



Global Gateway: Africa-Europe Collaboration in Higher Education

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Education and skills in the Global Gateway Africa-Europe Investment Package

Human capital key to deliver on any potential benefits of the demographic dividend and **significant disparities** across Africa **must be overcome**;

Both a **boost to the labour market** and equipping youth with the **necessary skills** to thrive in a changing world, paying particular attention to the most **innovative fields**, as well as to **quality inclusive education and training are required**

The EU will invest in:

- (1) Quality – by investing in teachers;
- (2) Equity – by promoting girls' education and the inclusion of those left behind;
- (3) Skills for next generation jobs

And intensify efforts at all levels of intervention in the field of education to be more coherent, more impactful and transformational

Thematic areas of the Africa-EU Global Gateway Investment Package

A. Accelerating the Green Transition



Sustainable energy



Biodiversity, land, water, oceans & forests



Agri-food systems



Climate resilience & disaster risk reduction

B. Accelerating the Digital Transition



Digital transition

C. Accelerating growth and jobs



Transport



Private sector, entrepreneurship & MSMEs



African economic integration & diversification



Sustainable finance for sustainable transitions



Science, technology & innovation

D. Accelerating Human Development



Health: access to vaccines, medicines & health technology products



Quality education and skills

Snapshot of progress since 2022 EU-AU Summit

Under the Global Gateway and specifically the EU-Africa Global Gateway Investment Package, the EU is engaging with Africa in support of a broad skills agenda, with actions that aim to have transformational impact:

- i) Dedicated **education programmes and flagships** at various education levels (e.g. Angola, Benin, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia) - 55% of total spending on education over the period 2021-2023 (3 B EUR) has been in Sub-Sahara Africa
- ii) Regional programmes such as:
 - **Quality (teachers):** Regional Teacher Initiative for Africa (100 M Euro); Strengthening teaching in the Sahel
 - **Education system transformation:** Africa-Europe Partnership to Exchange on Education Reforms – PEERS (15 M Euro)
 - **VET:** Opportunity-Driven Skills and VET in Africa Team Europe Initiative (75 M Euro)
 - **Higher Education:** Youth Mobility for Africa flagship (970 M Euro)

as well as the contribution to the **GPE (700 M Euro)** and as part of the **Global Gateway 360-degree approach**, enabling actions in support of other GG investment priorities.



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Youth Mobility for Africa

The flagship initiative promotes learning mobility opportunities within Africa and between Africa and the EU. It supports cooperation in higher education and skills development and promotes **Africa as a study destination**





Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education

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Launch of the Flagship

Youth Mobility for Africa, umbrella flagship initiative covering ongoing and new programmes:

- [Erasmus +](#)
- [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme V](#)
- [Harmonization of African Higher Education
Quality Assurance and Accreditation - HAQAA
III](#)
- [African Continental Qualifications Framework -
ACQF II](#)
- [Young African Leaders Programme - YALP II](#)
- [Africa-Europe Youth Academy \(under
preparation\)](#)
- [Study in Africa \(under preparation\)](#)



5 strategic objectives

- Increase inclusive and demand-driven **learning mobility opportunities, skills development, and collaboration** within Africa and between Africa and the EU, through exchanges, scholarships, and cooperation projects
- Strengthen continental integration by supporting **regional and continental harmonization mechanisms** in education
- Foster **quality, relevance and attractiveness** of African higher education institutions as destinations of choice
- Support the **empowerment of African youth** for sustainable employability and active citizenship
- Increase **policy dialogue, coordination and valorization** of cooperation between African and European partners



Some examples (Africa)



- **EU's Forest Partnership with Zambia:** scope for partnerships with University of Zambia, the Zambia College of Forestry and Copperbelt University to promote sustainable forestry management for improved livelihoods.
- **Health and the EUR 1 billion Team Europe initiative on manufacturing and access to vaccines, medicines and health technologies in Africa (MAV+):** Master/PhD programme in biotechnology has been launched in partnership between Team Europe and the University of Rwanda at the beginning of this year,
- **Food security and climate:** using Intra-Africa Academic Mobility to support universities active in land and natural resource management or agrifood and linking up with programmes such as DeSIRA or the Sustainable Cocoa Initiative can support innovations in agro-ecological methods.
- **Development of value chains in the field of green energy transition** will rely, to a significant extent, on the training and research contribution of higher education institutions across Africa: University of Namibia (UNAM) and Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) both directly involved in the green hydrogen project through their training and research partnerships with the German Federal Research Institute on New Materials (BAM), a leader on the safety of hydrogen technology, and Rhein Main University of Applied Science in Wiesbaden.

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