



The European Union approach to Digitalisation under the Global Gateway Strategy

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New priority area for the European Commission (2019). **EU Global Gateway Strategy** lists digital objectives:

- ☐ Tackling digital divide in partner countries
 - ☐ Strengthen connectivity between Europe and the rest of the world
 - ☐ Promote EU services and assets (Copernicus, Galileo, leveraging on EU space industry)
 - ☐ Promote open internet & foster cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation
- Leveraging EU policy and regulation expertise & PS industry to build partnership opportunities (private sector and public sector collaboration, all in Team Europe to scale up efforts)

Africa-Europe GG Investment Package (geographic deliverable of GG), digital flagship areas:

- ✓ Promoting high quality, trusted and secure connectivity (first mile, middle mile, last mile, incl. satellite connectivity)
- ✓ Supporting viable policy and regulatory frameworks (data, cybersecurity, e-commerce, ICT policy)
- ✓ Boosting Digital Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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Variety of instruments available under NDICI Europe with European Sustainable Development Fund + (EFSD+): Guarantees, Grants (SSA Regional MIP, National MIPs, Thematic envelope) , Blended Finance, others via Open Architecture system

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Examples of EU SSA Regional/Multi-country Programmes



Data Governance in Africa: Components: 1) Data Policy Support (AU, RECs, selected countries) 2) Data use cases and cross-border data sharing agreements in selected countries (incl. via call for proposals) 2) Identification of investments in data infrastructure (via Digital Investment Facility)

Africa-Europe Digital Regulators Partnership

- 1) ICT Policy & Regulation - Institutional Strengthening (iPRIS)– on demand support for NRAs and RROs in SSA on ICT regulation with peer-to-peer cooperation with European NRAs/BEREC (co-funded and implemented by Sweden – SPIDER and PTS – and Luxembourg – Lux. Regulatory institute)
- 2) AfricaBBMaps – targeted support to NRAs on broadband mapping for informed infrastructure investments – partnerships with ITU and European NRAs

AfricaConnect Programme: Support to digital transformation of R&E sector in Africa via the African Regional and National Research and Education Networks (Ubuntunet Alliance, NREN Malawi MAREN)

Digital Infrastructure Investments: Development of project pipeline ongoing (i.e. Extension of Blue Raman submarine cable to East Africa and India, with EIB, GEANT, Ubuntunet Alliance) Trusted and secure connectivity

EU Guarantee scheme with Finnfund: AfricaConnected



EU funded projects ongoing in Malawi

- Digital Transformation for Malawi (DT4M) Project – Implemented by UNDP
E-governance, digital ID system, digital services, skills (bridging digital gender gap)
- UNCDF: Digital finance access and literacy promote financial inclusion through enabling regulations and digital financial services.



Relevant Links:

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/policies/global-gateway_en

<https://africabbmaps.itu.int/>

<https://ipris.digital/>

https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-technical-assistance/funding-instruments/european-fund-sustainable-development-plus/africa-connected_en



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