

Invitation to Tender

The ITUC TUDCN (Trade Union development Cooperation Network) is calling for tenders for the following services:

Study on the Global Gateway from a trade union perspective

Background information

Launched in 2021 by the European Commission, the [Global gateway](#) (GG) is framed as a sustainable, values-based, and transparent alternative to China's Belt and Road Initiative. Over the 2021-2027 period, Team Europe (the EU and its Member States) has committed to mobilising up to EUR 300 billion for projects worldwide, focusing on digital transformation, climate resilience, energy sustainability, efficient transport networks, health, education and research systems. Global Gateway's main source of funding is the EU's development cooperation policy and budget, whose primary mission, according to the EU's founding treaties, is "the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty".

Study objective

Given that one of the purported objectives of the Gateway is related to local job creation, the study aims at assessing the Global Gateway strategy and impact so far from a labour perspective, understanding whether it is in line with:

- the targets of SDG 8 (full and productive employment and decent work for all);
- the objectives related to decent work of its funding instruments (especially the [Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe \(NDICI – Global Europe\)](#), which refers to decent work, the ILO standards and due diligence among its development cooperation priorities).

Methodology

Qualitative, based on primary and secondary research including desk research and interviews with relevant sources (including ITUC's network of affiliates). Presentation of information will be through case studies with a country focus. Geographic scope is determined by the number of flagship projects per region (see suggested division in part 7 below).

Potential structure

- a. Introduction on GG - promise from a labour perspective
- b. Alignment of GG projects with SDG 8 and financing instruments: case studies
- c. Conclusions and recommendations.

Potential guiding questions

Is the Global Gateway coherent with the NDICI objectives related to:

- ILO labour standards?
- Decent job creation?
- Social dialogue?

Is the Global Gateway coherent with the objectives of the 2021 Communication related to upholding high standards of human, social, and workers' rights?

To what extent does the Global Gateway align with the objective of SDG8?

- i. **Target 8.3** - Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services;
- ii. **Target 8.4** - Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, with developed countries taking the lead.
- iii. **Target 8.5** - By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value;
- iv. **Target 8.7**. Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms;
- v. **Target 8.8** - Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.

To what extent are trade unions and civil society meaningfully involved in the set up, monitoring, and evaluation of the Global Gateway?

Stakeholders

- d. ITUC affiliates
- e. EU Delegations
- f. Civil Society organisations
- g. National ministries/government's representatives
- h. Academia

Potential case studies

(final list will depend on available information and feedback from ITUC network)

Africa:

- Kenya
- Namibia
- Uganda/Rwanda
- South Africa

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Argentina
- Chile
- Peru

Asia-Pacific:

- Indonesia
- Pakistan

Reference documents

- [Global Gateway Communication JOIN\(2021\) 30 final](#)
- [Regulation \(EU\) 2021/947 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe](#)
- [Civil society Consultations in Partner Countries](#)
- [2022 ITUC Congress Document](#)

Consultancy duration

11 Months (starting end of November 2024)

Timeline

Deliverables & milestones:

- 29/5/2025: first draft
- 29/9/2025: draft final
- 29/10/2025: final report

Deliverables

All deliverables have to be in English language

- [One \(1\) narrative report](#)
- [Selected case studies \(to be annexed to the report\)](#)

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Budget

A detailed budget will be required. It shall not exceed 23.500 (twenty-three thousand five hundred) EUR (excluding VAT).

Tender

The ITUC TUDCN welcomes responses to this Invitation to Tender by interested candidates, with a submission covering:

- A response to the tender's aims, budget and work plan outline;
- A quote for the consulting fee in EURO excluding VAT, all costs included;
- A minimum of 2 work samples relevant to the assignment;
- Copies of all relevant Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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All submitted proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria to ensure alignment with project objectives and organizational standards:

1. Organisation and methodology: 40% score
2. Financial Competitiveness and Value for Money: 30% score
3. Project Timeline and Management: 30% score

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