

PFD meeting on Global Gateway and Team Europe Initiatives
October 4, 2020
13-15:00 CET

The [Global Gateway](#) is the positive offer of the EU, Member States and European Development Finance Institutions to partner countries. Using all the financial and development tools at the disposal of the EU, its Member States and Development Finance Institutions, Global Gateway will aim at mobilising investments of up to €300 billion between 2021 and 2027. It is being rolled out via a Team Europe approach, mainly through Team Europe Initiatives (TEIs). Global Gateway aims to improve people's lives by increasing sustainable, high-standard investments by promoting democratic values, good governance and transparency, inclusive and equal partnerships, and green, clean and secure infrastructures that catalyse private sector investment. The Global Gateway Communication emphasizes the need for investments and the importance of the private sector, and there is a concern from civil society that as development actors they will not be an integral part of the discussion and therefore that not enough attention will be paid to social accountability. Moreover, the December Global Gateway Communication explicitly states that, in addition to the Business Advisory Group, *a dialogue will also be set up with civil society to ensure a fully inclusive approach is taken*.

The Policy Forum on Development has been INTPA's main consultation forum for almost 10 years, with 75 members representing CSO networks, local authority associations, trade unions, cooperatives, business associations, foundation networks and diaspora groups covering 175 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, the European Neighbourhood Region, and the European Union. Thus, it is the most inclusive forum to start a regular discussion on the implementation of Global Gateway including TEIs. All of the aforementioned groups have a stake in the Global Gateway and are not associated with any advisory group envisaged by the joint communication on Global Gateway, i.e. the Business Advisory Group. Building on existing structures for consultation, such as meetings on Team Europe Initiatives with civil society networks and local authority associations, as well as an initial exchange on Global Gateway as part of the briefing on SDGs with the PFD on the 8th of June, it is proposed to organise a regular exchange (minimum once a year) on the implementation of the Global Gateway and on the state of play of the TEIs with the PFD.

An initial exchange is proposed in October, allowing a reflection on first impressions of Global Gateway from CSOs and LAs. It will be an opportunity for the Commission to brief the PFD on:

- the Global Gateway, its main principles and governance
- the state of play of the Team Europe Initiatives and how they relate to Global Gateway, zooming in on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Asia-Pacific.

A subsequent meeting could follow early 2023, after the first meeting of the Global Gateway Board, currently scheduled for December.

Draft agenda:

- Presentation on Global Gateway and update on Team Europe Initiatives (DG INTPA)
- Q&A
- Wrap up