



Make Europe the World Leader of Sustainable Development: A Unique Opportunity to Build a Stronger European Union



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Europe Ambition 2030 proposals for a

Multi-stakeholders partnerships system leadership strategy.

This working document (work in progress) is intended to be presented at one single and joint meeting of representatives of the cabinet of the Presidents of respectively the Council, the Parliament, the Commission, ECOSOC and CoR, Central Bank, Governments of the Troika (Finland, Croatia and Germany) and President Macron, the High Commissioner for External Relations and the leaders of the partnerships co-signing the document.

It aims to debate and create the conditions for a system leadership strategy, as a new phase in European multi-stakeholder partnerships for SDGs and climate while the UN 24-25 September SDG Summit will address partnerships.

The European Institutions and Member States are involved, supporting financially, sometimes driving many multi-stakeholders partnerships in relation with sustainable development and climate. However these partnerships are not yet designing a coordinated effort. At the same time, the need to have an integrated and systemic approaches to environmental and social issues request to revisit existing initiatives and develop new one. Time has come to make a leap forward and to become much more effective, in the light of results achieved so far as well as scientific reports as the IPCC reports, i.a. on agriculture, land use, oceans etc .

The ambition of the enhanced partnerships proposed in this working document is to set up a systemic strategy to address in an integrated manner the SDGs and the Climate agreements in the framework of a Safe Operating Space and the Planetary Boundaries, while contributing to just transition and the reduction of inequalities.

It will indeed require multi-stakeholders partnerships and a system leadership strategy involving leaders not only of the Commission but of major European Institutions. It is presented in annex 1

The annexes present System Leadership Initiatives for a EU Systemic Strategy based on polyilateralism and multi-stakeholders partnerships (SDG 17). They should bring together existing partnerships initiatives in the related field and explore together how to make a leap forward and enter in a new era addressing systems and transformation needed to meet SDGs within Planet Boundaries while taking care of just transition.

The late lessons from early warnings case studies demonstrate the complexities of handling the interactions between the many actors and institutions involved — governments, policymakers, businesses, entrepreneurs, scientists, civil society representatives, citizens and the media. Each comes to the debate with different and often conflicting knowledge, perceptions, interests and priorities; balancing these numerous and often antagonistic positions should be seen as a prelude to making decisions on those innovations that have broad societal implications.





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The opportunities are manifold but can be boiled down to three main ones:

1 to correct the prioritisation of economic and financial capital over social, human and natural capitals through the broader application of the policy principles of precaution, prevention and polluter-pays, improved accounting systems across government and business, make use of the digital and sustainable finance revolution tools;

2 to broaden the nature of evidence and public engagement in choices about crucial innovation pathways by balancing scientific efforts more towards dealing with complex, systemic challenges and unknowns and complementing this knowledge with lay, local and traditional knowledge

3 to build greater adaptability and resilience in governance systems to deal with multiple systemic threats and surprises, through strengthening institutional structures and deploying information technologies in support of the concept of responsible information and dialogues.

In order to do so, Europeans should take care that multi stakeholders partnerships, in Europe and in the framework of EU external relations, be shaped or updated as well as scale up to :

- Secure just transition
- Manage value chains and support weak links
- Risks mitigation in the public interest
- Review indicators and benchmarks
- Include new forms of monitoring, reporting and verification including blockchain
- Include new forms of education and empowerment including through digital tools
- Explore how to contribute to reduce inequalities,
- Build new development model

Europeans have major skills in terms of *system leadership innovation*¹. Addressing complex challenges through systems change, we need a *Systems Leadership Mindset* based on collaborative leadership and coalition-building, practicing a 'servant leadership' approach, empowering other to lead, encouraging co-creation, cultivating a strong emotional connection to both the mission and the stakeholder network, inspiring trust and commitments among others, expanding mentoring support for and among systems leaders.

It is necessary to succeed in strengthening **an efficient 'ecosystem' of actors** that would transform Europe and ensure greater well-being for its inhabitants and secure a 'safe operating space'. For this to happen we need integrated multi-stakeholder value chain strategy addressing the SDGs and Planetary Boundaries as Resource Efficiency & Circular economy, Climate & Energy transition, Bio-Economy & Sustainable Agriculture, Life Style & Behavior, Inclusive and Sustainable Finance.

