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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

Subject: Draft proposal for a list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2025 and
for amending the lists of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 and
2024

A. CONTEXT

1. The EU's Global Gateway Strategy includes hundreds of sustainable and quality investment projects that, in close cooperation with our partners, the EU and its Member States develop and invest in. Projects identified as flagships and included in the flagship list are prominent examples of the progress and deliverables of Global Gateway. The aim of the list of flagship projects is to showcase the priorities of the Union, its Member States, and our partners, and contribute to strengthening our strategic partnerships and the promotion of our joint interests. The list of flagship projects supports the EU and the Member States in the promotion of projects in a coordinated, streamlined and targeted manner. The flagship list is not exhaustive in relation to all projects and activities under Global Gateway. The inclusion of projects from Member States in the flagship list does not guarantee EU financing for those projects.

2. The aim of the flagship list is to serve the EU and the Member States in their communication around Global Gateway, permitting them to foster concrete transformative projects and emphasize their tangible impact and benefits to local communities, for example during political events with our partner countries or during on-site visits. The RELEX Counsellors - Horizontal Questions Working Party (hereinafter – RELEX-HQ) will continue to identify flagship projects on a yearly basis, which will be integrated in the flagship list. The focus of newly identified flagship projects is to single out the relevant EU investment offer to our partners across the globe with concrete deliverables (milestones) during the specific year, in the countries and regions concerned.
3. The yearly flagship project identification is carried out in line with the Global Gateway governance (ST 13888/22 REV 1) with the input from the Commission, the EEAS and the Member States taking into account the criteria for identifying flagships (ST 10532/22) and the political priorities identified both by the EU, the Member States and our partners. The 2024 Flagship List, prepared by the RELEX-HQ, has been endorsed by COREPER on 29 November 2023 (ST 15369/1/23), preceded by the first list for 2023 (ST 6738/23), which was endorsed on 1 March 2023. Drawing on the insights from the 2023 and 2024 flagship list exercises, it is essential to keep the list as concise and focused as possible to ensure it serves its communication purpose. The 2025 flagship identification exercise aims to adopt a shorter list that does not exceed 50 new flagship projects.
4. To maximize the impact of communication on Global Gateway by the EU and its Member States and the diversity of EU's offer to partners, the projects in the flagship list should not overlap. Once a project is included in the flagship list, it remains a flagship project until its completion, and therefore a priority for communication irrespective of the duration of the project. Project implementation and delivering on milestones remain priorities of the overall Global Gateway implementation and together with consistent communication are key to EU's credibility.

5. To support the continued accuracy and relevance of the flagship list, a review procedure has been introduced and currently applies to projects identified as flagships in 2023 and 2024. This procedure allows for modifications to existing projects, including potential merging or separation, or, where necessary, the deletion of projects that are not progressing as anticipated. The updated flagship list will not only include new projects but will also reflect the outcome of the review process - a collaborative effort by the EU institutions and Member States.
6. To identify flagship projects, as well as to follow up and keep track of the implementation of the flagship list, the Commission and the Member States have started to use an online digital tool developed by the Commission - the Global Gateway Platform.

B. LIST OF GLOBAL GATEWAY FLAGSHIP PROJECTS FOR 2025 AND FOR AMENDING THE LISTS OF GLOBAL GATEWAY FLAGSHIP PROJECTS FOR 2023 AND 2024

7. The Commission and the Member States were invited to upload their proposed flagship projects to the Global Gateway Platform on 20 September 2024. The Commission and the Member States were also invited to review projects identified as flagships in 2023 and 2024 and propose their merging or separation, or, where necessary, the deletion.
8. On the basis of the discussions in RELEX-HQ (20 September 2024, 11 and 25 October 2024, 8 and 15 November 2024) and contributions in the Global Gateway Platform, the Presidency had put forward several revised draft proposals for a list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2025 and for amending the lists of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 and 2024 (WK 13959/2024 INIT, WK 13959/2024 REV1, WK 13959/2024 REV2, WK 13959/2024 REV3, WK 13959/2024 REV4).
9. Agreement on the 2025 list and amendments to the 2023 and 2024 lists was reached on 22 November 2024.

