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The Global Gateway strategy¹ is delivering with impact in Africa based on the shared objective of sustainable prosperity for both continents. The report to the EU-African Union Ministerial of 21 May 2025² shows tangible and consequential progress in all the 11 priority areas of the Africa-Europe Investment Package announced at the 2022 Summit³ and aligned with African Union's Agenda 2063⁴. The very high participation on both sides at the Ministerial meeting testifies of the vitality and importance of the partnership.

With the Global Gateway, the EU has shifted to a partnership-based model, moving beyond donor-recipient ties to foster economic and social development and creating sustainable job in the partner countries. While other international actors might promote different development models, Global Gateway aims to create links, not dependency but rather contribute to the development of the partner countries. It is the EU's value-based offer for financially sustainable and quality projects implemented in a Team Europe approach⁵. In a challenging international context, the EU stands out as a reliable and trusted partner. In 2022, the EU's Foreign Direct Investment stock in Africa was EUR 309 billion (compared to EUR 41 billion for China). Scaling up Global Gateway is a clear mandate of the Commissioner for International Partnerships.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway_en.

² https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/publications-library/preliminary-monitoring-report-considered-au-eu-ministerial-follow-committee_en.

³ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway/initiatives-sub-saharan-africa/eu-africa-global-gateway-investment-package_en.

⁴ <https://au.int/en/agenda2063/overview>.

⁵ Including Member States, European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Financial Institutions, Member States' agencies and the private sector.