¹ Harvard Kennedy School.





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Recently briefed on the 'ecological collapses' feared by scientists and asked what could be done, Chancellor Merkel replied 'build unconventional alliances'.

This multi-stakeholders partnerships system leadership initiative would prepare a global 2022 conference to celebrate the 30st anniversary of the Agenda 21 adopted at the 1992 Rio Conference and the multi-stakeholders partnerships developed since.

Who we are :

This Memorandum is based on signatories experience in the field of multi-stakeholder partnerships since 1990 with UN, EU Commission, European Economic and Social Committee , Committee of Regions, OECD, Union for the Mediterranean, local authorities, religions, trade unions, business, financial community, scientific community, civil society.

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Fiche 1. EU ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP and SYSTEM LEADERSHIP Laboratory would be hosted by DG Communication of the EU Council (proposal).

The proposed laboratory, following a conference organized in Rome on May 22, 2019 with the support of the Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition (France) and an exchange with the High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda of Spain, aims to explore the forms that 'system leadership' could take at the European level in a context in which multilateralism must be complemented by a polyilateralism that mobilizes at all levels and all sectors.

Europe needs 'unconventional alliances' between the members of the European Council on the one hand and other strategic actors who are :

- 'non-hierarchical powers subject to governments' but key for accelerating the implementation of the SDGs and climate agreements (such as parliaments, central banks),
- platforms to provide the Heads of States and Governments with 'new perspectives' (such as IPCC and similar initiatives, as well as IUCN),
- autonomous structures key for implementing agreements, innovate and scale up (such as private financial institutions, enterprises, civil society)
- actors representing major global and regional partners (such as the United Nations, the UfM, the African Union)

Governance capacity-building will transform institutional structures, relationships and practices. Institutions of public governance are expected to generate, disseminate and apply emerging knowledge regarding synergies and trade-offs in selection of societal goals and strategies spanning multiple policy domains, program portfolios and services systems.

The Laboratory will debate an '*enhanced partnership*' between Member States and other strategic actors and an '*annual strategic summit*' on the initiative of the President of the European Council with the participation of the members of the European Council who so wish as *system leadership needs high level leadership support for empowerment and systems change*.

The objective we propose to reach by way of "Enhanced Partnership" between key and autonomous actors, is about creating the place of "strategic agreements" - nonexistent to date in Europe - between key players in the field of policies and diplomacy, science, finance, business, civil society with the Heads of EU Institutions and Governments that so wish.

The Annual EU Enhanced Partnership Summit should be the place to lead and report back the results obtained and challenges faced by the 6 other initiatives. In addition, the Annual EU Summit would be also the place where other initiatives could be created in new strategic areas

Invitees (proposal).

Chair : Finland (EU rotating presidency).

- Representative of the European Council President
- Representatives of Members of the European Council, Heads of States and Prime Ministers willing to join as well as representatives of Heads of States and Prime Ministers willing to join of the EEA, signatories to EU association agreements, EU candidate countries and, following its withdrawal, the United Kingdom





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- Representatives of the new European Commission President and the Vice-Presidents in charge of the Green Deal and Climate, Vice-President in charge of Financial Services, Vice-President and High Commissioner for External Affairs, (as well as, if so wished Vice-President in charge of the digital age, Commissioners in charge of *Future of Europe Conference*, Youth, International Partnerships, Trade, Industrial policy, Environment and Oceans, Agriculture, Transport)
- Representatives of the President of the European Parliament, the Committee of Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee,
- Representatives of the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Financial Stability Board Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures,
- the Secretary-General of the Union of the Mediterranean,
- the Secretary-General of the African Union

And representatives of :

- The Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS),
- Change Finance,
- the Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs,
- SDGs Watch,
- IUCN (Biodiversity and Food),
- IPCC (Climate), International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP), International *Resource Panel*,
- CSR Europe (Business),
- The Club of Rome (prospective), Think 2030 (Science & Law think tanks),
- Faiths and Philosophies
- Europe Ambition 2030 (multi-stakeholder partnerships)²

Strengthening governance capacity is critically important to responding effectively to the complex set of sustainability challenges facing human civilizations. Public authorities and stakeholders will need to effectively coordinate macro and micro vision and action from local to global scales to an unprecedented degree in order to achieve whole-of-society transformation³.

