 84 km of double circuit 400 kV electricity line has been finished in 2022, and a new section connecting Montenegro and BiH is being prepared.	53
ELMED inter connector EIP Tunisia	Tunisia	During Q2-2023, launching ceremony in Tunis with donors (KfW, BM, EIB, EBRD) once the financial package has been finalized on the side of the EUR 306.7 million allocated by the CEF to the project, CINEA will probably hold a separate launch ceremony with STEG and TERNA in	ELMED interconnector (Project of Common Interest): Electricity transmission project to support the construction of a first interconnection between Italy and Tunisia with an undersea high-voltage electricity cable. The project will increase the	54

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		Brussels. 2023 (Q2): project proposal -to support the renewable energy part-approved at NIP Board.	security and the sustainability of electricity supply on both sides and will allow for better renewable energy integration and the replacement of gas-fired thermal generation, thus contributing to EU climate mitigation objectives and climate change targets.	
EuroAsia project- Electricity interconnect ion cable Israel- Cyprus- Greece	Israel	Construction is scheduled to start in 2023 and be completed by the end of 2026.	The EuroAsia Interconnector is a leading project of common interest (PCI) of the European Union. It consists of the electrical interconnection of the power systems of Cyprus-Greece (Crete) and Cyprus-Israel with direct current subsea cables and with HVDC converter stations at each connection point. The EuroAsia Interconnector will be the energy bridge between Asia and Europe, with a total length of 1,208km, creating a reliable corridor for bidirectional transmission of electricity between Asia and Europe. The interconnector will be the deepest and longest submarine electricity interconnection in the world. When completed, it would ensure energy of supply of Cyprus and Israel connecting them with the European network and would enable a path for electricity produced from renewable energy sources. The project has received a EUR 657 million EU grant under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and has also been awarded a EUR 100 million	55

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			grant from the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility.	
Standalone project <i>EIP Jordan</i>	Jordan	Signature of the agreement with EIB for financing our EUR 50 million contribution. EIB signed the loan agreement with the Government last December. Start of construction is currently scheduled for 2024.	Aqaba Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project (AAWDCP). Flagship project under the Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) for enhancing water security in Jordan and addressing the impact of climate change in the region.	56
<i>National TEI Sustainable Water Management</i>	Jordan	Start of operation of one of two treatment facilities.	Rehabilitation and Upgrading of As Salt sewage treatment plant, Construction of biogas plant.	57
Bio 2 Watt (Climate Investor One & Climate Investor Two)	South Africa, later Mozambique, Uganda	Planned expansion of the South Africa plant to 9.8MW. Extension of the project to Mozambique and Uganda would lead to communication events in these countries marking these developments.	The Bio2Watt project is a waste to value project currently in South Africa with concrete plans to expand to Mozambique and Uganda. The Bio2Watt plants treat animal waste and other waste sources to produce biogas. This creates a biobased energy source, captures and limits methane emissions and reduces the pollution of water resources. The current plant in South Africa has a capacity of 4.6MW which will be expanded to 9.8MW. The initial investment from Climate Investor One and Two is ca USD 27 million. Expected impacts: 268GWH/year green energy production. 189,311 tCO2 emissions per year avoided. 26,624 people served with green energy. (Next to NL Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission has invested in	58

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			both Climate Investor One and Climate Investor Two and is therefore one of the co-investors of the project. The funds have several other public and private investors.)	
Tra Vinh (Climate Investor One) 48 MW near-shore wind project	Vietnam	Impact assessment and a decision on a phase 2 expansion.	The Tra Vinh Project is a 48 MW nearshore wind farm which started operations in October 2021. The Project includes 12 wind turbines located 4 km from shoreline, a 20 km overhead transmission line and substation. Total committed investment from Climate Investor One is USD 71,5 million Expected impacts: 181 GWH/year green power production. 69,983 tCO2 emissions per year avoided. 127,822 people served with green energy.	59
PNG Rabaul Port Rehabilitation and Infrastructure greening	Papua New Guinea	Formal financing request from PNG and the start of appraisal.	Includes rehabilitation of the port of Rabaul, as well as a technical assistance component to support PNG Ports Corporation Limited in developing an investment plan for greening port infrastructure Part of national TEI Forestry - Climate Change - Biodiversity-Renewable Energy nexus. Part of regional TEI Green-Blue Alliance for the Pacific and Timor Leste.	60

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Transport

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AU EU Investment Package	Benin	EIB to launch studies in 2023 on own funds Preparation of investment to be financed by Regional Indicative Programme (RIP).	Benin Rehabilitation Allada-Dassa road.	61
AU EU Investment Package Flagships on transport/ strategic corridors: Praia-Dakar-Abidjan	Gambia	Signature of agreement with EIB and possibly launch of the works.	Expansion & rehabilitation of Port of Banjul.	62
	Guinea Bissau	Signature of the agreement with the EIB.	Rehabilitation of the road Bissau/Safim – Sao Domingos-Mpack-Senegal border (Ziguinchor) – 115 km.	63
	Senegal	Construction of lines finished Testing before entry into service.	Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Dakar Also part of national TEI: Green Economy in Senegal	64
	Senegal	Signature of the Financing Agreement with Government of Senegal. Signature of the Agreement with EIB.	Part also of national TEI Green Economy in Senegal Dakar Public Transport Network (réseau bus au gaz).	65
AU-EU Investment Package Flagships on transport/ strategic corridors: Libreville-Kibi/Doyala N'Djamena	Cameroon	Completion of feasibility studies.	Voie de contournement de Yaounde.	66

