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NOTE

From: Presidency

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Global Gateway - State of Play and Way Forward

1. The Commission and the High Representative put forward a Joint Communication on Global Gateway in December 2021. Its aim is to leverage investments of up to EUR 300 billion by 2027 in partner countries in a Team Europe approach, namely, with projects being developed and delivered by the EU institutions, Member States, and European financial institutions together with the private sector. With Global Gateway EU as a trusted partner gives a positive offer to the partner countries to develop their climate, energy, transport and digital infrastructure and to strengthen their health or education systems. The new approach of Global Gateway focuses on sustainable and quality investments in physical infrastructure and enabling environment, is values-driven and aims to work globally, adapting to the needs and strategic interests of different regions.

2. During the first fourteen months after the launch of Global Gateway, the Council, the High Representative, the Commission and the Member States invested significant efforts to set up and to operationalise its governance structures. Key milestones in this process include the agreement on the Global Gateway governance model reached on 9 November 2022, the first Global Gateway Board meeting that took place on 11 December 2022 and the Global Gateway Communication Strategy that was presented to Member States by the Commission on 2 December 2022 and which is currently being discussed.
3. At the same time, the Council, the Commission, the High Representative and Member States began work on delivering on the objectives of Global Gateway vis-à-vis partner countries around the world.
4. EU events with partner regions and countries presented important opportunities to focalise efforts and identify Global Gateway flagship projects and activities. For the EU-Central Asia Connectivity Conference on 18 November 2022 in Samarkand, the Relex Counsellors – Horizontal Questions Working Party identified the following Global Gateway EU priority investments: Team Europe Initiatives in the areas of water, climate and energy, as well as the Trans-Caspian transport corridor and digital investments. For the EU-ASEAN Commemorative Summit on 14 December 2022 in Brussels, a substantial package of Global Gateway flagship projects in the ASEAN region was identified with green transition and sustainable connectivity as the main priorities in the Southeast Asia.
5. At this juncture and given the interest of the partner countries, 2023 is important as the year of delivery on Global Gateway. COREPER is therefore invited to endorse as an I item a list of Global Gateway priority projects with milestones in 2023. The list illustrates the comprehensive EU offer to partners across the globe – both in terms of the sectors of activities as well as the countries and regions concerned. The list is not exhaustive in relation to activities under Global Gateway, but aims to serve as a tool for the EU and its Member States for strategic communication and visibility during 2023.

6. In the coming months, work to deliver on Global Gateway will especially focus on Latin America and Caribbean, as well as on following up on previous commitments, in particular for Africa. Preparations have already commenced to draw up a LAC Investment Agenda for the upcoming 17-18 July 2023 EU-CELAC Summit with an emphasis on the green, digital, and fair transition. An investment package of EUR 150 billion was jointly agreed with the African Union, the ongoing work on the follow up of the EU-AU Summit held on 17-18 February 2022 is also important. Currently, numerous Global Gateway projects are being identified, launched or implemented in Africa with a focus on a green and energy transition, investments in health and digital sectors, as well as on the strategic corridors in the transport sector.

7. In addition, a work is anticipated to progress with several additional steps in the further operationalization of Global Gateway, such as, the promotion of private sector involvement and a potential monitoring mechanism.

8. In light of the above, COREPER is invited to have an exchange of views on the achievements and the challenges of the first fourteen months of Global Gateway and to give guidance on elements that could contribute to the successful delivery of Global Gateway in 2023 and beyond.
