



A just and green recovery for South Africa

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Mitigation; transition to a low carbon economy; unlocking green investments; science, research and innovation; and climate diplomacy

Policy Reform

Green Investment

Knowledge-Based Transition

EU Member States ongoing and upcoming initiatives:

- **Belgium Flanders** - Climate Adaptation, inclusive Circular Economy
- **Denmark** - Energy Sector Reform; Sustainable Water Management
- **Finland** - Innovation and Support to Circular Economy start-ups
- **France** - Research, Innovation, Support to Entrepreneurs, PPP with municipalities, Biodiversity
- **Czechia (Czech Republic)** - local activities
- **Germany** - Just Transition, Land Use, Green Economy, Climate Support Programme
- **Italy** - Environmental Risk Management: events and dialogues
- **Netherlands** - On-going support to Adaptation
- **Austria** - capacity building and rollout of clean energy solutions
- **Sweden** - Collaboration of Swedish and South Africa environmental agencies

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Budget Support

Grants

Twinning

Loans

Communication Campaigns

Guarantees

Research/Copernicus

Civil Society

TAIEX / expertise exchanges

KEY DELIVERABLES

Renewable energy

- Implementation of the “Just Energy Transition Partnership”, alongside focus on greening municipalities and reskilling those who lose their job due to the transition.
- Development of Green Hydrogen and Critical Raw Materials Value Chain.
- Strategic corridor Durban-Lusaka (with eventual extension to the Democratic Republic of Congo).
- Digital Connectivity: subsea cable(s) linking Europe to Africa (Orange) and proposal for a terrestrial link with South Africa (Nokia).
- Potential partner country for Global Green Bond Initiative.

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Climate-proofing South Africa’s economy and society
- Unlocking development benefits from a sustainable biodiversity-friendly, circular economy
- Minimise risk of deterioration of SA’s credit
- opportunities and investment environment through (1) policy dialogue and (2) unlocking financial resources and attracting (private sector) investment
- Transition to a low carbon economy
- Protection, participation and socio-economic empowerment of women & youth



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NATIONAL CONTEXT

South Africa is home to 15% of the world's marine species, 10% of plant species, 7% of reptile, bird and mammal species.

South Africa is the world's 14th largest greenhouse gases emitter

Afrobarometer: 54% of South Africans never heard of climate change, only 52% believe it needs to be stopped

Government policies:

- National Adaptation Strategy (August 2020)
- Low GHG Emission Development Strategy submitted to UNFCCC (September 2020)
- National Waste Management Strategy (September 2020)
- Presidential Commission on Climate Change and Just Transition (set up September 2020)
- RSA updated National Biodiversity Framework (November 2020)
- NCDs updated (November 2021)
- Just Transition Framework (May 2022)
- Climate Bill (Expected 2023)

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



EU strategies:

- Green Deal
- Industrial Strategy and Circular Economy Action Plan
- Biodiversity Strategy for 2030
- Farm to Fork Strategy
- Water and Sanitation Strategic Plan 2020-2025

COVID-19 impact:

2020 GDP shrunk by 7%

Strategic Partner to the EU

More than 1 000 European companies + several European business chambers

**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)