

Basic information	
2025/2073(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
Global Gateway – past impacts and future orientation	
<b>Subject</b> 4.70.01 Structural funds, investment funds in general, programmes	

Key players				
European Parliament	<b>Joint committee responsible</b>		<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs		RIDEL Chloé (S&D)	09/09/2025
	<b>DEVE</b> Development		BENTELE Hildegard (EPP)	09/09/2025
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	<b>Committee for opinion</b>		<b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
	<b>INTA</b> International Trade		MARIANI Thierry (Pfe)	08/04/2025
European Commission	<b>Commission DG</b>		<b>Commissioner</b>	

## Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/04/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/02/2026	Vote in committee		
05/03/2026	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A10-0045/2026</a>	
26/03/2026	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T10-0104/2026</a>	<a href="#">Summary</a>
26/03/2026	Results of vote in Parliament		
26/03/2026	Debate in Parliament		

## Technical information

Procedure reference	2025/2073(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 59 Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CJ19/10/02525

## Documentation gateway

## European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE776.922</a>	23/10/2025	
Committee opinion	<a href="#">INTA</a>	<a href="#">PE778.349</a>	27/01/2026	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A10-0045/2026</a>	05/03/2026	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T10-0104/2026</a>	26/03/2026	<a href="#">Summary</a>

## Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

## Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

## Transparency

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives

BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	04/03/2026	J. M. Voith SE & Co. KG
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	20/01/2026	EU-CORD MEDAIR e.V. Tearfund Netherlands
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	13/01/2026	EU-CORD Woord en Daad Foundation Tearfund Netherlands
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	09/12/2025	WaterAid
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	04/12/2025	European Partnership for Democracy
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	04/12/2025	Acea S.p.A.
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	24/11/2025	International Fund for Agricultural Development
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	20/11/2025	Africa Global Logistics
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	19/11/2025	UN Environment Programme
MARIANI Thierry	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	18/11/2025	Ambassadeur d'Ethiopie auprès de l'UE
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	17/11/2025	Siemens AG
AALTOLA Mika	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	INTA	14/11/2025	Ministry for foreign affairs of Finland
AALTOLA Mika	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	INTA	13/11/2025	UNIFE
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	13/11/2025	European Peacebuilding Liaison Office
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	13/11/2025	European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	12/11/2025	Zhero BV
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	11/11/2025	European Investment Bank
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	10/11/2025	Danone
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	06/11/2025	European Investment Bank
AALTOLA Mika	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	INTA	03/11/2025	European Investment Bank
AALTOLA Mika	Shadow rapporteur for opinion	INTA	03/11/2025	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	16/10/2025	Agence Française de Développement
MARIANI Thierry	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	16/10/2025	Ambassade de Djibouti en Belgique
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	15/10/2025	European International Contractors Hauptverband der Deutschen Bauindustrie
MARIANI Thierry	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	15/10/2025	Ambassadeur du Tchad auprès de l'UE
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	14/10/2025	Agence Française de Développement
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	14/10/2025	Deutsche Industrie- und Handelskammer
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	13/10/2025	CONCORD Europe
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	09/10/2025	Agence Française de Développement
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	06/10/2025	CONCORD Europe

BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	01/10/2025	UNDP
MARIANI Thierry	Shadow rapporteur	DEVE	30/09/2025	Ambassadeur du Sénégal auprès de l'UE
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	26/09/2025	Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V.
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	25/09/2025	European Network on Debt and Development
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	25/09/2025	European Centre for Development Policy Management
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	25/09/2025	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	25/09/2025	European Investment Bank
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	25/09/2025	UNIFE
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	24/09/2025	Orange
RIDEL Chloé	Rapporteur	AFET	23/09/2025	Counter Balance
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	22/09/2025	CONCORD Europe
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	18/09/2025	Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. (People in Need)
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	09/09/2025	BUSINESSEUROPE
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	02/09/2025	Hydrogen Europe
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	02/09/2025	Allianz SE
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	01/09/2025	KfW Bankengruppe
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	01/09/2025	European Sea Ports Organisation
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	02/07/2025	CONCORD Europe
BENTELE Hildegard	Rapporteur	DEVE	12/06/2025	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

## Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
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## Global Gateway – past impacts and future orientation

2025/2073(INI) - 26/03/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 371 votes to 146, with 80 abstentions, a resolution on Global Gateway - past impacts and future orientation.

