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Global Gateway Strategy - quote from Reinhard Bütikofer MEP

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Today, the European Commission has unveiled the new "Global Gateway Strategy" infrastructure programme, in response to China's Belt and Road initiative.

Reinhard Bütikofer MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's China Delegation and Rapporteur of the Connectivity ands EU-Asia relations report, comments:

"The European Commission's Global Gateway Strategy represents a breakthrough and an important step forward for the EU. For too long, internal Commission squabbles had held up this important geostrategic initiative. Now, thankfully, President Ursula von der Leyen has made use of her authority to take this forward.

“The financial volume of the strategy and the clear priorities will allow for quick action. Digital connectivity and the focus on green technology must be at the top of the agenda. The support from the European Parliament, the Member States and the business community is very strong. Many partners around the world are ready to work with us to realise the Global Gateway Strategy, in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Now it's a matter of effectively setting up the management of the strategy. Let’s walk the talk.”

More:

Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the Global Gateway initiative in her annual State of the Union address in September 2021. The money will be used to finance global infrastructure projects such as the expansion of renewable energies, hydrogen projects and internet connections. The European Parliament has released an own-initiative report on Connectivity and EU-Asia relations, with Reinhard

Bütikofer as rapporteur, in January 2021: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/A-9-2020-0269_EN.html

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