10. In line with the Global Gateway Governance defined in document ST 13888/22 REV1, COREPER is therefore invited to endorse the list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2025 and amendments to the lists of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 and 2024.
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1) List of Global Gateway Flagship Projects For 2025*

	Sector	Country - Region	Title	Milestones in 2025
Climate and Energy				
1.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Brazil – South America	Brazil North-East Green Energy Parks and Green Shipping Corridors	Q1: Announce strategic investors, start engineering process Q2: Announce first major off takers and start discussions with EIB, KfW, BNB, BNDES. Q2: At the World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam (May 2025) a Champion Matchmaking will be organised for private parties that are in principle ready for reception/ production in their projects and business cases. This then leads to offtake contracts Q4: Announce FID phase 1 at COP 30 in Brazil
2.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Developing countries, unspecified	Private Mobilisation Fund for Climate Resilience Investments in Land-Use and Water	Q4: Water Facility will have final financial close at 1 BN USD
3.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Egypt – North of Sahara	Nexus for Food, Water and Energy (NWFE)	Q1: Publication of preliminary studies regarding the NWFE energy track Q2-3: Dialogue between Team-Europe actors and Egyptian Authorities on application of pledged funds within energy track according to NWFE Targets Q4: Agreement between Team-Europe actors and Egyptian Authorities on application of pledged funds within energy track according to NWFE Targets
4.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Tunisia – Africa	Promoting Sustainable Coastal Agricultural Practices in the Gulf of Tunis	Q3: Expansion of the smart irrigation system to additional selected farms Q3: Targeted and multi-stakeholder training workshops Q4: Monitoring report on wetland hydrology

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5.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Mauritania – Western Africa	Senegal River Valley Development and Resilient Project	Q1: Approval of the Spanish credit Q4: Formalization of the credit agreement/act of signature
6.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Tunisia; Algeria – North of Sahara	Southern Hydrogen Corridor	Q2: Preparation of a Common Declaration of Political Intent with Tunisia and Algeria on the cooperation for the development of the SouthH2Corridor Q4: Development of a scoping report regarding the SouthH2Corridor Q4: Application of the hydrogen infrastructure connection between Italy and Tunisia to obtain Projects of Mutual Interest (PMI) status under the Trans-European Network for Energy (TEN-E) Regulation in the seventh PCI/PMI list
7.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Ethiopia; Uganda; Kenya; Tanzania; Malawi; Côte d'Ivoire – Africa	Sustainable Coffee: Strengthening Value Chain and Climate Resilience in Africa	Q1: Program set-up & engagement of beneficiary Countries Q2: Three loans disbursed through the Italian Government Q3: Leveraging from additional financial sources; inclusion of public-private partners
8.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Paraguay – South America	World Class Sustainable Cellulose & Forestry Project	Q1: Starting the new national forestry strategy development including education sector Q4: +123,000 hectares planted (own and third parties) and more than 5,000,000 m3 of moved soil
9.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Global	Large-scale Global Green Hydrogen project (Argentina, Morocco, Namibia)	Q4: Land partnership agreement Q4: Wind measurement campaign and final project layout 5 Q4: Submission of Environmental Impact Assessment
10.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	India – South and Central Asia	Urban Infrastructure and Renewable Energy India Package	Q1: Signing risk-sharing agreement between the German and Indian export credit agencies Q4: Partial section opening of Metro Surat and Ahmedabad Q4: Construction contracts for

