

NEW DEADLINE: Wednesday 11 October, 14.00 (CEST).

The deadline to apply to the GLOBAL GATEWAY CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES DIALOGUE PLATFORM has been extended. Applications can now be submitted until Wednesday 11 October at 14.00 (CET) at the latest.

The applicants who already sent their applications do not need to reapply under this extended call.

POLICY FORUM ON DEVELOPMENT

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS OF

THE GLOBAL GATEWAY CIVIL SOCIETY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES DIALOGUE PLATFORM ('GG DIALOGUE PLATFORM')

1. Background

On 1 December 2021, the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy presented the Joint Communication on The Global Gateway¹. Global Gateway is the EU's contribution to narrowing the global investment gap, supporting global economic recovery and accompanying the twin green and digital transitions beyond European borders, and promoting the resilience of value chains globally. It intends to boost smart, clean and secure links in the digital, climate, energy, and transport sectors, and to strengthen education, research and health systems across the world. It is fully aligned with the UN's Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the Paris Agreement.

Global Gateway is Europe's positive and **values-based offer** to channel Team Europe's investments in global infrastructure development in accordance with six key principles: democratic values and high standards; good governance and transparency; equal partnerships; green and clean; security-focused; and catalysing private sector investment. An enabling environment will be key to mobilising increased infrastructure investment meeting high technical, competition, environmental, social and governance standards.

Global Gateway is delivered in a Team Europe approach. It mobilises all EU institutions, Member States, their Development Finance Institutions, public development banks, the EIB, the EBRD and the private sector behind common priorities in order to reach scale and create tangible and visible impact on the ground. In this way Global Gateway has the ambition to mobilise up to EUR 300 billion until 2027. In the Enlargement and Neighbourhood countries, Global Gateway is being implemented through three regional Economic Investment Plans (EIP).

As announced in the Joint Communication, a dialogue with civil society shall be established as part of Global Gateway's governance and communication arrangements. Civil society organisations (CSOs) and Local Authorities (LAs) will play a key role in ensuring that a value-based and inclusive approach is taken, so that Global Gateway delivers on its goals in line with its principles. A "**Global Gateway Civil Society Organisation and Local Authorities**

¹ [EUR-Lex - 52021JC0030 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

Dialogue Platform” (henceforth the ‘*GG Dialogue Platform*’) will be set up to this end, as a working group of the **EU Policy Forum on Development** (PFD). Through this platform, the Global Gateway strategy will benefit from the perspectives and experience of stakeholders to enhance its overall effectiveness and sustainability.

The Commission is calling for expressions of interest for the selection of members of the GG Dialogue Platform.

More specifically, the GG Dialogue Platform will:

- 1) Exchange on horizontal policy issues of interest for CSOs and LAs as key development actors in the framework of the Global Gateway Strategy. This could include aspects such as addressing inequalities, transparency and sustainability;
- 2) Receive feedback from the global/European/local civil society organisations about the roll out of the Global Gateway Strategy. This may include aspects such as respect of “key principles” set out in the EU Joint Communication on the Global Gateway, within different investment priorities and specific geographic contexts;
- 3) Exchange on how CSOs and LAs can partner around GG flagship projects, by looking at opportunities for them to engage at country level;
- 4) Provide a space for regular updates by all participants.

2. Features of the GG Dialogue Platform

2.1. Composition, eligibility, and selection criteria

The dialogue platform is open to **global or regional associations, platforms and networks of civil society organisations and local authorities.**

This may include (but is not limited to): youth organisations, women’s organisations, trade unions, employers’ organisations, cooperatives, business and consumer organisations, faith-based organisations, LGBTIQ, indigenous people, organisations of people living with disabilities, community-based organisations, foundations, organisations specialised in Global Gateway’s priority investment areas: digital, climate and energy, transport, health, education and research; organizations focusing on good governance and high standards, transparency and accountability, human rights and democracy.

