

EU-Democratic Republic of Congo partnership

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Governance, Peace & Security*

- Supporting structural reforms of the security services
- Promoting a favourable environment for civil society organisations
- Assisting in setting up transparent, participatory, and peaceful electoral processes
- Helping to mobilise better and more transparent domestic revenues, especially from the mining sector
- Fostering the improvement of the business climate and attractiveness for foreign investments

Human Development

- Improving access to better essential health services, including for mothers and children
- Strengthening women's rights and economic empowerment
- Increasing the number of pupils enrolled in school
- Supporting the improvement of the quality of teaching, including in technical education

Biodiversity & Agri-business

- Supporting the regeneration and conservation of biodiversity and agroecological systems in particular in **5 NaturAfrica landscapes: Garamba, Salonga, Upemba, Virunga, and Yangambi**
- Support selected value chains such as wheat, maize, cassava, and coffee/plantain banana to create jobs, increase food production and security, and expand export opportunities



Sustainable Critical Raw Materials

- Development of sustainable raw materials value chains and mobilisation of funding for the infrastructure required
- Strengthening governance, due diligence and traceability, cooperation in the fight against illegal international trafficking and alignment with international ESG standards
- Boosting exploration, research and innovation, knowledge-sharing, and targeted technologies
- Enhancing capacity building, including strengthening trainings and skills development

Digital

- Supporting the development of digital infrastructure, including the deployment of a fibre optic cable in **Eastern DRC** and the construction of GSM antennas in remote areas
- Systematic support for digitalisation in a variety of sectors

Transport

- Development of the **Lobito Corridor** by renovating and modernizing the 420 km railway tracks from DRC to Angola
- Development of the multimodal section from **Ubangi crossing to Zongo on the Lisala river port on the Congo River** (part of the Douala-Kampala-Mombasa Corridor)
- Rehabilitation of roads, including **Route Nationale 1**

Energy

Supporting renewable energy production and improving regional electricity distribution by:

- boosting private sector operations
- developing national and regional transmission lines, including the **Ruzizi 3, DRC-Uganda, and DRC-Zambia** lines
- rehabilitating the **Tshopo Hydropower Plant in Kisangani**
- improving electricity supply from Virunga Park to Goma with the **Rwanguba II Hydropower Plant**
- supporting the development of a regional energy market and facilitating cross-border electricity exchanges

* This domain is outside Global Gateway but complementing engagement under it.

These outputs provide an overview of the main domains of actions of the EU in the partner country, pursuing a Team Europe approach.

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