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Building of a second airport	Djibouti	Use of the remaining funds from the Fonds d'études et d'aide au secteur privé (FASEP) (about EUR 150 thousand). PI this fund is intended to finance feasibility studies or demonstrators for the benefit of foreign public authorities in developing countries.	The Djibouti airport development project received FASEP funding of EUR 800 thousand, approved on April 15, 2021, for feasibility studies (conducted by the ADPi and Egis consortium) that were initially scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021. At this stage, the studies are behind schedule, and the remaining FASEP funding should allow for a round table of potential donors for the project.	67
Modernisation of the Alexandria Area Control Centre (ARCC), whose technology is now obsolete. <i>TEI Connected Economy and Society in Egypt</i>	Egypt	Board approvals of loans (AFD EUR 40 million) and European grant (EUR 10 million).	Modernisation of the Alexandria Area Control Centre (ARCC), whose technology is now obsolete will include: i) the renovation of the technical components of the control building (heating, ventilation, air conditioning and water) and, if necessary, of the structural and architectural components / or the construction of a new building to house the control centre and the technical rooms (to be specified by the feasibility study according to physical and technical constraints); ii) An upgrade/replacement/addition of the communication systems between the transmission network electrical substations (about 90 substations) and the control building (fibre optics attached to the top of the pylons, communication protocols, etc.) and increase of the communication capacity to new substations.	68

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AU-EU Investment Package Flagships on transport/strategic corridors: Mombasa-Kisangani	Kenya	Signature with EIB and AFD Feb: EU-Kenya Trade and Investments Business Forum.	Part also of national TEI Green Deal, Sustainable urbanisation and infrastructure pillar Nairobi Green Mobility/Bus Lines (BRT 3)	69
Infrastructure - Port of Pointe-Noire <i>Potential TEI</i>	Republic of Congo	Beginning of works. Extension and upgrading of the infrastructures of the autonomous port. Construction of the new EU-funded industrial- and artisanal-fishing ports is also expected to begin.		70
Global Maritime Green Corridor	Phase 1: projects in Egypt and Morocco	Private sector participants to finalize feasibility study both in Egypt and Morocco, and to sign a Framework Agreement with the government of Egypt.	The projects are private sector driven. Initial production target of a total of 6 MTPA Methanol for green shipping.	71
Tramway Rabat III	Morocco	Board approvals of loans (AFD EUR 100 million; IEB to be specified) and European grant (EUR 10-13 million).	TEI Green transition. Team Europe will mobilise AFD and EIB loans and an European grant to finance the extension of Rabat tramway network to distant suburbs. Missing infrastructure in transport and digital are two of the three connectivity gaps addressed by the regional Economic Investment Plans (EIP), through which Global Gateway is being implemented in the Enlargement and Neighbourhood countries.	72

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			Extension of 37 km of the tramway network in the Rabat-Salé-Témara agglomeration operated by the local development company Rabat Région Mobilité (RRM), formerly known as Société du tramway de Rabat Salé (STRS). The extension will connect Témara, a poor suburb of Rabat, and a distant university campus named Technopolis. The European grant could finance smart city facilities in the campus area.	
Central Asia –Potential Global Gateway Project	Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)	Presentation of regional study on Sustainable Transport Connections between Europe and Central Asia Investors' conference	Sustainable Transport Connectivity	73
North Macedonia-Bulgaria Corridor VIII Rail Interconnection <i>EIP on Western Balkans</i>	North Macedonia, Kriva Palanka – Border with Bulgaria Section	The construction contract to be signed in Q4 2023 at the earliest. The tender documents are under preparation and the procurement might be launched by the end of March. Grant agreement: beneficiary plans to sign the grant agreement in the first half of the year (no definitive date).	Railway corridor VIII in North Macedonia/Bulgarian border: The Railway corridor VIII in North Macedonia is part of the strategic Trans-European Transport Network. The Railway section Corridor VIII is a multi-modal transportation network that includes sea and riverine ports, airports, roads and railways. It begins in Southern Italian ports, passes through Albania, North Macedonia and Bulgaria, and leads to the Black Sea.	74
Regional Railway Surabaya	Indonesia	Signing of contracts.	Double tracked upgrading and electrification of suburban train. EUR 236	75