The dialogue platform shall consist of **up to 60 networks and associations.** Organisations in each category shall:

- Represent a network in one or more regions or at global level that has worked in the area of international cooperation and development for at least 5 years;
- Have adequate capacity to reach a wide membership, i.e. members in a large number of countries of one or more regions;
- Have proven and relevant competence and experience, including at European and/or international level, in their respective areas of activity; specifically, have knowledge and experience working with current EU policy implementation;

- Ensure adequate competence, seniority, and experience of the proposed representative/s. Representatives of the organisations selected to participate in the GG Dialogue Platform will have significant experience and a track record in the area of activity of their organisations. They will also have proven capacity to represent and express the views of their constituencies, including past representational experience and demonstrated capacity to provide their constituencies with regular feed-back on the discussions and conclusions reached within the Platform.

Members will commit to take part in the GG Dialogue Platform's activities in the short and medium term and have the availability to fulfil this commitment. This will involve sharing information with constituents regularly to feed into GG Dialogue Platform's discussions and outputs and representing the views of their constituencies to the best of their capacity in the GG Dialogue Platform's meetings and events.

2.2. Selection procedure

The selection procedure shall consist of an assessment of the expressions of interest performed against the selection criteria listed in section 2.1. above, followed by the establishment of a list of the most suitable applicants, and concluded by the appointment of the members of the platform.

In the appointment of dialogue platform members, the Commission will strive to achieve balanced representation in order to ensure diversity and inclusion. It will also aim to ensure, as far as possible, a high level of competence, balance of thematic and geographical coverage, while taking into account the specific tasks of the platform, the type of knowledge required, and the relevance of the applications received.

2.3 Rules of Engagement and Operation of the Dialogue Platform

It is foreseen that the dialogue platform members would meet in plenary meetings up to two times per year online or in person, including one meeting in the run up to the Global Gateway Forum or Global Gateway Board Meeting. Platform members may appoint a steering group to act as liaison between the GG Dialogue Platform and the European Commission and lead the work around the platform's priorities. The steering group will have up to 15 members.

Plenary meetings will be co-chaired by two CSO-LA representatives and the European Commission, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA). Agendas for the meetings will be jointly agreed by the co-chairs, in consultation with GG Dialogue Platform members/steering group. Each annual meeting held ahead of the Global Gateway Board Meeting may lead to a short outcome paper drafted under the responsibility of the Platform members. Platform decisions are made by consensus.

GG Dialogue Platform members shall commit to participate in the platform's activities for a period of **two years**. They shall remain members until replaced. Their membership may be renewed. Members shall commit to take part in the platform's activities in the short and medium term and have the availability to fulfil this commitment.

Members are responsible for selecting their own representatives. Participation will be open to more than one organisational representative, especially if specific expertise is needed in each meeting. Members shall ensure continuity and consistency between their representatives.

Failure from members to participate in two (2) consecutive platform plenary sessions will lead to the discontinuation of membership.

Participants in the activities of the platform shall not be remunerated for the services they offer. Travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed only for participation in plenary meetings should they be held in person. Reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the provisions in force within the Commission and within the limits of the available appropriations allocated to the Commission departments under the annual procedure for the allocation of resources.

The European Commission has the right to terminate the participation of a Platform member in case of violation of standards of ethical and professional conduct or unsatisfactory/non-contribution to the collective work of the Platform. Platform members should inform the DG INTPA team in case of an event that has an impact on and can hinder their contribution to the working group as soon as possible.

2.4. Transparency

Registration in the Transparency Register² is required in order for organisations to be appointed as members.

Personal data shall be collected, processed and published in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725.

3. Application procedure

Interested organisations are invited to submit expression of interest to the European Commission, DG INTPA (Unit G2) functional mailbox:

INTPA-G2@ec.europa.eu

Expressions of interests must be completed in one of the official languages of the European Union. However, applications in English would facilitate the evaluation procedure.

Organisations shall indicate the name, title and CV of their proposed representative(s) in the GG Dialogue Platform.

An application will be deemed admissible only if it is sent by the deadline and includes the documents referred to below. All documents submitted by applicants should be duly filled in, legible, signed and numbered sequentially.

² Online access: <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do?locale=en#en>.⁷
C(2016) 3301, Article 13.1.

Supporting documents

Each application shall include the following documents:

- a cover letter explaining the applicant's motivation for answering this call and stating what contribution the applicant could make to the GG dialogue platform;
- a classification form duly filled in specifying the member category for which the application is made (Annex I);
- a selection criteria form duly filled in documenting how the applicant fulfils the selection criteria listed in section 2.1 of this call (Annex II).

Additional supporting documents may be requested at a later stage.

