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R&I at the heart of EU's international cooperation

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As the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reminded us, the coming years will be critical in keeping the world on the path to sustainable development. More than ever, Research and Innovation (R&I) is needed to find practical solutions to global challenges (pandemics, biodiversity loss, desertification, etc.) and pressing societal issues (food and energy security, inclusive growth, job creation, etc.), while providing evidence for clear decision-making and shedding light on ongoing changes and necessary transformations.

Cooperation in R&I is an integral part of the development cooperation policy of the European Union (EU), and a key avenue for efficient partnerships with countries and organisations across the globe to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Within Horizon Europe, the current R&I framework programme the '[Africa Initiative](#)' also includes several relevant topics for cooperation with Africa: public health systems, green transition, innovation and technology, and capacities for science.

These priorities reflect those agreed by the African Union and the EU within their High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation. As part of this dialogue, the European and African State Leaders have recently agreed to jointly develop an Innovation Agenda to translate results into tangible outputs.

The upcoming [European Development Days](#) (EDD) in June will also allow for discussions on concrete implementation of the new [European Global Gateway strategy](#) that focuses on boosting smart, clean and secure links in digital, energy and transport, and strengthening health, education and research systems across the world.

In today's world, the complexity of the most pressing challenges at both global and societal levels calls for coordinated R&I activities. I invite you to join us in developing and implementing such activities through enhanced commitment and lasting R&I partnerships.



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