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				selected front-runner projects among Indian cities Q1-Q4: The 18 projects in the 18 cities selected to participate in the CITIIS program will have completed their maturation phase and the first works contracts will have been launched by the cities
11.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Ghana – Western Africa	Integrated Bauxite and Aluminium Project in Ghana	Q4: Completion of the Pre-feasibility study (PFS) that allows the identification and evaluation multiple operating scenarios.
12.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Peru & Chile – South America	Promoting energy integration in Andean region: Peru-Chile electrical interconnection	Q4: Launch of a study on regulatory harmonization
13.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Algeria & Tunisia – North of Africa	Medlink: decarbonizing North Africa and EU energy sector via development of large-scale renewable energy generation (solar PV, Wind and BESS) and dedicated transmission infrastructure including subsea high voltage direct current (HVDC) electric interconnectors connecting Algeria and Tunisia to Europe via Italy while ensuring new supply of green energy also to North Africa.	Q1: Completion of Engineering Basis of Design Q2: Environmental Social Impact Assessment Study (ESIA) Q3: Preliminary site-survey (on/offshore) and for solar/wind measurement campaign Q4: Signature of multi countries agreement (EU, Nord Africa) in support of Medlink project
14.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Costa Rica; Panama; Honduras; Guatemala; El Salvador - Central America	Enhancing the Central American Electricity Market for regional integration	Q1: Set up of an REM working group gathering interested EU private sector companies Q3: Endorsement of regional energy integration as a political priority at the IV EU-CELAC summit Q4: Presentation of the Team Europe offer to OLADE (LAC ministers of energy)
15.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Tanzania – Eastern Africa	Tanzanian sustainable urban food investment project (TASUFIP)	Q1: Signature of EU Contribution Agreement with LFI Q2: Start of activities financed by the EU Grant Q2: Signature of the loan with the beneficiary

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16.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Côte d'Ivoire - Western Africa	Sustainable cocoa: from deforestation to reforestation	Q2 Signature of the EIB framework loan
17.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Mexico – Central America	Green and inclusive development along the Tehuantepec Corridor	Q1: Coordination with the new Administration and CIIT Q3: Corridor Isthmus Road Map Q4: Start of construction of CIP renewable hydrogen project
18.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	South Sudan, Uganda - Africa	Uganda - South Sudan Power Interconnection Project	Q4: Signature of loan agreement (AfDB)
19.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Brazil – South America	Amazonia Verde - Digital connectivity driving social inclusion & forest preservation	Q2: Definition of business model and investment plan Q4: Identification of public and private investors
20.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Mauritania – Western Africa	High-tension electric interconnection line between Nouakchott and Kiffa	Q4: Contract signature between the EIB and Mauritanian government (loan and grant)
21.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Moldova – Europe	Moldova-Romania Interconnection Phase II	Q4: Finalisation of the Feasibility studies for the construction of the interconnection
22.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Kenya – Eastern Africa	Mwache Water Project	Q2: Signature (first tranche) expected
23.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Democratic Republic of Congo – Africa	Virunga Conservation and Development Initiative	Q2: Book "Virunga: 100 Years of Africa's First National Park" Q3 Launch of the "Goma Net Zero" Program: Rwanguba / batteries / stoves Q4 : Opening of the green corridor Kivu – Kinshasa: launch of a pusher tug on the Congo river
24.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Ghana – Western Africa	Kpong Hydropower Dam Rehabilitation	Q3: Signature of EIB loan and EC contribution agreement Q4: Start of activities and preparatory work on the project
25.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Gambia – Western Africa	Towards Green Growth: support to The Gambia and its citizens in ensuring an efficient and reliable access to energy	Q4: Installation of solar panels (100 hospital/health facilities and 1,000 schools) completed

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Digital				
26.	DIGITAL	Malaysia – Asia	Expansion of SiC Power Fab to world’s largest 200-mm-semiconductor production plant	Q4: key steps in the construction of the facility
27.	DIGITAL	Oceania	Boosting digital connectivity in the Pacific	Q3: Concept note developed for the first project in the pipeline
28.	DIGITAL	Djibouti; Ethiopia; Somalia; Tanzania; Kenya; India - Eastern Africa	EU-Africa-India Digital Corridor	Q1: Due diligence concluded Q2: Signature of the contribution agreement
29.	DIGITAL	Africa	Africa-EU space partnership programme	Q1: High Level AU EU official launch of the first part of the programme Q3: Adoption of the second Action Document
30.	DIGITAL	Albania Bosnia and Herzegovina Kosovo Montenegro North Macedonia Serbia - Europe	WiFi4WB WiFi for Western Balkans	Q4: Up to 300 municipalities will have installed (or will be in the installation phase) of hotspots in public spaces.
31.	DIGITAL	Somalia – Eastern Africa	Somalia Connectivity Expansion	Q2: Signature (first tranche) expected

