Feedback – Global Gateway Presentation Organized by: Eurocham Côte d'Ivoire / Agora Connect

Speakers:

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1. Context and Objectives



2. Key Highlights

A Clear Vision of Global Gateway:

- EU strategic initiative aiming to mobilize up to €300 billions by 2027
- Focus on sustainable, inclusive, high-impact projects in Energy, Education, Infrastructure, Health, Digital

Role of the EIB:

- Financial tools: concessional loans, guarantees, equity investments, EU fund blending
- Strong intent to co-build impactful, bankable projects with the private sector

Concrete Examples in Côte d'Ivoire:

- Support for education infrastructure (TEI OP VET)
- Investments in renewable energy and digital sectors, ex. Boundialy
- Encouragement of public-private partnerships within a sustainable framework

Regional Project involving Côte d'Ivoire

• Corridors

3. Key Takeaways for Members

Presentation of Opportunities:

- Presentation of projects in Côte d'Ivoire and Regional projects involving Côte d'Ivoire opened to the private sector
- Possibility to integrate in a series of meetings and events

Open Dialogue:

Direct Q&A with EU and EIB representatives

Eurocham's Role:

 Acknowledged as a vital facilitator of dialogue between businesses and European institutions

Focus on direct opportunities :

- Application procedure remains unclear
- Indirect funding opportunities

Competitivity Issues :

 No facilitation for European Companies

Support private sector engagement:

• Consider limited resources

4. Action Points and Recommendations

01

 Set up an information desk at Eurocham to guide members on Gateway/EIB funding mechanisms

02

 Organize project structuring workshops with European and African experts 03

Encourage local-European consortia for strategic projects (training, energy, digital, mobility)

5. Conclusion

This session was praised as a key moment of information sharing and networking.



EBOs has a strategic role in anchoring the Global Gateway and paving the way for concrete collaborations.



Further cooperation with the EUD to foster private sector engagement