

Question for written answer E-004113/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Global Gateway – transparency of project selection procedures

The EU launched the Global Gateway programme in 2021 in response, among other matters, to competing initiatives such as China's Belt and Road Initiative. The goal of the programme is to make up to EUR 300 billion in investment available by 2027 for the development of sustainable, smart and secure infrastructure in partner countries.

It seeks to bolster the EU's geopolitical, economic and digital ties with the rest of the world; however, several years on from its introduction, its track record raises questions about its effectiveness and transparency:

many stakeholders, such as partner country governments, economic partners, European and international companies, non-governmental organisations and financial institutions, have reported persistent difficulties in understanding the procedures and eligibility conditions in calls for projects.

1. Can the Commission set out in detail the methodology and criteria it applies when selecting projects within the framework of the global gateway strategy, including how Member States' strategic, economic and geopolitical considerations are weighted?
2. Can it also provide details on the stages of the selection process (identification, evaluation, setting of priorities), the relative weight given to factors, such as alignment with EU priorities, and the mechanisms established to improve transparency?

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