

**Question for written answer E-003355/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Enhanced coordination of development finance and export credits

Enhanced coordination of export credits and development finance has been recently proposed in several EU initiatives, such as the Global Gateway, the Green Deal Industrial Plan or the Critical Raw Materials Act. A joint staff working document¹ on the subject refers to the Lake Turkana wind project in Kenya as an example. However, this project in fact demonstrates the unsuitability of these finance models, as they have led to exorbitant costs for taxpayers and to human rights abuses². Despite this evidence, the document proposes selecting pilot projects and establishing an inter-institutional expert group for enhanced coordination.

1. What pilot projects were selected for enhanced cooperation, who are their promoters and what financial contributions did they receive from the EU?
2. What criteria does the Commission (and specifically its Directorate-General for International Partnerships – DG INTPA) use to select pilot projects?
3. How can the Commission guarantee that coordination and expert group exchanges do not result in tied aid?

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¹ Joint Staff Document of EEAS and Commission from April 2023,
<https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-8157-2023-INIT/en/pdf>

² <https://assets.nationbuilder.com/eurodad/pages/3034/attachments/original/1663057226/EU-global-gateway-report-FINAL.pdf?1663057226>