



AU-EU Health Partnership

Key results from TESS MAV+

About TESS MAV+

TESS MAV+ supports Team Europe in **strengthening its partnership on health with Africa** in line with the EU's Global Gateway Strategy, serving as the secretariat for the Team Europe Initiative on the AU-EU Health Partnership.

Working behind the scenes, TESS MAV+ **convenes** a broad cross-section of European stakeholders and **coordinates** regular discussions between European, African and international actors, **ensuring ongoing dialogue and alignment**. While TESS MAV+ primarily focuses on supporting MAV+ in increasing manufacturing and access to health products in Africa, it has also been supporting the overarching AU-EU Health Partnership since 2025.

TESS MAV+ includes staff based in Europe and embedded experts at Africa CDC, AUDA-NEPAD and the African Medicines Agency. Working together, they **develop and implement continental initiatives** that accelerate African—and European—health systems and security.



TESS team at a workshop, with the participation of the head of the local manufacturing team at Africa CDC (Brussels, 2024)



TESS operational steering committee meeting (Brussels, 2024)

The AU-EU Health Partnership mobilises more than 5 billion EUR across nearly 200 projects, with its local manufacturing and access portfolio accounting for more than EUR 1.9 billion across 80+ projects.

TESS MAV+ supports a coordinated approach among Team Europe and with Team Africa. Key partners include:

- The European Commission
- EU Member States
- EU Delegations
- Africa CDC
- African Medicines Agency

Key services are support to coordination, communications and progress monitoring; and expertise in various fields like private sector, market shaping, skills, regulatory, research and innovation, and access.

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TESS MAV+ Highlights

Accelerating the Team Europe approach

1. Enabled MAV+ coordination through new joint tools, including internal calendar, newsletter, document repository, and joint intervention logic
2. Raised visibility on the partnership and supported strategic and joint communication
3. Guided Global Gateway 2023 programming (€134m) and implementation in South Africa, Rwanda, Senegal, Ghana and Egypt
4. Delivered 210+ requests from INTPA G4, EUMS, EUDs



Side event at the World Health Summit on essential medicines at the intersection of MAV+, One Health and SRHR (Berlin, 2025)



AU-EU High-Level Steering Meeting (Pretoria, 2025)

Shaping policy and partnerships

1. Strengthened AU-EU health vision and steering, including securing global health as a priority in the including securing global health as a priority in the AU-EU Summit Declaration in Luanda in 2025
2. Equitable access to health products is now recognized as a key MAV+ priority
3. Enhanced knowledge exchange among partners of the AU-EU Health partnership and South-South collaboration through three study tours and 52 participants from across Africa.

Accelerating the continental health product manufacturing agenda

TESS has directly supported:

1. The launch and operationalisation of a continental initiative to advance harmonized biomanufacturing training across Africa
2. The launch and start-up phase of the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism, completing the work of GAVI, WHO, Unicef and regional economic communities
3. The launch of PPRI Africa, connecting 15 countries, Africa CDC and a WHO Collaborating Centre on pricing and reimbursement
4. The creation of a research prioritisation tool adopted by AU Ministers and now under implementation, as well as the establishment of the research collaboration framework between Team Africa and Team Europe
5. The launch of the College of African Regulatory Science Professionals to strengthen regulatory capacity and reliance
6. The development of a framework to support regulatory and reliance in Central Africa
7. The convenings of the Lancet Commission on Essential Medicines, bringing together 28 global leaders on equitable access to health products
8. The adoption by Africa CDC of a Technology Transfer Handbook



TESS support to MAV+ portfolio in Ghana (Accra, Kumasi, 2025)

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