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**Question for written answer E-002522/24
to the Commission
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Subject: Return of the Global Gateway project

The Global Gateway project aims at smart investments in quality infrastructure respecting ‘the highest social and environmental standards’ and is in fact a response to China’s Belt and Road Initiative, except that China is using its new Silk Road as direct access to the European market for its low-cost products and that the European Union’s main concern is to find solutions to a supply chain of critical raw materials that has become problematic.

The stated expectation is that Team Europe will be able to mobilise EUR 300 billion between 2021 and 2027 for sustainable and quality projects and that this will create opportunities for EU undertakings.

1. What amount has been mobilised and invested so far?
2. What return has been achieved to date for companies in the EU?
3. What impact has the roll-out of the Global Gateway project so far had on the critical raw materials supply chain?

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**Answer given by Mr Sikela on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU’s Global Gateway (GG) ⁽¹⁾ aims to mobilise up to EUR 300 billion in public and private investments by 2027 through a mix of grants, loans and guarantees.

Over 2021-2023, EUR 179 billion were mobilised — EUR 50 billion from the EU and EUR 129 billion from Member States ⁽²⁾, the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The GG strategy fosters sustainable investments to support the digital and green transitions, as well as sustainable development in the climate, energy, and transport sectors, and reinforces, health, and education systems.

The GG Business Advisory Group was formed to assist the Commission to strengthen cooperation with the European private sector. EU delegations have also organised over 50 business forums, facilitating discussions between businesses and policymakers and enabling EU-national Business-to-Business interactions.

The European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus and the GET.invest programmes mobilising renewable energy investments ⁽³⁾ provide support through European development financing partners. This is done through loans, equity, and grants (and also advisory services).

The EU established 14 strategic partnerships for sustainable raw material value chains, supporting local processing, refining, skills development, and environmental standards, and endorsed several GG-related flagship projects in Africa, Central Asia and Latin America.

Other key initiatives include the Hi-Bar guarantee with the EBRD, a blending facility with the Inter-American Development Bank, and the critical raw materials value chains facility, which enhances collaboration between the EU and partner countries on sustainable raw material development.

⁽¹⁾ Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank The Global Gateway, JOIN(2021) 30 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021JC0030>

⁽²⁾ Joint Communication on building sustainable international partnerships as a Team Europe, JOIN(2024) 25 final, https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/document/download/1e8e8afb-64eb-493c-9494-7e2e10796bf3_en?filename=joint-communication-building-sustainable-international-partnerships-as-team-europe_en.pdf

⁽³⁾ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/programming/projects/getinvest-mobilising-renewable-energy-investments_enpa.eu