Deadline for expressions of interest

The duly signed applications must be sent to the following e-mail address: INTPA-G2@ec.europa.eu by **04 October 2023 at 14h00 at the latest**. The date and time of the e-mail will be the date and time of sending.

ANNEXES:

- Annex I: Classification form
- Annex II: Selection criteria form

Annex I - Classification form³

To be filled in by all applicants

Transparency Register identification number:

Nota Bene: although registration in the Transparency Register (TR) is required in order to be appointed as a member of the platform, it is not mandatory for the application procedure. Thus, interested individuals and organisations that at the time of the application are not featured yet in the TR and, as a consequence, do not have a TR identification number, may still apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a result of the call for expression of interest, the organisation shall register in the TR as a condition to be appointed as a member.

This expression of interest is made as the following **type of organisation**:

- Civil Society (please specify):
- Local Authorities:
- Other (please specify):

Please select one or more Global Gateway priority investment areas in which your organisation is active:

- Digital
- Climate and energy
- Transport
- Health
- Education and research
- Other

For each sector selected, please provide more details about specific areas of operation/sub-sectors in which your organisation operates (150 words maximum, per sector)

³ This form must be filled in, signed and returned with the application.

Please select one **or more geographical regions(s)** in which your organisation operates:

- Caribbean
- Central Asia
- East and South Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Europe
- Latin and Central America
- Middle East and North Africa
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Pacific
- Western Balkans
- Global

For each geographical zone selected, please provide the list of countries in which your organisation operates:

Key information:

Name of the organisation⁴:

Country where the organisation is headquartered:

Surname and first name of the proposed representative/s:

Position of the proposed representative/s:

Gender of the representative/s proposed:

Surname and position of the person applying on behalf of the organisation:
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First name of the person applying on behalf of the organisation:

Date:

Signature

⁴ This form must be filled in, signed and returned with the application.

Annex II: Selection criteria form⁵

Applicants are requested to describe how they fulfil the selection criteria listed in this call.

Members shall represent a network in one or more regions or at global level	
Members shall have history of working in the area of international cooperation and development for at least 5 years	
Be among the organisations described under section 2.1.	
Have adequate capacity to reach a wide membership, i.e., members in a large number of the countries of one or more regions	
Have proven and relevant competence and experience, including at European and/or international level, in relevant areas; specifically, have knowledge and experience working with EU policy implementation	

⁵ This form must be filled in, signed and returned with the application.

Ensure adequate competence and experience of the Platform representative/s	
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Annex III: Privacy statement



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

This privacy statement provides information about the processing and the protection of your personal data.

Processing operation: Procedures related to the selection of members of the “Global Gateway Civil Society and Local Authorities Advisory Platform”, hereinafter “the Platform”, and following operation of the Platform.

Data Controller: Directorate-General for International Partnerships/ Directorate for Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace/ Civil Society, Local Authorities and Foundations Unit (INTPA/G2)

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1. Introduction

The European Commission (hereafter ‘the Commission’) is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data (repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001).

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to processing operation: Procedures related to the selection of members of the “Global Gateway Civil Society and Local Authorities Advisory Platform”, hereinafter “the Platform” and following operation of the platform, undertaken by Directorate-General for International Partnerships/ Directorate for Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace/ Civil Society, Local Authorities and Foundations Unit INTPA/G2 (together DG INTPA) is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operations: DG INTPA collects and uses your personal information to fulfil procedures related to the selection of members of the Platform as laid down in the call for expressions of interest: Global Gateway Civil Society and Local Authorities Advisory Platform¹ and for the operation of the Platform, such as logistic management, networking and/or statistic purposes. Interested organisations are invited to submit their application containing personal data to INTPA G2 via email. All applicant organisations need to be registered in the EU Transparency Register². The applications are evaluated by the colleagues of INTPA G2 and in consultation with colleagues from the Directorate for European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR) and the European External Action Service (EEAS). They are saved in electronic format.

Your personal data will not be used for an automated decision-making including profiling.

