

# EU-Africa: Global Gateway Investment Package – Climate resilience

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In the context of the 6th EU - AU Summit, Team Europe proposed this Initiative on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Africa, that will contribute to building resilience by supporting disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction and strengthening governance to manage disaster risk.



## Team Europe Initiative on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience in Africa

At COP 27 in Sharm el Sheikh, Team Europe and the African Union (AU) launched a new Team Europe Initiative, pooling resource from the EU and its Member States. This Team Europe Initiative aims to strengthen adaptive capacity and resilience of Africa's most vulnerable populations against climate and natural hazard risks.

The Team Europe Initiative responds to adaptation needs and disaster risks by focusing on a comprehensive four-pillar framework to improve the understanding of risks, strengthen policy and governance and Early Warning Systems (EWS) and access to climate adaptation finance. The Team Europe Initiative will also promote Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (CDRFI) mechanisms to protect vulnerable populations against loss and damage.



### In focus: Natural Disaster Risk Reduction

The Natural Disaster Risk Reduction programme, that started in 2022, aims to reduce the impact of disasters, including those related to climate change and biological hazards, and increase resilience in partner countries.

### In focus: Climate Services Programme

The Climate Services Programme aims to make climate data accessible, timely and user-friendly to respond to climate-related risks, to reduce the vulnerability of populations and improve their resilience to climate change.





## Greater investments in disaster risk reduction

- Supporting partners to access existing funding opportunities by preparing investment proposals and mobilising resources.
- Promoting climate proof investments and maximising contribution towards adaptation and disaster risk reduction.



## Understanding and managing disaster risk

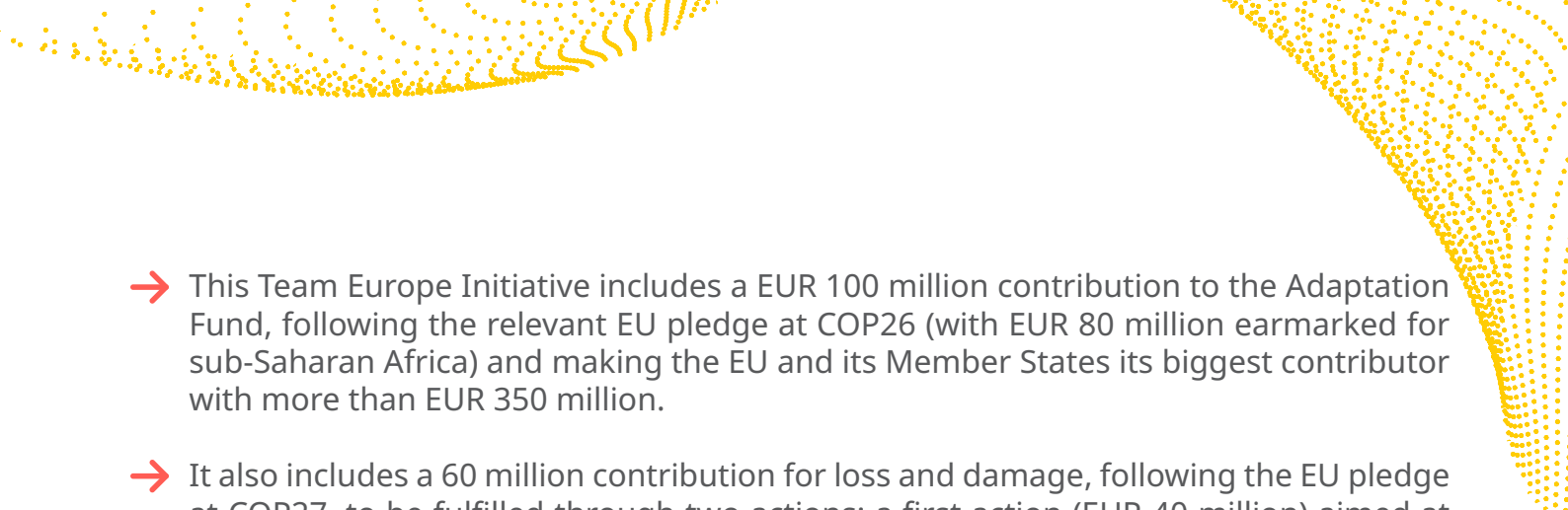
- Establishing a standardised methodology, guidelines and tools based on scientific evidence and local and indigenous knowledge.
- Producing and disseminating risk knowledge and information to support decision making at continental level.
- Reinforcing institutions and mechanisms for climate change and disaster risk reduction coordination and exchange of best practices and lessons learnt.
- Establishing and strengthening emergency preparedness, response and recovery support and coordination mechanisms, capacities and facilities, including through the promotion of climate and disaster insurance and risk pooling mechanisms.
- Establishing and strengthening regional mechanisms for early action and response.



## Progress made

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

- The Team Europe Initiative on Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Africa has finalized its design phase and moved into its implementation phase. Its founding members (Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the European Commission) were joined by the Czech Republic, Italy, Sweden and Spain in the first half of 2023. Other EU Member States and development banks have expressed interest to join this initiative.
- The Team Europe Initiative promotes an improved coordination and a reinforced policy dialogue on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) between the EU and the African Union (AU). It was formally presented to African stakeholders during the 19th meeting of the Africa Working Group on DRR (AWG DRR).

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- This Team Europe Initiative includes a EUR 100 million contribution to the Adaptation Fund, following the relevant EU pledge at COP26 (with EUR 80 million earmarked for sub-Saharan Africa) and making the EU and its Member States its biggest contributor with more than EUR 350 million.
  - It also includes a 60 million contribution for loss and damage, following the EU pledge at COP27, to be fulfilled through two actions: a first action (EUR 40 million) aimed at supporting AU MS through Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance (CDRFI) mechanisms; and a second action (EUR 20 million) focused on strengthening Early Warning Systems (EWS).