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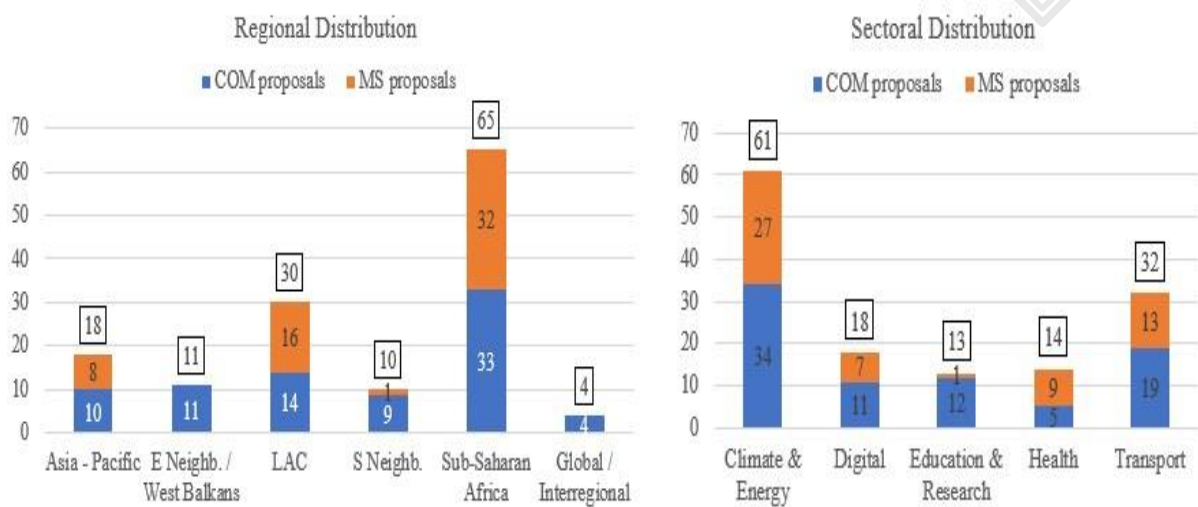
Subject: Global Gateway - State of play and way forward

1. Two years after its launch in 2021, the implementation of the Global Gateway Strategy has advanced significantly. The priorities of the Strategy are being streamlined across EU policies, so that EU funding, public and private investment can be matched with the EU's strategic interests and partner's priorities in the areas of climate and energy, digital, education and research, health and transport to advance towards a triple transition (social, green and digital).
2. COREPER and the Relex Counsellors – Horizontal Questions Working Party have given substantial political steer to the process in line with the Global Gateway governance (ST 13888/22 REV 1). The provision of political steer by Council will continue to be of key importance in identifying new Global Gateway initiatives and further operationalization of

Global Gateway. At its last policy discussion on 1 March 2023, COREPER outlined the following priorities for the work on Global Gateway:

- a. visibility and communication;
 - b. advance the delivery of projects in Africa and follow-up to the EU-AU Summit;
 - c. increase the number of projects in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region;
 - d. increase the number of projects in the immediate neighbourhood;
 - e. enhance the involvement of private sector and launch the business advisory group;
 - f. balance between sectors.
3. Since then, a number of these priorities have been advanced. The inaugural Global Gateway Forum took place on 25-26 October, the Business Advisory Group (BAG), the Civil Society Dialogue Platform and the Global Gateway platform were launched. Financial monitoring methodology currently being developed.
 4. Summits held with partners continue to be paramount in order to showcase the work carried out under Global Gateway. That was the case with the EU-CELAC Summit of July 2023 that allowed for the elaboration of the Global Gateway Investment Agenda for LAC on the occasion of the EU-CELAC Summit, which was followed by the EU-Latin America and the Caribbean Ministerial Meeting held in Santiago de Compostela on 15th September, which promoted, together with multilateral banks, the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda, as well as the development of bilateral investment packages between the EU and Latin American and Caribbean countries.
 5. A list of investment projects with Japan on the occasion of the EU-Japan Summit of May 2023 was agreed.
 6. To operationalize the Strategy and make 2023 the year of delivery for Global Gateway, work in the Council further focused on developing annual lists of flagship projects. The aim of the annual lists is to showcase the priorities of the Union, its Member States, and our partners, and to improve the communication around our strategic partnerships and the promotion of our joint interests. The first such list was adopted in March for the Global Gateway projects in 2023.

7. The work on the second flagship list, identifying the flagship projects to be promoted in 2024, has been completed. The 2024 list represents a significant increase in projects compared to the 2023 list (138 for 2024 compared to 87 for 2023). The flagship lists are not exhaustive, and there are many other Global Gateway projects not included therein. Nevertheless, the evolution of the list demonstrates the significant increase of projects with strong milestones that can be promoted in partner countries. Moreover, the number of projects with Member States in the lead has also increased, delivering on a key priority for the Strategy, which is to align efforts across the EU around joint priorities, and increase the impact of our investments in a Team Europe approach.



8. In light of progress achieved and the increased activity across different strands and stakeholders, Coreper is invited to provide guidance on future work and how to streamline it. The following questions intend to serve to guide the debate:

- a) What are regional and thematic priorities that work should focus on, and how should geopolitical developments (for instance in Sahel) be reflected in the work on prioritisation? How can we use Global Gateway to strengthen EU's partnerships and promoting our values at a global stage?
- b) How can we improve communication across different EU and Member States actors, and what key messages should be promoted?
- c) How to ensure efficient strategic steer and streamlined coordination, in particular as regards the involvement of the private sector?