

The Global Gateway
Investment Agenda in El Salvador

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The Global Gateway: what is it ?

- **Sustainable and value-based offer** of the EU to its partner countries to tackle gaps for green, digital and fair transition
- Global Gateway covers hard infrastructure as well as enabling environment, regulatory frameworks, norms, standards and good governance principles.
- Change of paradigm: investment-driven approach that aligns the interests and **needs of partner countries with the EU strategic interests**
- Implemented by **Team Europe**: the EU together with its Member States, with development banks and the private sector
- Global Gateway: from startup to **scale-up**

- **IV CELAC-EU Summit (November 2025), incl.**
EUR 1 billion financing initiative, announced by the EIB, to strengthen **power grid integration and clean energy across Central America**



The four pillars of GGIA in LAC



A fair green transition ➡

- Zero-emission mobility
- Climate financing
- Investing in Critical Raw Materials and joint value chains



An inclusive digital transformation ➡

- 5G and last-kilometre connectivity
- Inclusive digital transformation
- Digitalisation of public administration
- Enabling environment



Human dev. ➡

- Investments in education, vocational trainings and skills development
- Creation of decent jobs and formal employment
- Technology sharing
- Gender equality



Health resilience and vaccines ➡

- Local manufacturing of vaccines, medicines and other health technologies
- Digital health
- Strengthening medicine regulatory systems

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DIGITAL

Ongoing:

- **“Conectividad Digital Social”**: equipping more than 5000 schools and health centres with fiber optics.
- **“Lamaar” programme**: Digital skills and jobs for young people with the idea of creating 9000 digital jobs.
- **“CyberLamaar” programme**: to foster skills related to cybersecurity
- Providing the Government with **Technical Assistance to support regulation and usage of the 5G network**

Upcoming:

- Developing **curricula** and **skills** in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, prototype, robotics & mechatronics
- Building the landing station of the **first submarine cable** in the country, connecting Panama to El Salvador



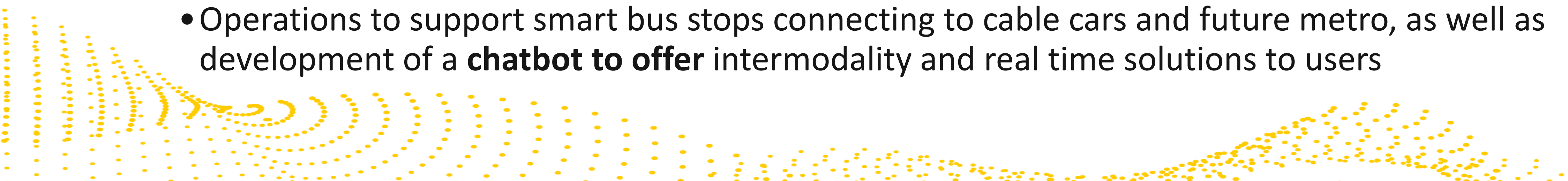
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SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY

Ongoing and in the pipeline

- Feasibility studies for **cable car lines** to start building in 2026
- Technical cooperation to develop an **inclusive and differentiated tariff system for urban public transportation** in San Salvador.
- Technical Assistance supporting the Ministry of Public Works in the financial **design of public transportation projects** supported by the EU.
- Uptake of European private sector in the design of solutions to tackle specific issues in San Salvador

Upcoming

- Operations to support smart bus stops connecting to cable cars and future metro, as well as development of a **chatbot to offer** intermodality and real time solutions to users
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ENERGY

Ongoing/upcoming

- ± EUR 250 m of open credit line from the European Investment Bank to ETESAL to finance **investments in transmission** contributing to the “**Mercado Eléctrico Regional**”, **incl.** the second SIEPAC circuit in El Salvador and national transmission reinforcements
- Technical Assistance to ETESAL to accompany infrastructure investments
- **Digitalisation of the MER operational centre in El Salvador**
- **Energy efficiency pilot project:** smart grid to manage losses, optimising distribution and increase storage capacity, to be possibly scaled up in the future.

Under assessment

- further investments opportunities in green energy, including solar and wind.

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El Salvador's 15 de Septiembre Solar project