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Information on Global Gateway and its flagship projects is available on the European Commission's website¹, which also provides links to approved action documents. EU Delegations also regularly facilitate dialogue with civil society and the private sector in partner countries, sharing information on EU investments. The European Parliament is kept informed both through its observer role on the Global Gateway Board and its participation in the strategic board for the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+), main Commission tool for mobilising investments.

As regards the selection of Strategic Projects under the Critical Raw Materials (CRM) Act², the evaluation is conducted by external experts with professional expertise in the technical, financial, environmental, social and governance dimensions. In line with Article 7 of the CRM Act, the proposed list of Strategic Projects is then presented for the opinion of the CRM Board chaired by the Commission and composed of Member States, with the European Parliament as an observer. The final list is then adopted by a Commission Decision.

The contribution of EUR 900 million in a Team Europe approach (EU, Member States, European Investment Bank) for Global Gateway projects was announced in a communiqué from the President of the Commission on 18 December 2023³. The funding will support four Global Gateway Initiatives on green deal, connectivity, health and education⁴. They won't be directly or indirectly linked to the mining sector as they target inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation, youth led innovation and green investment in Rwandan cities, vaccines, medicines and health technologies, and early childhood services.

¹ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/publications-library/global-gateway-flagship-projects-infographics_en

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202401252

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_23_6724

⁴ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/rwanda/global-gateway-rwanda_en?s=115