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data

The processing operations on personal data are necessary and lawful under the following article and recital of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1725:

¹ https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/call-expressions-interest-global-gateway-civil-society-and-local-authorities-dialogue-platform_en

² <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do>. This specific processing operations is included in the public register of the Commission’s Data Protection Officer with the following Record reference: DPR-EC-00069 (see <https://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register/detail/DPR-EC-00069.5>). Please find here the rules on the personal data protection in relation of EU Transparency Register registrations: <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/privacy?lang=en>, as well as the policy for websites managed by the Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/info/privacy-policy_en.

Article 5(1)(a): processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Union institution or body;

Recital 22: Processing of personal data for the performance of tasks carried out in the public interest by the Union institutions and bodies includes the processing of personal data necessary for the management and functioning of those institutions and bodies.

More specifically, Article 11(2) of the Treaty on the European Union³ stipulates that the institutions shall maintain an open, transparent and regular dialogue with representative associations and civil society, while Article 15(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union⁴ foresees that in order to promote good governance and ensure the participation of civil society, the Union's institutions, bodies, offices and agencies shall conduct their work as openly as possible.

The Platform has been established as part of [Global Gateway governance](#)⁵, as outlined in the [Joint Communication](#)⁶ on the Global Gateway.

The names of the representatives of the Platform member organisations are usually not published, as those persons only express the position of the organisation or entity that they represent, and, therefore, it is the name of the organisation that matters to ensure transparency of the work of the Platform. Any publication of names of the representatives of organisations is based on prior consent (Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725), unless specific and exceptional circumstances make it necessary to publish them to achieve the purpose of the processing operation, in accordance with Article 5(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. No other types of personal data of representatives are published.

No restrictions under Article 25 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 apply.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation INTPA G2 collects the following categories of personal data:

- Information relating to the person applying on behalf of the applicant organisation (surname, first name, professional position) and to the proposed representative (title, surname, first name, gender, professional position).
- Information provided by the applicant to contact the representative: country, telephone number, email address.
- Information provided by the applicant to allow the verification of the eligibility and selection criteria as laid down in the call for expression of interest: type of organisation, area and regions in which the organisation is active, country where the organisation is headquartered,
- personal skills and competencies of the representative (ex. skills/expertise in areas of Global Gateway and its principles).
- Signatures.

We have obtained your personal data from the person applying on behalf of your organisation.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

³ OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p. 1.

⁴ OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p. 47.

⁵ [Governance \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁶ [EUR-Lex - 52021JC0030 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

As Data Controller, INTPA G2 only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection or further processing (i.e., the organisation, management and follow-up to procedures for the selection of members of the Platform), namely for the life of the Platform. Your personal data is only kept for as long as follow-up actions to the Platform activities are necessary, considering the purpose(s) of the processing of personal data.

All personal data will be deleted from databases 5 years after the last follow-up action by the Commission in relation to the Platform.

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission and its contractors. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures in place. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

The Commission's processors (contractors) are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. The processors have to put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, required by the Commission.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission and other EU services and bodies, namely the European External Action Service (EEAS), the European Economic and Social Council (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR) staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to authorised staff according to the "need to know" principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

The Commission's contractor, CECOFORMA, performs processing operations on behalf of DG INTPA for the purposes of the project, under a contract or legal act. Personal data received with the registration is stored on CECOFORMA servers and used solely for logistic management, networking and/or statistic purpose. CECOFORMA uses appropriate technical and organisational measures to secure personal data against unintentional or intentional falsification, destruction, loss or access by unauthorised persons. Access to personal data is restricted to CECOFORMA staff contracted for the Technical and Logistical Assistance for the facilitation of dialogue and consultations with civil society and local authorities, mainly in the framework of the Policy Forum on Development, and who will handle the information you provide in a proper and confidential manner.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice) which may receive personal data in the framework of a particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law shall not be regarded as recipients; the processing of those data by those public authorities shall be in compliance with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing.

8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a ‘data subject’ under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access, rectify or erase your personal data and the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Where applicable, you also have the right to object to the processing or the right to data portability.

You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data on grounds relating to your particular situation, which is lawfully carried out pursuant to Article 5(1)(a).

The processing of your personal data by the data controller (INTPA G2) is necessary for carrying out the purposes described above in section 2.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. Their contact information is given under Heading 9 below.

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description in your request.

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, or if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller, Unit G2 – Civil Society, Local Authorities and Foundations, INTPA-G2@ec.europa.eu

- The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer (DATA-PROTECTION-OFFICER@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the Data Controller.