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SOCIEUX+ EU Expertise on Social Protection, Labour and Employment is a technical cooperation facility co-funded by the European Union (EU), France, Belgium and Spain. It aims to enhance access to better employment opportunities and inclusive social protection systems, with a particular focus on women, youth, and vulnerable groups.

# Mid-Term Evaluation of Phase IV · Findings

The Mid-Term Evaluation aimed to identify lessons learned, draw conclusions, and formulate key recommendations to support the Facility in achieving its intended objectives and results during the current phase of SOCIEUX+, while informing future interventions.

## The driving force of the programme

SOCIEUX+ cooperation remains highly relevant to EU objectives, with the "peer-to-peer" expertise model standing out as a valuable tool that fosters credibility, trust, and project ownership.

**High relevance**

**European added value: talent**

By bringing together the expertise of multiple Member States, it provides Partner Institutions with tailored technical support, offering a much broader and more neutral perspective.

**Economic efficiency**

Excellent cost-efficiency and value for money compared to market alternatives. It provides rapid access to highly specialised experts, generating lasting value through mutual learning.

### Cross-cutting issues

SOCIEUX+ makes a robust contribution to gender equality and social inclusion. It achieves this by actively strengthening the capacity of Partner Institutions to integrate these considerations into the design and implementation of their policies.

## The formula for long term success

It is highly effective in delivering its immediate outputs, performing particularly well in strengthening institutional capacities, improving public management, and raising awareness in Partner Countries.

**Proven effectiveness**

**Impact on social conditions**

The interventions contribute to improving labour and social protection conditions. The Facility's impact is strongest when complemented by other cooperation instruments, displaying strategic potential for the future.

**Strategic coherence**

Capacity to join forces and create synergies. The actions demonstrate strong complementarity, being strategically designed to enrich and reinforce other long term, EU funded programmes.

**Sustainability of benefits**

SOCIEUX+ has successfully implemented institutional mechanisms designed to support and ensure the long-term sustainability of benefits, with appropriate institutional support.

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Mid-Term Evaluation of Phase IV · SOCIEUX+ and Global Gateway

# SOCIEUX+ and the Global Gateway Investment Agenda (GGIA): a strategic alliance with great potential

### Significant potential for contribution

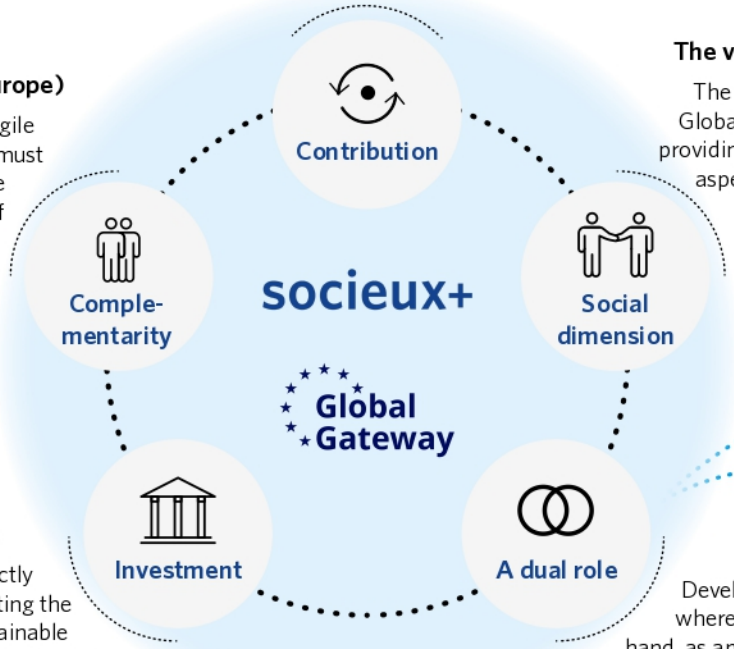
SOCIEUX+ has the potential to contribute directly to GGIA objectives, although currently its alignment remains stronger at the strategic than at the operational level.

### Key complementarity (Team Europe)

To maximise its effectiveness, the agile technical assistance of SOCIEUX+ must be used to complement larger-scale financing and policy programmes of the EU and its Member States.

### The value of the "Social Dimension"

The programme is well aligned into the Global Gateway's 360-degree approach, providing the opportunity to integrate vital aspects such as social dialogue, labour standards, and social protection.




### Solid foundations for investment

SOCIEUX+ already contributes indirectly but meaningfully to this agenda, creating the essential enabling conditions for sustainable investments by strengthening governance, human capital, and institutional capacities in Partner Countries.

### Future vision: a dual role

Developing an alignment strategy where SOCIEUX+ acts, on the one hand, as an "enabler" of the investment environment and, on the other, as a driver for mainstreaming social protection and employment policies across GGIA priority sectors.

## STRATEGIC ROLE I

**Enabling the Global Gateway investment portfolio**

Create the enabling conditions for a socially just green transition.

- → Peer-to-peer Technical Assistance
- → Social dialogue
- → Environmental, Social, and Governance y Corporate Sustainability Due Dilligence Directive (ESG & CSDDD) compliance
- → Gender & green jobs
- → Resilient Social Protection

## STRATEGIC ROLE II

**Mainstreaming SP&LE across GGIA sectors**

Ensure that every priority sector incorporates Social Protection and Labour & Employment considerations.

- → Sustainable Transport
- → Green Energy
- → Education, Skills & Research
- → Digitalisation
- → Health Systems

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