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Education and Research				

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32.	EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	Lao PDR - Asia	Skills for Tourism, Agriculture and Forestry (STAF) Programme	Q4: Finalisation of the renovation / construction works in about 10 colleges of the project Q4: Next cohort of young people trained by the project
33.	EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	Ukraine – Europe	Rebuilding future and hope modernization of pre-school education in Ukraine	Q1: Training programme for social workers Q4: Routing digital solutions in UA primary education management Q4: Concept for Primary education reform
34.	EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	Benin – Western Africa	Port of Cotonou: support to the development of the port sector (Port of Cotonou: Appui au développement du secteur (para)portuaire')	Q1: Launch of the platform “Système de Gestion du Fret Routier” (SYGFR) (Integrated Road Freight Management System). Q2: Delivery of the Floating Device for Decontaminating the port Basin for the benefit of the Autonomous Port Of Cotonou. Q3: Official handover of the Semé semaphore to improve security and safety of the port and related training to use the radar systems. Q4: Measures taken to ensure a good knowledge and management of ecological and environmental standards, resulting in the ISO and ECOPORT SLC Certifications for the Autonomous Port of Cotonou. This will also mean the implementation of a system to monitor, manage and analyze in real time the environmental impact on air quality of the activities of the Port throughout the area, in the context of the (Portu'Air project). Q4: Support the Donatin Marine Area as well as the protection of marine and coastal ecosystems
35.	EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	Palestine Lebanon	Social Entrepreneurship Fund (SEF)	Q1: Signature of Agreement with KfW

	Sector	Country – Region	Title	Milestones in 2025
	RESEAR CH	Jordan – Middle East		Q4: Set up of the Fund

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Health				
36.	HEALTH	Egypt – North of Sahara	Healthcare Investment in Egypt	Q4: Signature of the final agreements
37.	HEALTH	Burundi – Africa	Programme d'appui du système de santé III (PASS III) (AMAGARA MU MURYANGO)	Q4: Support and improvement of access to free health services for pregnant women and children under 5, and other people in vulnerable situations
38.	HEALTH	Montenegro – Europe	Reconstruction and rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation infrastructure	Q3: Start of construction
39.	HEALTH	Moldova – Europe	Bălți Regional Hospital, Republic of Moldova	Q2: Conceptual/ Preliminary Design Q3: Development of Technical Specifications for Construction Q4: Development of Technical Specifications for Conceptual/Preliminary Design
40.	HEALTH	Serbia – Europe	University Childrens Hospital Tirova 2 in Belgrade	Q3: Finalisation of the structure of the buildings
41.	HEALTH	Côte d'Ivoire Madagascar Nigeria Uganda Zambia - Africa	Safe Birth Africa Project	Q1: Initiation of scaling up of new recommended medicines and upgrading of PPH management: first women and girls reached with new and underused commodities in the 5 target countries of SBA. Q2: Publishing of first evidence-informed regional advocacy briefs on policy, financing, supply and use of new and underused medicines to combat postpartum haemorrhage. Q3: Initiation of technical partnerships to support African manufacturers of life saving

				maternal health medicines for the development of the Regional Manufacturing for Equitable Access Initiative
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Transport				
42.	TRANSPORT	Gabon – Middle Africa	Programme de Remise à Niveau du Transgabonais (phase 2)	Q4: Procurement of the first works Q4: Procurement of a new passenger train Q4: Signature of the financing agreement
43.	TRANSPORT	Senegal - Africa	The modular airports in Senegal	Q1: In the first stage, two airports airport in Saint-Louis was successfully completed and put into operation. (2024)The completion works are under way at Ourossogui-Matam airport, which can be expected to be completed and handed over in Q1 2025 Q4: The Second stage is to include three other airports (Ziguinchor, Kédougou and Tambacounda airports).
44.	TRANSPORT	Kiribati – Micronesia	Christmas Island Port	Q2: Signature of contract with consultancy for feasibility study
45.	TRANSPORT	Armenia – South & Central Asia	Yerevan Customs and Logistics Centre	Q4: Contracting by the EU Delegation
46.	TRANSPORT	Seychelles - Africa	Port Victoria Rehabilitation and Extension	Q3 : Launching the works

* Project delivery subject to necessary requirements being met.