Agenda (proposal) :

- Definition of the 'enhanced partnership' scope.
- An 'enhanced partnership' work agenda (see working document fiches below)
- Date and Agenda of the first 'annual strategic summit' on the initiative of the President of the European Council with the participation of the members of the European Council who so wish

² EPE, ASVis, EMI, MIO, Comité21, V4SD, Eco-Union, IDDRI, CEE Gender Network, HBLF, Conama etc.

³ Confluence. Research Program 2019. M. Elias.





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Fiche 2. *“A Financial Spring for People and the Planet ”* Laboratory would be hosted by the European Central Bank.

The Commission missed the opportunity to redirect finance during the years 2008-2015. The sustainable finance action plan adopted since (taxonomy, labelling) is not entirely convincing reading the report “EU Ecolabel: will impact washing get a free ride?”⁴.

*Ms von der Leyen has announced a major investment programme. Part of the EIB would be transformed in a climate bank. The EIB should however become the EU Sustainable Development Bank, as suggested by one of its Vice-President. Indeed **“Going beyond climate (risk)” is an imperative⁵** and the EIB need to address risks related to **“water, land use, biodiversity and oceans”, the “global commons”** and the **“planetary boundaries”**.*

Financial Institutions addressing responsible finance, impact investing etc are developing reports which are almost entirely process-focused, with almost nothing to provide information to external stakeholders who care about outcomes, not process. For many issues, there isn't anything that cross-cuts across initiatives to get useful information outside of the direct participants in each initiative. That contributes to reducing the role of civil society, by not producing or making accessible information that is useful to them, and it will become completely unmanageable to incorporate outcome-specific information into the reporting framework.

We need a European and global multi-stakeholder enhanced partnership in the field of inclusive and sustainable finance. Considering that finance is the first domino for the transition to an *ecological civilization* where the SDGs are achieved, 60 platforms and networks serving the financing of the SDGs and climate agreements would be invited to meet. It would include platforms and networks involving :United Nations Member States and UN agencies, Central banks and the Network for Greening the Financial System” of central banks and public supervisors , Public banks in particular Development Banks, Private banks, SRI funds, Micro-finance Institutions, Foundations, Businesses, Trade unions, Civil Society,Religious Institutions, Youth networks

The alliance to be debated would be built around:

- SDGs and commitments to achieve them
- A record of such commitments by i.a. Global Compact, CDP, One Planet Summit
- "The digital revolution and a system of commitments monitoring and trust building using the power of the blockchain for the social good, of which CDIT⁶ is an example"

The alliance would be based on:

- UN documents related to the SDGs, human rights and nexus concerned in particular by poverty, inequality, climate, biodiversity, agriculture and oceans

⁴ 2 Degrees Investing Initiative

⁵ “The State of Green Business-2019” (USA)

⁶ CDIT, a RFI-EPE joint blockchain initiative related to inclusive and sustainable finance, stands for collaboration and decentralisation to promote new incentives to rebuild trust





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- The follow-up road map of the conference under the aegis of the United Nations '*Religions and the SDGs*' (2019) and documents common to religions such as *the Document on human fraternity for world peace and common coexistence* (Abu Dhabi 2019) and the Encyclical *Laudato si'*
- Youth manifestos such as the student manifesto addressed to the business sector.

The alliance would put in place :

- a dashboard to help set specific objectives and means
- an observatory

The alliance would organize regional round tables in 2020-2021 with the participation of representatives of the various constituents of the alliance, with the financial support of i.a. Development Banks, in the following regions of the planet:

- Black Sea
- Mediterranean Sea (Athens)
- Arab and Islamic Countries (Abu Dhabi)
- Asia
- Oceania
- Latin America (Buenos Aires)
- North America
- French speaking Africa
- English speaking Africa
- European Union (Paris)





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Fiche 3. A Farm to Fork Strategy

Laboratory would be hosted by the European Commission and related European Innovation Partnerships (sustainable agriculture and water).

Several multi-stakeholders partnerships are existing at global level in the field of food. As the *Committee on World Food Security* and other roundtables on palm oil, etc. They are source of concerns within civil society. Fair Trade Initiatives standards are also key.