### **Stocktaking, strategic objectives and vision**

The Global Gateway was established on 1 December 2021 with the aim of becoming the EU's flagship framework in the field of sustainable connectivity and global investment and as an alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

Members believe that Global Gateway should become a **long-term strategy** based on a whole-of-government model. They welcomed the shift from a donor-recipient model to partnerships based on equality, while stressing that the focus should be on **smart investments** in quality infrastructure that

meets high social and environmental standards and is aligned with the EU's interests and values, including the rule of law, human rights, and relevant international standards. Coordination with international institutions, private sector involvement, and tailored strategic communication, including in recipient countries, are essential for the instrument to reach its desired scale.

Parliament noted that the projects were selected using an **overly centralised approach**, without sufficient stakeholder involvement, and that it is important to favour a **demand-driven approach**, which therefore meets the needs of partner countries.

According to the resolution, the Global Gateway should remain anchored in the primary objective of EU development cooperation, namely **the reduction and long-term eradication of poverty**.

The Commission is invited to establish clear and transparent methods for assessing the development impact of Global Gateway strategy interventions financed by EU Official Development Assistance (ODA) and involving EU private sector actors.

### ***Geopolitical importance of the Global Gateway***

Parliament called on the EU to strengthen its strategic position through the Global Gateway strategy by offering a **sustainable, transparent, and democratic alternative**, consistent with the EU's fundamental values, to competing infrastructure models and initiatives. It further urged the Commission to promote the Global Gateway as a sustainable alternative to aggressive initiatives by rivals such as China and Russia, whose support has often proven to have serious long-term negative consequences, including huge debt dependence.

Members are concerned by reports that several projects under the Global Gateway are being carried out by **Chinese companies**, in direct violation of the initiative's objective of presenting an alternative to the Belt and Road Initiative. They are therefore calling for an immediate **investigation** to identify all Chinese companies participating in the Global Gateway.

Parliament stressed the need to prioritise **investments in energy, critical raw materials, and the green transition** to reduce the EU's dependence on foreign competitors, including in renewable energy networks, clean hydrogen corridors, and sustainable transport, thereby strengthening both global sustainable development and the EU's energy independence. It further called for enhanced digital sovereignty and trusted connectivity, as well as the promotion of democratic digital standards globally.

Investments under the Global Gateway should be aligned with existing EU due diligence processes, be open and beneficial to local and regional market players and civil society, and help close infrastructure and inequalities gaps. The Global Gateway strategy should also include water-related projects and policies.

### ***Development cooperation***

Parliament highlighted the potential of the Global Gateway as an impactful tool for mobilising the funds needed to achieve **the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**. It stressed that the EU's development cooperation must continue to support partner countries in situations where the Global Gateway is unable to adequately address their needs.

The Global Gateway projects should continue to support the strengthening of global preparedness against threats to health, agriculture, education and training development, equality and inclusion, and protection against exploitation and child labour. The resolution also emphasised several **priorities**: promoting the creation of decent, accessible, and sustainable jobs; strengthening scientific and educational cooperation; combating corruption; improving access to finance; fostering the participation of SMEs; and increasing the involvement of local and regional authorities in projects.

Noting that 'Global Gateway' projects are present in several heavily indebted poor countries, Members stressed that the projects must avoid exacerbating debt and called on the EU and its Member States to reduce and **alleviate the debt burden** for developing countries, particularly those in the Global South, by supporting global debt relief and restructuring.

### ***Governance***

Parliament recommended **revising the governance structure** of the Global Gateway strategy and demanded more concrete participation on an equal footing with Member States. It proposed that the Global Gateway Board become the central operational body responsible for implementing the strategy, selecting flagship projects, and ensuring they have the appropriate framework and funding. Members suggested guaranteeing regular and transparent participation from representatives of the European **private sector** and ensuring meaningful consultation and participation of the dialogue platform with **civil society** and local authorities on the Global Gateway.

### ***Trade and investment promotion***

Parliament stressed that the Global Gateway should, for projects having a trade and investment dimension, **enhance and facilitate mutually beneficial trade and investment relations**, notably by developing and opening new trade routes and economic opportunities, including for SMEs, and by supporting the development and modernisation of trade-enabling infrastructure. Lastly, it called on the Commission to conduct an impact assessment of the European Fund for Sustainable Development and the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus, which should form the basis of the next Global Europe Fund, intended to support the Global Gateway in the next multiannual financial framework