- 2) **The list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2024 (15369/1/23) has been amended as follows and below:**
information updated for projects 2, 8, 12, 23, 119 and 126;
project 7 (integrated in project 10 for 2025), 74, 56 and 131 deleted.

	Sector	Country-Region	Title/ Project description	Milestones in 2024	Reference in Master Table
2.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Caribbean - Regional	<p><u>Addressing the threat of the sargassum algae plague in the Caribbean</u> <u>Turning the Tide. Sustainable Practices and Economic Opportunities for Sargassum Value Chain Development in the Caribbean Basin</u></p> <p>Develop a structured, political, and practical approach to tackle the shared Caribbean EU (through Overseas Countries and Territories) challenge of sargassum algae by facilitating stakeholder dialogue, research (mitigation/adaptation) and investment for commercial solutions. <u>This flagship project focuses efforts on commercially viable transformation in the Caribbean, generating growth & jobs while alleviating the burden on local governments. It structures a single conversation around a sustainable sargassum value chain: (i) enhanced research for evidence-based action (predictability, pretreatment, storage, wastage, transformation); (ii) local capacities, policies and regulations that facilitate the contention, collection and transformation of sargassum; (iii) proof of concept and de-risking for investments in commercial transformation; (iv) regional multi-stakeholder dialogue. Beside NDICI, the EU can rely on Horizon, Interreg, DOAG, Erasmus+. The EU counts with a variety of programmes and studies in the region, including in Martinique and Guadeloupe, and the Conferences in the Dominican Republic in 2023 and Mexico in 2024).</u></p>	<p>Signature of the convention with AFD.</p> <p>Financing and Launch of a feasibility studies' programme by AFD Groupe.</p> <p>By end Q2 regional event to unveil commercial opportunities for sargassum application.</p> <p>By end Q4 launch of one-stop-shop platform for sargassum action.</p>	Part of the <u>LAC GGIA</u>
7.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	India - South Asia	<p><u>Sustainable Urbanisation Rehabilitation of urban infrastructure with a focus on integrated waste management and climate sensitive</u></p>	<p>CITHS 2.0: Official launch of flagship program Q1.</p>	

			<p>urban management, including a strong focus on enhancing access to public spaces for elderly, women and children and promoting women economic empowerment through employment opportunities, supporting India's Smart Cities Mission. (CITHS 2.0).</p> <p>Funding the construction of metros and Urban Mobility Competence Hub (TA), also expected to provide employment opportunities for women.</p>	<p>Selection of 18 cities (Q2) to participate in the CITHS flagship program.</p> <p>Signature events for the new metro projects (Bangalore and Nagpur) by Q4</p>	
8.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Pakistan - South Asia	<p>Climate Resilient Infrastructure (hydropower and irrigation systems) and TVET Centres</p> <p>Construction of on-grid hydropower plant in Hunza district; off-grid micro hydropower plants in remote villages of Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral and upgrading of electricity distribution lines in Hunza, as well as construction and rehabilitation of community-based hydro powerplants and irrigation systems in <u>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Development of 8 Technical and Vocational Training Centres of Excellence in the regions of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit Baltistan, primarily targeting youth and women.</u> -Construction of 3 Technical and Vocational Training Centres of Excellence in the provinces of Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab, primarily targeting youth and women.</p>	<p>Signing Ceremony for Financing Agreement Post Flood green energy recovery Q2</p> <p>Project launch ceremony in Q3</p> <p>Tech. & Vocational Training Centers Excellence: project launch ceremony in Q3.</p>	<p><u>TEI Building back better through green jobs creation</u></p>
12.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Cameroon - West/Central Africa	<p>Construction of a hydroelectric dam (400 MW) NACHTIGAL – expected increase in Cameroon's electrical production capacity by 30%.</p> <p><u>The hydroelectric power plant (420MW) will produce more than 2100 GWh yearly. As a renewable source of energy, the power plant will contribute to avoiding the emission of 850kteq of CO2 per year.</u></p>	<p>Inauguration and start of production of the first turbine.</p>	<p><u>Villes vertes inclusives et durables - part of Africa GG Investment Package</u></p>
23.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Ukraine - Neighbourhood East	<p><u>Ukrenergo power transmission and support to other companies to repair and strengthen energy grid and</u></p>	<p>Development of detailed power transmission grid</p>	<p>N/A</p>

