



Global Gateway



## EU-Africa: Global Gateway Investment Package – Education & Training

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The Team Europe Initiatives proposed under the EU-Africa Global Gateway Investment Package will place education at the heart of our collective Africa-Europe efforts towards an integrated and prosperous Africa. Our joint actions focus on strengthening education systems at all levels, in particular on providing quality education, ensuring equality and equity in access to it, and on fostering skills for life and employment.

### Regional Team Europe Initiative on Opportunity-driven Skills and VET in Africa



This regional initiative will identify decent employment opportunities and required skills profiles created by trade, investment, value chain development, and other market dynamics. The initiative will take these real job opportunities as starting point and seeks to orient vocational education and training (VET) interventions at country level towards these employment opportunities. It is thus expected to reverse-engineer existing and new VET and skills development programmes to sector and investment needs and opportunities and contribute to improving VET provisions addressing the skills needs of Global Gateway and other flagship initiatives in view of enhancing the employability of women and men in sub-Saharan Africa. As most jobs are created by the private sector it is crucial to fully engage the private sector in this TEI.



Vocational education and training is a cooperation priority with 75% of African countries

Erasmus+:  
**67 projects**  
in Capacity Building  
in the field of  
vocational education  
and training in Sub-  
Saharan Africa over  
2022-2023



The initiative consists of three building blocks:

- A technical assistance facility that will help orient the bilaterally financed VET programmes towards job opportunities assisting in identifying employment opportunities and related skills needs and translating these findings in targeted recommendations for VET provisions and VET system support.
- Regional exchange on public-private -partnerships on opportunity-driven VET at country and regional level including experiences from Erasmus+ financed actions on public-private-partnerships for VET.
- A Competitive Funding Mechanism to finance regional and/or multi-country VET initiatives in support of (regional) value chains.

The estimated total amount for bilateral actions, the TEI OP-VET and Erasmus for VET amounts to around EUR 500 million.

For the Erasmus+ financed actions building capacities for public-private partnerships in VET (CBVET), in 2022 and 2023 proposals from 23 and 21 Sub-Saharan African countries have been selected. There will be annual calls until 2027.

## Regional Teacher Initiative for Africa



Well-trained and motivated teachers are central to quality education and improved learning outcomes. The flagship Regional Teacher Initiative for Africa aims to increase the attractiveness and recognition of the teacher profession in Sub-Saharan Africa and to ensure that teacher policies and practices contribute to delivering quality education for all. The initiative will lay foundations for further human capital development, including for digital and green transitions. It will test and scale evidenced solutions and amplify the impact of existing EU programmes at country level on teacher policies, pedagogical skills for foundational learning, digital and green skills, and gender-responsive pedagogy, including in fragile contexts. The initiative (EUR 100 million) was launched in South Africa, in January 2023 and its implementation is expected to start in autumn 2023.

### In focus country example:

#### Central African Republic

'Programme d'appui au secteur d'éducation en RCA' aims at improving the quality of primary and lower secondary education through in-service training of primary and secondary school teachers and parent-teachers, including on issues of child protection, inclusion, gender-based violence and psychosocial support.

### In focus country example:

#### Rwanda

'Scaling-up Early Childhood Development in Rwanda programme' will assist to the government in their efforts to ensure a steady supply of pre-primary teachers and support the pre-service and in-service training schemes, including early identification of disabilities and gender equality sensitization.

## Global partnership for education



Empowering girls and vulnerable groups through education is key to curbing the rise of inequalities and accelerating progress towards gender equality.

This multilateral initiative focuses on the provision of good quality basic education for all girls and boys in an inclusive, equitable way. Team Europe and African partners join forces with the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) to transform education systems and thereby boost jobs and growth, drive gender equality and build resilient, prosperous and inclusive societies.

In September 2023, compacts that guide this work have already been signed with Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Kenya, The Gambia, Somalia. More are set to be finalised by the end of the year.



## Youth mobility for Africa



The flagship initiative on [Youth Mobility for Africa](#) promotes opportunities for learning mobility on the continent and between Africa and the EU. It supports cooperation in higher education and skills development, strengthens regional and continental harmonisation mechanisms, while promoting Africa as a study destination. Thereby, the initiative contributes to youth empowerment for sustainable employability and active citizenship. It brings together existing and new programmes under one umbrella.

### Erasmus+:

**46 Capacity Building in Higher Education projects involving 35 African countries started in 2023**

### In focus:

Under the Erasmus+ 2023-call, approximately €130 million is made available for Africa.

€27 million was set aside in the 2022-call to fund close to 40 Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action in Sub-Saharan Africa, including 20 least developed countries such as Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Somalia and South Sudan.

The partnerships are focusing on employability in key priorities sectors such as energy, mining, access to electricity, agropreneurship and space sciences.

The Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility projects that started in 2023 together plan to organise more than 13 000 staff and student mobilities between Africa and Europe (9000 going to Europe and 4000 to Africa).

A call for proposals with a budget of €27 million opened in April 2023 for the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, with a specific focus on climate change.

## Progress made



Since the launch of the EU-Africa Global Gateway Investment Package, here is the progress made:

- As part of the Youth Mobility for Africa flagship initiative, 46 Erasmus+ capacity building projects for higher education in 35 African countries started activities in 2023 (with an amount of approximately EUR 130 million). The programme to support to the implementation of the ACQF (ACQF II) was successfully launched on 11-13 July 2023 in Addis Ababa: the event was attended by 78 participants from 33 countries and 11 regional and continental organisations, who actively debated and shared their views on the project. The meeting also served as a conclusive event of the previous phase (ACQF I) which culminated in the adoption by AU Member States of the ACQF Policy Document. Work is ongoing on other components, for example with a call for proposals for the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (EUR 27 million) launched on 5 April 2023.
- Regional Teacher Programme for Africa (EUR 100 million) was launched in South Africa, in January 2023 and its implementation is expected to start in autumn 2023.
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