



LESOTHO - Green Deal

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

WATER

- Bulk water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure development
- Cross-border schemes for regional water supply
- Capacity building

ENERGY

- Renewable energy infrastructure development
- Supply and distribution of off-grid systems
- Capacity building

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Soil and water conservation
- Managed grazing practices & land restoration
- Awareness and advocacy

MODALITIES/TOOLS

- Sovereign loans
- Equity and senior debt
- Results-based grants
- Technical assistance
- Blending and possibly guarantees

KEY DELIVERABLES

- Improved access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities
- Integrated catchment management measures implemented in areas affected by soil erosion
- Increased renewable energy generation from hydro, water, and wind resources
- Increased access to electricity, with a focus on off-grid areas
- Reduced imports of electricity in Lesotho

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Lesotho becomes a self-sufficient country with regard to energy generation and, in addition, a country with universal access to energy, water, and sanitation.

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

WATER

- Water is generally described as an abundant resource in Lesotho
- Yes, less than 1/3 of the population have access to water and less than 1/2 to sanitation services
- Risks to public health and public safety, pollution

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Soil erosion threatening agriculture, livelihoods, and infrastructure
- Unsustainable agriculture practices, overgrazing
- Absence of an integrated catchment management framework

ENERGY

- High potential for renewable energy generation (hydro, solar, wind)
- Yet, dependency on imported electricity
- More than half of the population without access to electricity

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



13 CLIMATE ACTION



15 LIFE ON LAND



WATER

- Lesotho is the "water tower of Southern Africa"
- Water transfers contribute to 2.8% of GDP (2022)
- Climate change affects rain patterns and risk of drought

ENERGY

- Increase energy security and reduce dependency
- Reduce inequalities in energy access
- Create jobs, skills and investment

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Soil erosion affects sustainability of water supply for the entire region
- Land and water management is vital for livelihoods and food security
- Water diplomacy to promote regional integration, peace and stability

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