			<p>generation</p> <p>Reconstruction and rehabilitation of Electricity Generation and Transmission Infrastructure strengthening of the Ukraine's grid to strengthen the resilience of the network by investing in repairs and rehabilitation of electricity infrastructure, increasing grid flexibility and capacity to connect new renewables, and increasing cross border connection capacity with neighbouring ENTSOE grids - crucial for energy security and greening of Ukraine's energy system. A focus on addressing critical skills gaps, upgrading training standards in line with international standards (ENTSO-E) and delivering support for women workers and war veterans.</p>	reconstruction and development investment plan.	
56.	CLIMATE AND ENERGY	Ethiopia – Eastern Africa	<p>Projet géothermie TMGO</p> <p>This is the country's first private geothermal project, and the first private-sector power resale contract in Ethiopia. It is also a renewable and stable resource that helps offset the irregularity of hydroelectricity.</p> <p>The project answers a request made by the Ethiopian authorities to the EU in April for support in coping with the country's unprecedented economic crisis. Following the adoption of a programme for Ethiopia in October, this is a concrete follow up to the commitments made by the EU and its Member States in the Council conclusions adopted on April 24.</p>	Project launch event.	N/A
74	DIGITAL	Mozambique – Southern Africa	<p>Fiber Flow Mozambique: enabling digitalization.</p> <p>This project targets a nationwide modernization of the fiber optic network, emphasizing trust, high capacity, and resilience. Seamlessly connecting key cities across the country, the initiative extends beyond borders, fostering resilient regional links across Africa's Southeast nations.</p>	2024: Minimum milestones: rollout of phase 1 of the project in the North region (Nampula Cabo Delgado, Niassa) with main optical hubs in Nacala and Palma.	N/A
119.	TRANSPORT	Ukraine and Moldova –	<p>Solidarity Lanes: Moldova and Ukraine.</p>	Contribution agreement EIB	N/A