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			million.	
Southeast Asia Regional Economic Corridor and Connectivity (SEAREEC) Project	Laos, Thailand, Vietnam	Report of an evaluation mission Talks about EIB co-financing (WB confirmed).	Includes upgrade of Laotian National Highway No. 2..	76
Economic Diversification pillar	Angola	EU-Angola Business Forum Signing of the Sustainable Investment Facilitation Agreement (SIFA) EU-Angola Ministerial.	Signing of a MoU between Port of Sines and Sociedade de Desenvolvimento da Barra do Dande, which aims to establish a green and digital logistics corridor between the two ports, strategically contributing to the security of the supply chain and reserves in the regional and international agri-food sector and to support a green energy and critical raw materials supply chain, promoting economic and social development.	77

Health

Related priority	Partner countries involved	Milestones 2023	Project information	No.
MAV+: Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, medicines & health technology products in	Ghana	Upgrade of the FDA biologics laboratory (clean room) to be operational in 2023 at Biological Safety level 3, Institutional development plans for the Ghanaian FDA to reach WHO maturity level 4 (for pharmacological vigilance it already reached level 4).	MAV+ SA, Rwanda, Senegal and Ghana.	78

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Africa	Rwanda	Signature of the simplified Financing Agreement First grant to support African CDC and AMA at C2C Delivery of the BioNtainer Launch of the Masters in Biotech at the University of Rwanda, with BE.	BionTainers – Access to vaccines.	79
	Senegal, Rwanda, Ghana and South Africa.	Disbursement of EIB loan.	Part of MAV+ : Manufacturing and Access to Vaccines, medicines & health technology products in Africa.	80
Green Transition Regional LAC TEI	Guatemala	Launch of feasibility studies.	Part also of national TEI Guatemala Green Deal. Water and sanitation Construction of a sanitary landfill, 4 sewage networks and wastewater treatment plants in Peten.	81
EU-LAC Partnership on local manufacturing of vaccines, medicines and other health technologies, and strengthening health systems resilience	Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Barbados	High Level Forum with matchmaking platform B2B Launch of the partnership with PAHO for regulatory harmonisation and scientific cooperation. Signing of 2 blending agreements on health with IDB: (I) Supporting the digital transformation of the Barbados' primary acute care medical facility; (II) Support the Health System Strengthening of The Bahamas to strengthen the primary care services.	EU-only initiative. Health – vaccines and regional autonomy.	82
TEI Ecuador	Ecuador	Signature of a financing agreement between Spain and Quito Public Drinking Water and Sanitation (FONPRODE sovereign loan of 40MUSD). Construction works ongoing.	<i>Potable Water and Sewerage Program for Quito</i> (221MUSD) Expansion and improvement of the drinking water and sanitation systems in Quito.	83

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	Ecuador	<p>Launch of the corresponding international tenders for:</p> <p>1) Construction of the collection system, raw water adduction and the drinking water treatment plant (PTAP) of the Mancha Grande site.</p> <p>2) Construction of the pluvial drainage, drinking water and sanitary sewerage systems of the Colón Paris corresponding to works being partially financed by Spain (FONPRODE sovereign loan of USD 17 million).</p>	<p><i>Potable Water and Sewerage Program of Portoviejo Municipality (122MUSD)</i></p> <p>Provision of basic drinking water, sanitary and storm sewerage services for 7 Rural Parishes and 1 Urban Parish of the Portoviejo Canton in Manabí.</p>	84

Education and Research

Related priority	Partner countries involved	Milestones 2023	Project information	No.
E-youth, +EMPREGO	Mozambique	<p>1. VaMoz Digital (project approved, procuring Q4 2022/Q1 2023. Activities start in 2023).</p> <p>2. +EMPREGO Established partnerships with two European multinationals in the gas industry that will be implemented as from Q4/2022: (1) GALP will support the Center of Excellence in the University of Lurio in Pemba in specialized training for professors, training of trainers, internships for young graduates, and</p>	<p>1. VaMoz Digital</p> <p>a) Strengthened and inclusive digital and innovation ecosystems</p> <p>b) Enhanced digital literacy, digital skills and business skills for youth, with a focus on girls and those living in vulnerable situations</p> <p>c) Increased number and of new innovative businesses and jobs, through the incubation and acceleration of sustainable and inclusive digital start-ups with a focus on girls and those living in vulnerable situations</p>	85

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		(2) TOTAL will support the training of trainers and vocational guidance of young people.		
Regional Teacher Programme for Africa (Sub-Saharan Africa)	Regional (sub-Saharan Africa)	Launch of the EU-Africa flagship teachers programme, 24 January. Signature of the implementation agreements with consortium of EU MS, with UNESCO and with AUC (Q2 and Q3 2023); start of activities under the Regional Teacher Facility (Q4 2023).	Regional Teacher Programme for Africa (Sub-Saharan Africa)	86
Part of national TEI Haiti on Education “Vivre ensemble” and part of regional TEI on Human Development and regional TEI Inclusive and Equal Societies	LAC Regional	Launch of the Inclusive societies’ decision, potentially during the EU-LAC Week. ERASMUS+ window on ‘Capacity building in the field of VET’: annual call for proposals (deadline applications: 28/02/2023). In addition, annual call for scholarships also foreseen.	Social Cohesion and tackling Inequalities Including education and skills development, social inclusion and social cohesion and envisaging regional and bi-regional networks on care, and work on just transitions.	87