Question for written answer E-000839/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Caroline Nagtegaal (Renew)

Subject: Using InvestEU for external purposes

I strongly support the InvestEU program, which is implemented via the European Investment Fund (EIF). However, it is currently focused exclusively on the EU itself. A new MFF should build in the possibility for such an internally EU-focused programme to also operate outside the EU. With green hydrogen and critical raw materials, it is already visible how a direct link between activities inside and outside the EU is desirable. In view of this:

Is there some basis or instrument, such as the NDICI budget, which could be used to establish a link, so that the good investment funds set up through InvestEU could be made available more easily outside the EU as well?

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