At EU level the European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability' works to foster competitive and sustainable farming and forestry that 'achieves more and better from less'. It contributes to ensuring a steady supply of food, feed and biomaterials, developing its work in harmony with the essential natural resources on which farming depends.

IPES FOOD, an international panel of experts is part of an appeal to the new Commission president in the form of a call for action of a number of civil society organisations, in an Open letter (July 2019). The laboratory should consider together analytical work of this nature as well as issues such as those covered in the IPES FOOD analysis that apply to essentially the greater part of the SDGs /Paris Agreement objectives, as well as to citizens as consumers as the largest "target group" globally.

The laboratory should review multi-stakeholders partnerships in a value chain 'farm to fork' based on the new IPCC report.

As Olivier de Schutter noted, since the 1960s, we have witnessed the worldwide spread of the "green revolution" model, ie a "technological package" involving the use of inputs (pesticides and pesticides, nitrogen fertilizer), the use of mechanization (replacing labor by tractors and combine harvesters), large-scale irrigation, but also the use of large monocultures to meet production expectations, standardized on a large scale. As the bulk of agricultural production is destined for the long production chains, which are in the hands of the big players - the traders of raw materials, the processing industries and the large retailers - this standardization appears moreover as an imperative. commercial: it is a condition of competitiveness and linked to the development of large markets.

However, a major problem lies in the difficulty experienced by major players to operate their transformation. How can large agri-food firms contribute to agrobiodiversity in their purchasing policies? How can large-scale distribution encourage agroecological practices based on diversity? There is a need for economic incentives to change, to encourage agricultural practices that allow soils to fulfill their carbon sink function, and to ensure that the negative environmental impacts of conventional agriculture are discouraged. The multi-stakeholder partnership should fix an agenda for transformation of the value chain.

The "Future of EU CAP" would provide EU-responses to risk mitigation in the public interest towards 2030 in relation to the relevant major environmental risks, and to the SDGs all of which have a relationship with agriculture and food systems, in a supply- and demand perspective. Climate change, Biodiversity and Land Use, and the Nitrogen- and phosphate-cycles are the Planetary Boundaries-Issues in the red zone of high risk.

Evidence-based opportunities for action would range from "plant-rich diets" and "reducing food waste" to the potential of land based systems to contribute to a range of benefits for society by mitigating the major global environmental risks inherent in agricultural activities globally, and in particular climate change mitigation : the **potential for large scale transformative change** with





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opportunities and solutions of the nature briefly described above, and part of civil society initiatives globally of which the US “Drawdown”-project (launched in 2017) is of particular relevance here.

“To achieve the SDGs within planetary boundaries” as the Stockholm Resilience Centre and the Norwegian Business School noted it seems necessary to implement transformational and extraordinary policy changes, in order to achieve near full success of SDGs within PBs. These policies need to go well beyond the conventional policy toolbox. Transformative change is possible, through five strategies that seem to be powerful ways to reach most SDGs within most PBs. The five measures are:

- 1) accelerated renewable energy growth sufficient to halve carbon emissions every decade,
- 2) accelerated productivity in sustainable food chains,
- 3) new development models in the poor countries,
- 4) unprecedented inequality reduction, and
- 5) investment in education for all, gender equality, health, family planning.

They represent five “leverage points” to intervene in the globally inter- connected geo-bio-socio-economic system. Together, they are capable of shifting the global system onto a new path in the decades ahead. The purpose of the laboratory would be to explore how to shape multi-stakeholders partnerships in the field of sustainable food chains in support to these five leverage points.

In the Smarter scenario, the world accelerates the transformation to sustainable agriculture, linking production to better logistics that drives down food waste, as well as nutrient and pesticide overuse. People shift their diets to more plant-rich foods which lowers the share of meat per person (particularly in richer countries). The food system gets more direct links between food producers and consumers, i.e. direct delivery of easily available, affordable and nutritious foods that people actually need and want. This brings down food waste.

The multi-stakeholders partnerships systemic strategy to be developed should address i.a. :

- Transforming the value chain
- incorporating natural capital and ecosystem service information into decisions
- avoid, reduce and reverse land degradation can increase food and water security.





