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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission clarifies that POMA¹ does not receive EU funding for developing cable car lines in El Salvador. The Commission is financing technical assistance and pre-investment studies to support sustainable transport solutions in the San Salvador Metropolitan Area in benefit of the population. Any future investment operation will be subject to a comprehensive due diligence process.

All EU-funded cooperation actions in El Salvador – with a focus on sustainable, inclusive human development, environmental sustainability, digital connectivity, civil society and human rights – are designed and implemented in accordance with EU Regulation². Human rights, rule of law and governance risks are considered during action design and implementation and are monitored throughout.

Transparency is a core principle of the EU's approach. At country level, EU supports enhanced transparency and public participation and engages with relevant partners, including independent civil society organisations. In El Salvador, the EU-funded pre-investment assistance places particular emphasis on governance, accountability, transparency and public participation, including through engagement with civil society organisations. Upon conclusion of the studies phase, should the bankability of an investment be confirmed, the ensuing EU-supported actions will be subject to appropriate public transparency requirements.

The Commission coordinates with its partners to monitor and assess respect for fundamental values, and this coordination feeds into the political and sectoral dialogues with the country. The EU engages regularly with Salvadorian authorities on human rights and rule of law³.

¹ <https://www.poma.net/en/>.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/947: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/947/oj?uri=CELEX:32021R0947>.

³ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/el-salvador-2nd-bilateral-consultations-eu-takes-place-brussels_en.