



Strengthening the Africa – Europe Cooperation: The Role of University Networking UNICA Rectors' Seminar

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Global Gateway is a driver of the Africa-EU Partnership

- **Shared values** from peace, security to democracy and human rights in a people-centred partnership
- **Common challenges** with the threats posed by climate change, food insecurity, geopolitical shifts
- **Equal partners:** Europe needs Africa, and Africa needs Europe

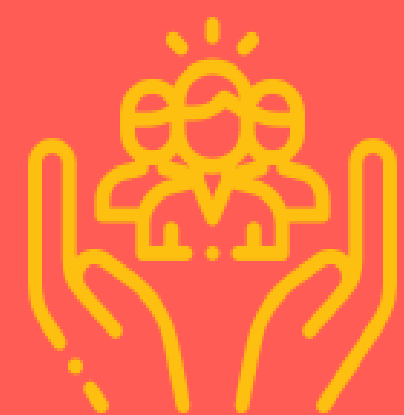


Objectives

- Build more **resilient connections** between Africa and Europe
- Mobilise at least **€150 billion** of investments for Africa's socio-economic, green and digital transformation
- Support Africa's priorities, co-created under Agenda 2063



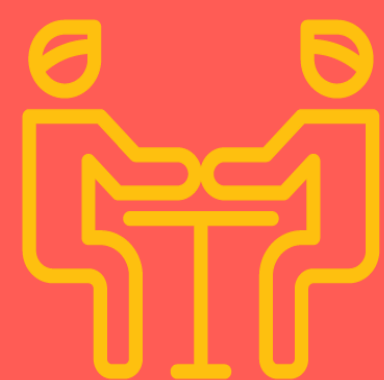
Sustainable and principled investments



**Democratic
values and
high
standards**



**Good
governance
and
transparency**



**Equal
partnerships**



**Green and
digital**



**Security
focused**



**Catalysing
private
sector
investment**

Supporting Agenda 2030

Digital



Climate and Energy



Sustainable transport



Health



Education and Research



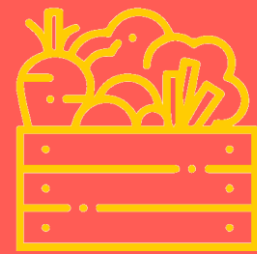
Priority Areas



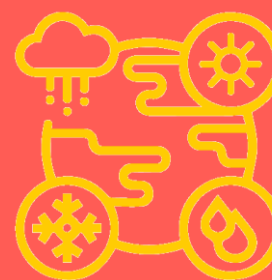
1. Energy



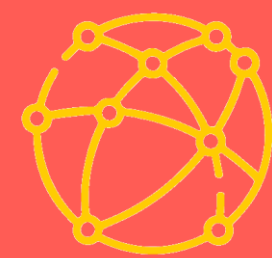
2. Environment, biodiversity,
water and oceans



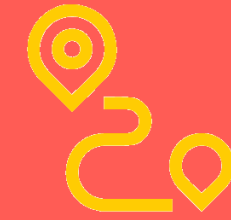
3. Sustainable agri-food systems



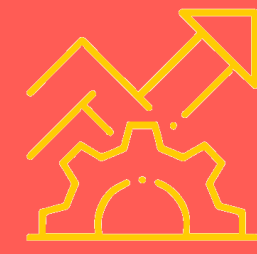
4. Climate adaptation and
disaster risk reduction



5. Digital



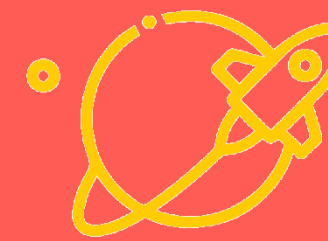
6. Transport



7. Private sector development
and economic integration



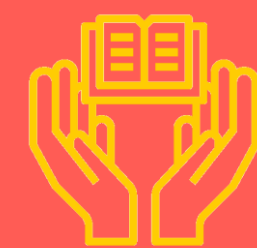
8. Sustainable Financing and
Growth



9. Science, technology and
innovation



10. Strengthening health systems



11. Quality education and skills

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

- **YMFA Contributes to commitments made at the 6th EU-AU Summit**
- **Human capital** key to deliver on any potential benefits of the demographic dividend in Africa
- **Innovation is key for skills development and jobs creation**