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Fiche 4. Geopolitical Commission and International Partnerships. Laboratory would be hosted by the High Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and the Commissioners in charge of International Partnership and Oceans (proposal)

The European institutions cannot ignore the interconnected nature of the European Union with the globalised world. The EU is in constant interaction with its direct neighbourhood: Balkan states, Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. All of these regions are currently developing and are directly affecting the European Union in many ways. Ensuring the stable, prosperous and sustainable development of these regions are pre-conditions for a more sustainable Europe. The EU is also participating in the global flow of economic exchanges and trade therefore, the sustainability of these relations are also leaving a significant blueprint on the EU.

Objective :

A European laboratory to identify the potential for deepening and broadening the multi-stakeholders co-operation with the group of countries with a start with the leaders of existing partnerships initiatives funded by the EU , the Member States, public and/or private financial institutions, European Foundations.

1. to map the ways partnerships operate in implementing the SDGs in their respective framework
2. to identify initiatives - according to a ranking of priorities - taken to scale up the inclusive and sustainable finance initiatives to contribute to the implementation of the SDGs
3. to develop a partnership agreement on blockchain-technology in support of the initiatives above in order to monitor progress and to contribute to fight against corruption.

Review how are shaped and should be shaped multi-stakeholders partnerships in the following framework could follow later with specific events related to :

- Post Cotonou
- Euro-Med
- Latin America-EU
- EU-Asia
- Oceans

- A. **Build a post-Cotonou enhanced partnership** with a focus on the countries of the Cotonou agreement and the group of AOSIS with view to an integrated EU-policy approach towards the implementation of the UN SDG-2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement on climate change. The conclusions of the 3rd African Union-European Union Agriculture Ministerial Conference of 21st June 2019 (Rome), the initiatives related to tropical forests, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development and the G20 guidelines on inclusive and sustainable finance come in support of the proposed approach.

The experience of the EU and its member states over the past decades with the issues of “Policy Coherence for Development” would provide guidance about how to address and act upon the issues-ranging e.g. from Trade- and CAP policy to migration - to be addressed in the framework of the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.

An “EU-Post Cotonou Enhanced Partnership” would thus acknowledge and build upon the changing global context for action towards implementation of the agendas. The ongoing “revolutions” in the digital society and issues of knowledge and culture, environment and finance, as well as the global and





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differentiated demographic trends are among the main “drivers” of change in a global and shared sustainability perspective.

- B. Euro-Med Lab 2. Implementation of a Water-Employment-Migration MED Action Plan.**
Potential partners : GWP-Med, ASvIS, EMI, EPE, Fundacion Entorno, Eco-Union (to be checked and completed)

Follow up of Lab 1 on Water-Employment-Migration in the Mediterranean, co-organised by GWP-MED and EPE, under the patronage of the Union for the Mediterranean and the participation of its Deputy Secretary General Miguel Garcia-Herraiz and its Managing Director Almotaz Abadi, with the financial support of SIDA (Sweden) and the French Ministry of Ecological and Inclusive Transition, hosted by the Generalitat de Catalunya in Barcelona on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

Jobs.

Water-Employment -Migration should have jobs at the core of transformations enabling the Med region to meet the challenges faced. Jobs Opportunities in relation with water are taking the form of direct water jobs, indirect, induced Jobs.

Gender.

Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal access to leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life and ensure equal opportunities (SDG 5).

No one should be left behind and universal access.

Water-Employment -Migration links with Agenda 2030 (SDGs 1, 6,) and the Global Compact on Migration to be signed end of this year. The barriers faced by migrants make achieving the SDGs ambition of universal access more challenging and there is a need to address the needs of refugees and other migrants

SMART MED

The Water-Employment-Migration Action Plan should be seen as part of a SMART MED.

Several organisations having participated in the WEM laboratory could form with GWP-Med and EPE a ‘consortium’ working for developing several supporting initiatives.

- C. Latin America-Europe** (work in progress).

The laboratory should explore initiatives to be taken in relation with biodiversity and tropical forests. It should give a voice to indigenous people.

- D. Oceans** (work in progress).

