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The EU has long been a steadfast and reliable partner of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), and this close cooperation remains essential in reinforcing and complementing EU support to partner countries. President of the European Commission pledged EUR 700 million to GPE for the period 2021–2027¹, and the Commission remains fully committed to honouring that pledge. This represents an average contribution of EUR 100 million per year and already covers 2026 and 2027, the first two years of GPE's next financing cycle.

Education remains a longstanding priority of the EU's external action and a key pillar of the Global Gateway strategy². Continued support for education and skills development in partner countries — including vocational education and training, within a lifelong learning approach — will therefore remain of central importance.

With regard to the next funding cycle, however, the Commission cannot prejudge the outcome of the negotiations and programming decisions under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2028-2034 and is therefore not in a position, at this stage, to make commitments beyond 2027.

¹ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/education-eu-increases-its-commitment-global-partnership-education-pledge-eu700-million-2021-2027-2021-06-10_en.

² https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/publications-library/global-gateway-strategy_en.