		Neighbourhood East	<p>The rehabilitation of priority transport axes connecting Ukraine and Moldova to the European Union which contribute to trade in essential goods from and to Ukraine.</p> <p>The Solidarity Lanes project also addresses the need for investment in Moldova's ageing transport infrastructure by increasing the capacity of its rail network and its interconnectivity with the railway networks of neighbouring countries. EU, EBRD and EIB are financing this project together.</p> <p><u>The Solidarity Lanes play a pivotal role in Ukraine's economic recovery and further integration into the EU single market. The EU, EBRD and EIB are providing financial support to the Solidarity Lanes together. In total, the Commission has mobilised nearly EUR 2 billion for the development of Solidarity Lanes so far. Building on this, the first set of programmes under the Ukraine Investment Framework (UIF) will include support for rehabilitation & development of transport and logistics infrastructure. The investment priorities under UIF will be guided by priority reforms defined in the Ukraine Plan, including a revised national transport strategy and a border crossing points strategy by the end of 2024. Most support has been provided through the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), which to date is channeling up to EUR 1.6 billion to increase cross-border connectivity. In 2024, this included EUR 338 million in grant support for nine projects of relevance to the Solidarity Lanes, such as the preparation for migration to the European standard gauge on priority axes connecting Ukraine's rail network to the EU as well as road connections between Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. Further projects to modernise the transport infrastructure on the EU's trans-European transport</u></p>	<p>signed.</p> <p>Rehabilitation works on North - South railway line in Moldova start.</p> <p>Amendment to the loan agreement EBRD signed.</p>	
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			<p>network (TEN-T) as well as in Ukraine and Moldova will be awarded under the 2024 CEF call closing in 2025. This comes in addition to the support provided through external instruments (support to the North-South rail axis in Moldova and to the UA road border crossing points, which is already delivering on the ground). A medium-term approach to developing physical infrastructure that connects Ukraine to the EU is essential, laying the foundations for Solidarity Lanes to become the 'reconstruction lanes' of the future and enabling the efficient movement of goods, services, and people between Ukraine and the EU.</p>		
126.	TRANS-PORT	Brazil – South America	<p>Construction and Operation of Port Infrastructure: Establishment of a green and digital corridor between the Portuguese Port of Sines and the Brazilian Port of Pecém, Maranhão. Construction and Operation of Port Infrastructures: Establishment of a green and digital corridor between the Portuguese Port of Sines and the Brazilian Port of Pecém, and development and construction of a Port at Maranhão, with a view to also establishing a green and digital corridor to Europe.</p> <p>The port of Sines is a strategic platform for the Atlantic and a hub for agricultural bulk, minerals, and green Hydrogen. This project allows the development of a logistical, green and digital corridor between Sines and the Port of Pecém, in Brazil (also in triangulation with the Port of Barra do Dande, in Angola). This reinforces resilience concerning agrifood, minerals and energy, namely regarding projects for green hydrogen and steel, contributing to transition towards a green and blue economy. A Digital Logistics Single Window will render those corridors more sustainable.</p>	<p>Beginning of the construction of logistic terminals along the railway connecting to the Port of Pecém (Ferrovia Transnordestina).</p>	<p>Part of the LAC GGIA (Ports infrastructure in Brazil)</p> <p>Linked with 2023 Global Gateway Flagship “green and digital corridor between the Port of Sines and the Port of Barra Do Dande in Angola »</p>
131.	TRANS-PORT	India – South Asia	<p>Green urban mobility: Implementation of integrated, sustainable and energy efficient metro rail systems</p>	<p>Start of operation of flagship metro systems (tbc)</p>	N/A

			in Surat and Ahmedabad. Supporting low emission, passenger-friendly and integrated mobility solutions for metropolitan areas with a suburban railway system, also expected to provide employment opportunities for women.	Signature event for new metro project (tbe)	
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- 3) The list of Global Gateway flagship projects for 2023 (6738/23) has been amended as follows and below:
 updating project information of projects n. 3, 8, 23, 41, 61, 70 and 86;
 removing project n. 24;
 and merging projects n. 51, 52, and 59.

Related priority	Region/ Partner countries involved	Milestones 2023	Project information	No.
Human-Centred Digitalisation, Reduced digital gap pillar, <i>National TEI</i>	Kenya	Feb: EU-Kenya Trade and Investments Business Forum.	<p>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</p> <p><u>Last mile digital connections to underserved areas</u></p> <p><u>Construction of digital infrastructure for last mile connectivity of underserved areas, with a particular emphasis on sustainable, resilient and affordable school connectivity and on-site connectivity of TVET centres. The flagship project will connect at least 700 primary schools across 13 counties, using the most suitable solution (i.e. fibre optic and fixed wireless), and</u></p>	3

			<p><u>will reduce - if not entirely eliminate - the operating costs of internet connectivity for at least 300 schools already connected during a previous phase.</u></p>	
<p>Sustainable Connectivity</p> <p>Regional TEI</p> <p>and national TEI</p> <p>Digital Transformation and Connectivity</p>	<p>Philippines</p>	<p>Administrative Arrangement with the Philippines on Copernicus data signed</p> <p>ESA to provide tools for Copernicus technology and data transfer. Signature with European Space Agency.</p>	<p><u>Digital Transformation and Connectivity</u></p> <p><u>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</u></p> <p><u>As part of Digital Transformation in the Philippines, the EU and the Philippines, launched the EU Copernicus Programme to the Philippines being the first one of its kind in the region. With Philippines being an island country prone to disasters, Copernicus will make a difference by establishing a data centre (mirror site) to facilitate use, access and distribution of Copernicus satellite data, improve skills and raise awareness.</u></p> <p><u>Building on this cooperation, the EU continues its support in this area with the Digital Economy Package. The Digital Economy Package for the EU is aiming to support the Philippines becoming a digital connectivity hub in the region, promoting connectivity, expand Copernicus in South-East Asia, cybersecurity and policy and regulatory support</u></p>	8