The laboratory should explore innovative multi-stakeholders partnerships related to Oceans on the basis of the new IPCC report. Negotiations regarding the deep sea have been taking place in two forums during the past few years. First, the International Seabed Authority (ISA) is in the process of building the legal, institutional, and economic frameworks of an unprecedented expedition: the exploitation of mineral resources in the deep seabed. Second, under the auspices of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, delegates are negotiating an agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)

Fiche 5. **European Youth Initiative on Climate Change** (work in progress)





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The European Parliament will host a major youth gathering in Strasburg in May 2020.

Young people are changing cultural paradigms. Their understanding of capital and wealth in their lives as well as their responsibilities is changing. Young people are major users of the means of communication and large "migratory".

The European Parliament will host a major youth gathering. It should be the opportunity of preliminary consultations between youth organisations on how to shape a youth action plan addressing SDGs, climate, planet boundaries and just transition which could be further elaborated during the German EU Presidency.

This action plan would address several 'powers' youth can activate, the levers for transforming markets, finance and politics, as the purchasing power, the reputational power etc.





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Fiche 6. **Green Deal and Resilient and Flourishing Territories** (work in progress)

Laboratory proposed to be hosted by the the Committee of Regions and the Covenant of Mayors with the support of the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities.

65% of the 169 targets can only be reached through coordination and inclusion of local and regional governments.

The laboratory would review multi-stakeholders partnerships in view of managing climate risks, joining the Green Deal, find business opportunities, empower citizens in the implementation of the SDGs in

- four systems : food, cities, energy and health⁷
- three support leverages : finance, circular economy, digital revolution.

⁷ Business & Sustainable Development Commission





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Fiche 7. Eco-system of Blockchains for SDGs and the Social Good Laboratory proposed to be hosted by the European Economic and Social Committee Observatory on SDGs.

The ambition of the blockchains community is to set up one key leverage of the systemic strategy to address in an integrated manner the SDGs and the Climate agreements in the framework of a Safe Operating Space and the Planetary Boundaries, while contributing to the Social Good.

Any solution to address these challenges in the perspective of the social good, 'leaving no one behind', requires System Leadership and Multi-Stakeholders Partnerships. In particular, *we need* Systemic change along the value chain of raw material resources, agricultural and financial products which involves all interested parties, public and private, in Europe and abroad supported by the tools of the digital revolution securing empowerment, accountability, trust. We also need to find new ways to engage a dialogue on 'inequalities', 'social good' and 'just transition' as well as helping the 'weak link' to become much more effective.

This is why an Eco-system of Blockchains and its Community for Multi-Stakeholder Governance of the SDGs Implementation, with its Observatory to improve monitoring, reporting, verification including in the field of finance⁸ would be set up as one of the 7 key leverages of an EU Enhanced Partnership with an efficient 'ecosystem' of actors that would transform Europe and ensure greater well-being for its inhabitants and secure a 'safe operating space'. For this to happen we need integrated multi-stakeholder value chain strategy addressing the SDGs and Planetary Boundaries as Resource Efficiency & Circular economy, Climate & Energy transition, Bio-Economy & Sustainable Agriculture, Life Style & Behavior, Inclusive and Sustainable Finance.

This global blockchain community will start with existing blockchain initiatives relevant to the implementation of the SDGs and the Climate agreements. This community will be structured in the form of clusters. The first clusters addressed will be related to inclusive and sustainable finance, the first domino ; food security and biodiversity; natural resources management (minerals, forests, maritime); climate change and carbon offset ; oceans.; Amazon and tropical forests. Pilot blockchains are part of the application.

From a European Union standpoint, the blockchain community will contribute to the success of the EU Green Deal and EU climate change objectives as well as SDGs partnerships initiatives inside the EU and in cooperation with other regions of the world.

This eco-system/community will be equipped with an *Observatory* in charge of

- reporting to the UN, the EU and other interested parties on progress made
- developing the blockchain eco-system and improving its efficiency

All the blockchains part of the community will have common rules to generate positive social change, transparency and accountability related to SDGs targets and commitments, the strengthening of

⁸ EPE& RFI have launched an initiative on blockchain and sustainable finance : CDIT.





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shared and differentiated responsibility, visibility of public funding use, just transition, inclusive and sustainable finance.

The eco-system should also explore how to become partner of regional institutions as

- The African Union
- The Union for the Mediterranean
- The Amazon
- Asia
- Others.

