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Global Gateway: Where now and where to next?

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Global Gateway (GG)

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Global Gateway: a new EU approach

- **Branding:** communication & visibility for EU positive offer on resilient connectivity through a strategic, Team Europe approach to **quality investment** hard and soft infrastructure in digital, climate and energy, and **transport** sectors and strengthening **health, education and research** systems across the world
- **Strategic:** based on EU values, principles, standards and interests in a mutually beneficial approach
- **Systemic change:** combining development objectives & instruments with EU self-interested geostrategic considerations & economic diplomacy tools

⇒ **Global Gateway after more than 2 years:**

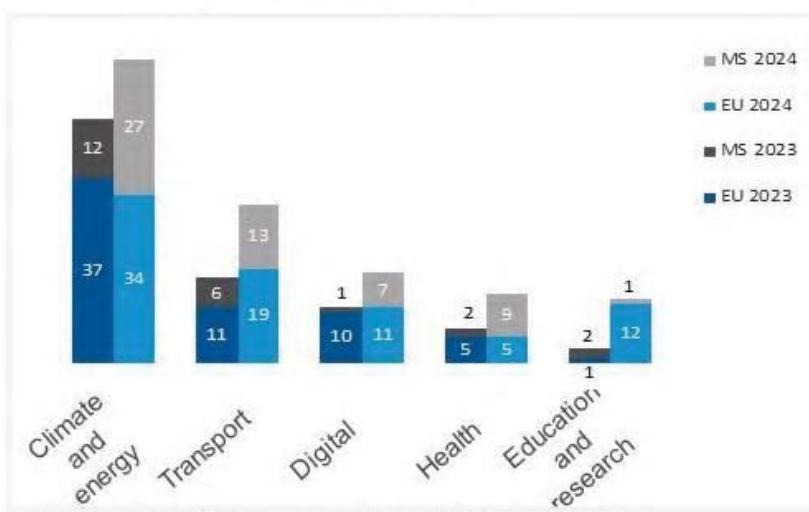
- a toddler
- growing pains
- building the boat while sailing

Global Gateway: range of narratives and perceptions

- **A European alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative:**
 - “*We face a battle of narrative, but more and more we face a battle of offers*” Commissioner Urpilainen ([Financial Times 12 May 2024](#))
 - common, catchy, but counter-productive?
- **Smart investments** & mobilisation of the private sector to achieve the SDGs through a 360-degree Team Europe approach (supply & demand side; enabling environment)
- **Development captured by EU self-interests**
- A new coherent **whole-of-the-EU approach** to combine development, economic and geopolitical ambitions
- A way to restore a **level playing field** with systemic rivals and like-minded main competitors

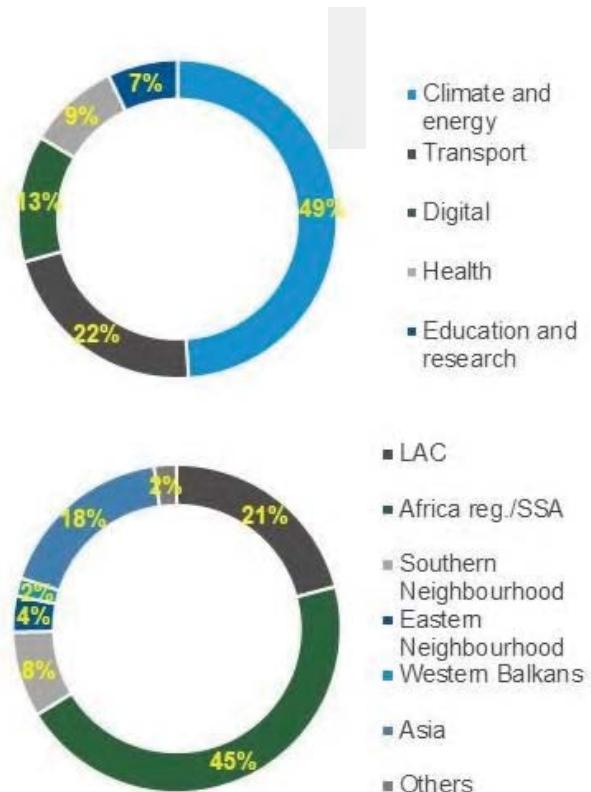
Global Gateway in numbers: 2023-2024

225 flagship projects



- Increasing proposals, also by EU MS
- Half in climate & energy
- Primarily in Africa

- EBRD: 17 flagship projects
- EIB (2022-2023): committed €11 bn, mobilising around €60 bn in investment (= 60% of its €100 bn target under Global Gateway)
- 2023 Global Gateway Summit; EU Summits with third parties (AU, ASEAN, LAC); GG high-level Team Europe missions in partner countries



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Global Gateway: where to next? Recommendations

- **Strengthening communication, reporting and monitoring:** No comprehensive overview beyond the number of flagship projects: populate the Global Gateway Platform with info and make it accessible to private sector/public
⇒ live up to expectations raised: implementation & progress & impact
- **Streamlining the approach to achieve GG's aims:** foster whole-of-government/EU; focus on key strategic initiatives (development & geostrategic)
- **Enhancing the GG's strategic guidance and operational governance,** strengthening linkages and coherence within the Council & with EFAD/GG pluri-governance; involving DFIs/PDBs, ECAs, implanting agencies, private sector, ...
- **Adopting a more strategic and focused approach to key partner countries and regions,** in line with the EU Global Outreach Strategy ambitions and local ownership principles; also with special attention to fragile contexts and EU SMEs
- **Linking internal and external EU policy agendas through mutual benefits and stronger partnership approaches,** also integrating partner countries into European value chains
- **Reconciling GG geostrategic and development goals** based on the SDGs, enhancing coordination between European development and non-development instruments and policies in EU external action

Thank you!



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