Global Gateway High-Level Event on Education

11.04.24



Launch of the Flagship

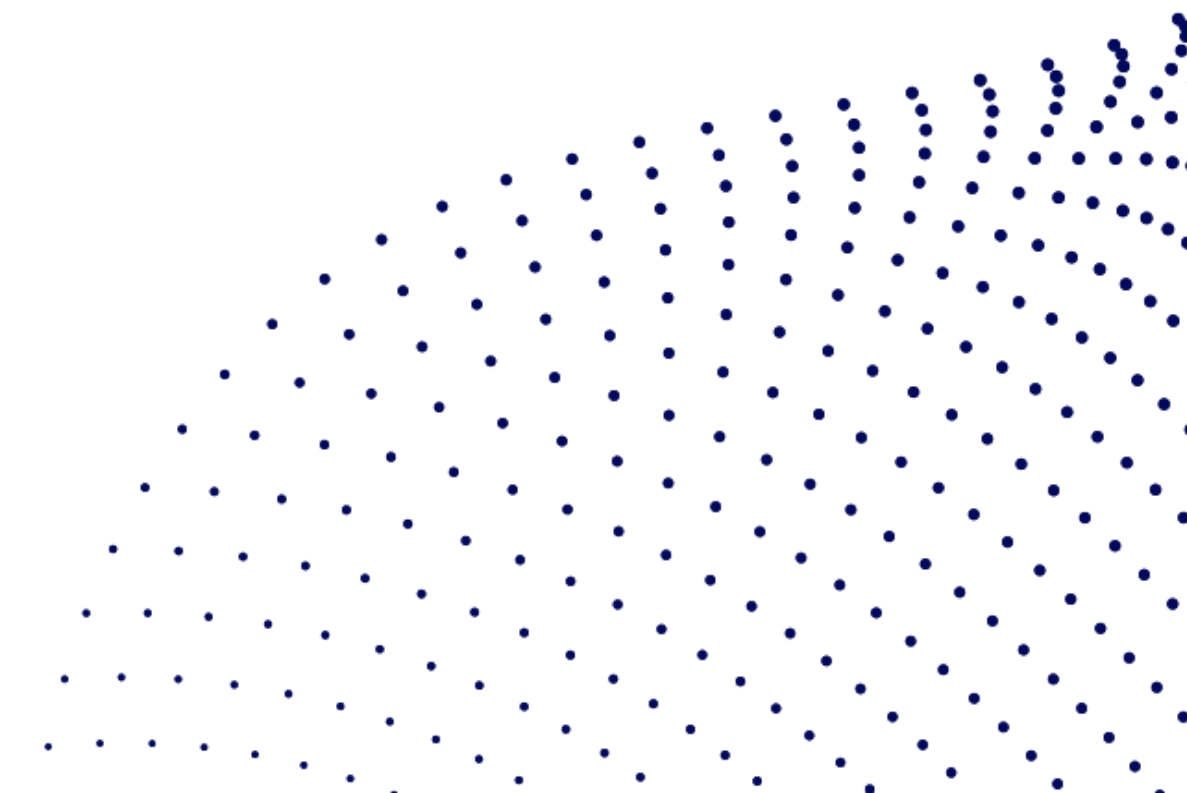
Strategic objectives and governance

Objectives

- Increase inclusive and demand-driven **learning mobility opportunities, skills development, and collaboration** within Africa and between Africa and the EU;
- Strengthen continental integration by supporting **regional and continental harmonisation mechanisms** in education
- Foster **quality, relevance and attractiveness** of African higher education institutions as destinations of choice
- **Empower African youth for future jobs**
- Increase **policy dialogue, coordination and valorisation** of cooperation between African and European partners

Governance

- A Steering Committee and two Working Groups have been set up: one Working group on 'Mobility' and one on 'Frameworks'
- Multi-stakeholders' approach



Youth Mobility for Africa: programmes

Learning Mobility & cooperation in higher education, skills development

- [Erasmus +](#)
- [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme V](#)

Harmonisation mechanisms in education and training

- [Harmonization of African Higher Education Quality Assurance and Accreditation - HAQAA III](#)
- [African Continental Qualifications Framework - ACQF II](#)

Youth Leadership

- [Young African Leaders Programme - YALP II](#)
- [Africa-Europe Youth Academy](#)



New Proposal: Study in Africa

Regional MIP: Annual Action Plan 2025

- To strengthen the African higher education space as a **destination of choice**
- and to foster **quality, relevance, responsiveness, accessibility** and **attractiveness** of African Higher Education Institutions.





Thank you !

