TEAM EUROPE INITIATIVES

What is Team Europe?

- Team Europe is our answer to a changing geopolitical landscape that increasingly requires collective, swift and decisive action at multilateral and country level.
- Team Europe is about sending a strong message of European partnership and solidarity to build back better in a green, just, sustainable and inclusive way, while being responsive to human development priorities.
- Team Europe is about creating meaningful partnerships, leveraging our collective weight and strategic interests in the (joint) policy dialogue with partner countries.
- The Team Europe approach enhances coordination and optimal use of our respective resources for sustainable impact.
- Team Europe is about branding EU interventions and creating more visibility, especially through the use of the Team Europe visual identity.
- Team Europe consists of the EU institutions, including the European Investment Bank, Member States and their implementing organisations and development financing institutions and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- Team Europe represents a new era of working better together.

What are Team Europe Initiatives?

- Team Europe Initiatives are the flagships of the Team Europe approach, guided by the political and policy priorities of the EU.
- Underpinned by strategic policy dialogue, they aim to support transformational change by delivering concrete results for partner countries, making the EU and its Member States the partner of reference in a priority area.
- Team Europe Initiatives focus on identifying a critical priority (bottleneck) that currently constrains development at country level, where a coordinated and coherent effort by Team Europe would ensure results with a transformative impact.
- Team Europe Initiatives are grounded at the most appropriate level be it country or regional/multi-country level.
- Team Europe Initiatives are open to all participants to Team Europe who are interested in working together (an inclusive approach) in the design, financing and implementation of actions.
- Team Europe Initiatives draw on the best mix of funding/support modalities, tools and partners and the wealth of the collective experience, expertise and resources.

How do Team Europe Initiatives relate to NDICI-programming?

- Team Europe Initiatives are joint efforts facilitated by the EU – both at country and at HQ level - in coordination with the EU Member States Capitals, Embassies, field offices and their implementing and financing institutions, as well as the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.
- Team Europe Initiatives are integrated in the EU Multiannual Indicative Programmes.
- Team Europe Initiatives get support both from the EU budget -and are therefore guided by NDICI programming guidelines-, and from the relevant financial resources of the EU Member States.
- EU Multiannual Indicative Programmes have a joint programming preference for country programming [NDICI Regulation, Article 10 (2b)].
What do delegations and embassies need to know?

- In the 2nd half of November 2020, there will be seminars with delegations, embassies and headquarters/capitals about the progress of Team Europe Initiatives.
- Team Europe Initiatives need to be able to put the EU on the map, be transformative, and lead to results.
- The first Team Europe Initiatives can start as fast as budgets are secured and all members have agreed, likely from Q2 2021 onwards.

Annex:

3 Infographics:

- Linkage of programming with TEIs
- TEIs core dimensions
- TEI transformational value