			for 5G roll out.	
Africa EU Green Energy Initiative	Namibia	Signature in the context of planned EIB operations.	Construction of 85 MW solar PV plant combined with electrolyzers <u>The EU and EIB are looking to support a project led by a French company to set up an 85 MW solar park relying on trackers and a green hydrogen unit based on electrolyzers, fuel cells, and battery storage. The objective is to see the solar panels powering electrolyzers to produce hydrogen that can be stored.</u>	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 Nigéria – Niger – Bénin – Burkina Faso. National TEI : Nigergenerationsfutures	24

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. <u>Bangladesh Renewable Energy Facility</u>	41
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ASEAN Green Initiative Regional TEI	Vietnam	<p><u>Bac Ai Hydropower</u>: EIB to start consultations under Article 19 procedure.</p> <p>EIB's board to take investment decision.</p> <p>Adoption of the Vietnam JETP Resource Mobilisation Plan (JETP - RMP).</p> <p><u>Hydropower plant Tri An</u>: KfW starts due diligence.</p> <p><u>The Tra Vinh project</u>: Impact assessment and a decision on a phase 2 expansion.</p>	<p><u>Vietnam Just Energy Transition Partnership</u></p> <p>Part also of national TEI Climate-resilient, low-carbon circular economy:</p> <p>1) Bac Ai Hydropower. Hydro Pump Storage (1200 MW). to contribute to JETP.</p> <p>2) Upgrading of Hydropower plant Tri An by 200MV to increase peak capacities and to allow for integration of variable renewable energy. EUR 120 million.</p> <p><u>The Tra (Climate Investor One) Vinh Project</u> 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:</p> <p><u>181 GWH/year green power production. 69,983 tCO2 emissions per year avoided.</u></p>	51
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			<u>127,822 people served with green energy.</u>	
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. <u>Scaling-up road networks along strategic corridors in Benin</u>	61
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.	<u>The general objective of the flagship project is to contribute to the reduction of poverty and the improvement of the living conditions of the populations of the Republic of Congo through an improvement of the economic and commercial environment, access to efficient port infrastructure and sustainable fisheries resource management. The specific objectives are:</u> <u>a. enable the Port Autonome de Pointe Noire (PAPN) to respond to the growth in traffic at the port of Pointe-Noire by improving its reception infrastructure and its competitiveness;</u> <u>b. support the PAPN in order to implement environmental management in accordance with international standards;</u> <u>c. support the Congo in order to restore sustainable exploitation of the fishery resource.</u> <u>The program entails the extension of existing cargo infrastructure, new waste management infrastructure, the amelioration of environmental management</u>	70

			<p><u>system, building infrastructures, governance mechanisms and systems capable of assisting the Congo in finding sustainable fishing management modes, and measures to improve port procedures.</u></p>	
<p>Regional Teacher Programme for Africa (Sub-Saharan Africa)</p>	<p>Regional (sub-Saharan Africa)</p>	<p><u>Launch of the EU-Africa flagship teachers programme, 24 January.</u></p> <p><u>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).</u></p> <p><u>Q1: 28 lower secondary schools in Tanzania, Uganda and Rwanda will be equipped with 56 mobile Digital Toolkits and 8 innovation hubs will be established to support training</u></p> <p><u>Q2-Q4: Gender Transformative Pedagogy project (identify partners (Q2), outreach to donors, regional symposium (Q4), support to Kenya, South Africa and Ghana (Q3-Q4))</u></p> <p><u>Q3-Q4: scaling project on continuous training via tutored blended learning (development of inter-countries synergies (Q3-Q4), support on training of staff and production of pedagogical and didactic tools in Benin, DR Congo and Senegal (Q4))</u></p> <p><u>Q2: call for proposals on education innovation with 8 innovative solutions participating in the WeHubit Bootcamp</u></p>	<p>Regional Teacher Programme for Africa (Sub-Saharan Africa)</p>	<p>86</p>

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