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to the Commission
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Subject: European investment in Latin America in a changing geopolitical landscape

Under the European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean (EU-LAC) Global Gateway Investment Agenda, Team Europe has committed over EUR 45 billion to Latin America and the Caribbean for the period until 2027. Meanwhile, the United States is rapidly expanding its economic and strategic footprint in Latin America, in sectors ranging from critical raw materials and nearshoring to ports and digital infrastructure. This is a competitive risk, but also an opportunity. Where US capital and corporate networks are already moving, EU investors can gain speed and scale by plugging into those flows rather than simply building parallel structures. EU companies, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), still report difficulties in identifying bankable projects and accessing support with project preparation in the region.

1. How does the Commission assess the effect of intensified US investment in the region on delivery of the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda, and where does it see possibilities for cooperation?
2. Which instruments allow EU investors and SMEs to access project pipelines, technical assistance and co-financing through regional development banks, such as the Inter-American Development Bank?
3. Is the Commission willing to launch a pilot with the Inter-American Development Bank and existing business platforms in the Western Hemisphere to develop a joint pipeline of bankable projects, and under what conditions could such a facility operate from outside the EU?

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