



EU external cooperation as an avenue for strengthened Finnish-African HEI partnerships on digital and green transition

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European policy frameworks for deepened partnerships with Africa

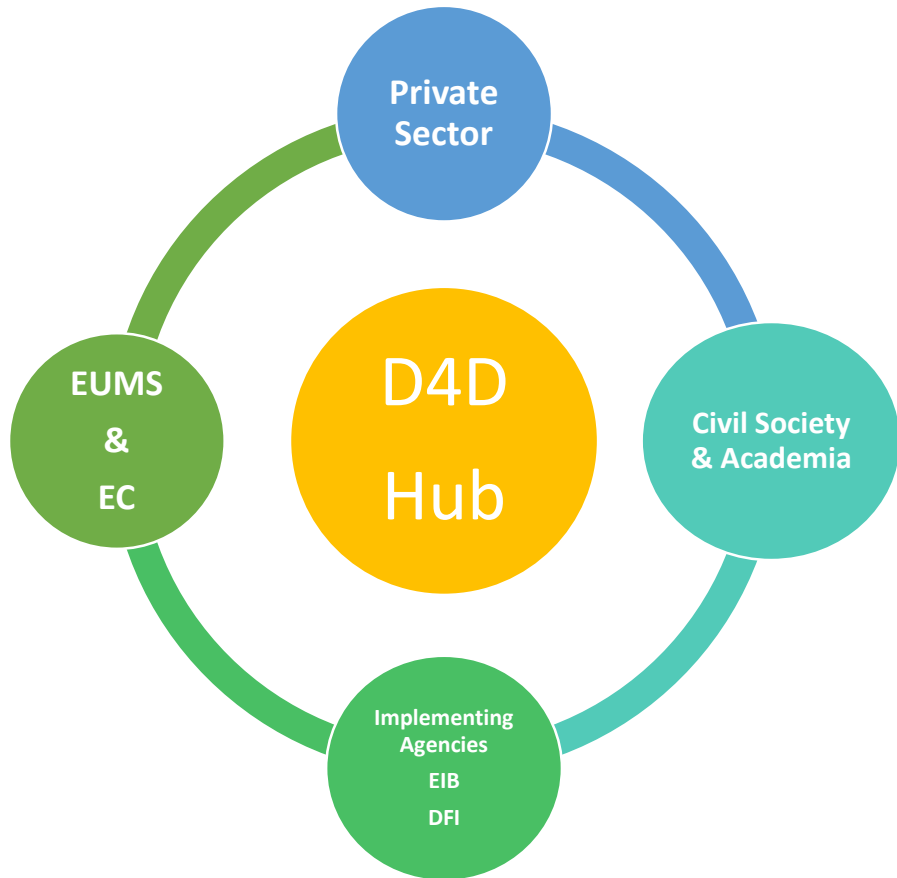


- "Towards a comprehensive strategy with Africa" (2020), "Europe's strategy for international cooperation in a changing world; The Global Approach to Research and Innovation" (2021); Finland's Africa Strategy (2021) -> long-term, **diverse partnerships around common values, interests, and challenges** such as digital and green transition.
- The EU's **Global Gateway** strategy (2021) -> values-based cooperation, **secure connectivity infrastructures**, including connectivity for research and education networks.
- Global Gateway investment package announced at the EU-AU Summit (2022):
 - Secure, resilient infrastructure, policy and regulatory frameworks, and business, research and innovation networks to accelerate **digital and green transition**.
 - Implemented through a **Team Europe approach**.
 - **Team Europe Initiatives** under preparation. Investments through European development finance institutions and the private sector.

THE D4D HUB IN BRIEF

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- The [D4D Hub](#) serves as a **strategic multi-stakeholder platform** that fosters digital cooperation between Team Europe and its global partners.



- The platform is composed of digital visionaries from **multiple stakeholder groups** coming together for a joint action
- It creates **opportunities for dialogue, partnerships and investments** to advance **human centric digital transformation** in partner countries
- It builds a **joint digital expertise** and networks
- It aims at pooling resources, fostering visibility and impact for **Team Europe Interventions**
- It promotes the exchange of information, **good practices and lessons learnt** on Digital4Development
- Several **thematic working groups** and three **regional branches**.



Regional and global D4D initiatives in preparation

- **D4D Framework for Digital Economy and Society in Africa**
 - Data Governance in Africa
 - African-European Digital Innovation Bridge
 - AfricaConnect
- **Global Twin Transition Initiative**
- **D4D Hub as the platform to develop new projects and initiatives**
 - Involvement of HEI networks is stressed. Call for applications for D4D Hub academia advisory group is open: <https://d4dhub.eu/csaag>