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## **AGGV/CONCORD, Global Gateway**

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Dear Director Wank, dear Director Cox,

on behalf of Federal Minister for European and International Affairs Alexander Schallenberg, let me thank you for your letter dated 24 August 2023 pertaining to Global Gateway, the European strategy to boost smart, clean and secure links in digital, energy and transport sectors and to strengthen health, education and research systems across the world.

Already in its Joint Communication of 1 December 2021, the European Commission outlined the alignment of the Strategy with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals as well as the importance of civil society involvement. The Austrian Government communicated this accordingly, underlining also the important role of the private sector in mobilising additional resources.

The European Union is pursuing the Global Gateway Strategy exactly in this sense. Together with our European partners, Austria works towards a balanced implementation of Global Gateway. Our dialogue with civil society plays an important role in this endeavour. I look forward to continuing our excellent cooperation towards sustainable development and remain with sincere regards,



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Director-General for Development Cooperation  
and Humanitarian Assistance