



Commissioner Šuica
Piano Mattei & Global Gateway
12/11/2025 - 10:00-13:00, EP, Brussels

Member in charge: Marco La Marca

Scene setter

You are invited, along with Commissioner Síkela, to give a keynote speech at the high-level event: Piano Mattei and Global Gateway: A New Model for Europe-Africa relations.

The event will bring together political leaders, Ministers, representatives of the business community, associations and experts, with the aim to reflect on the synergies between the Mattei Plan and the EU's Global Gateway strategy.

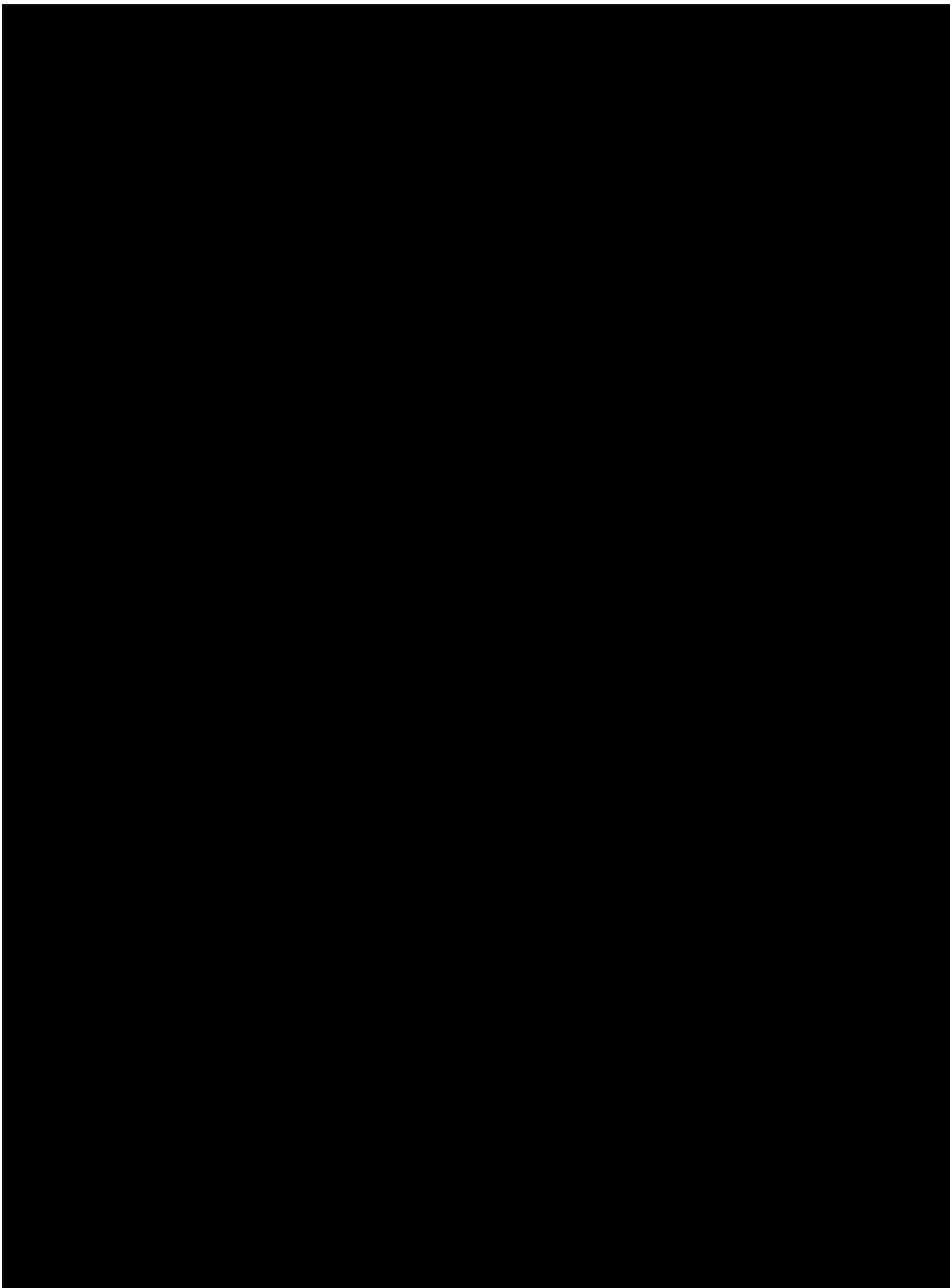
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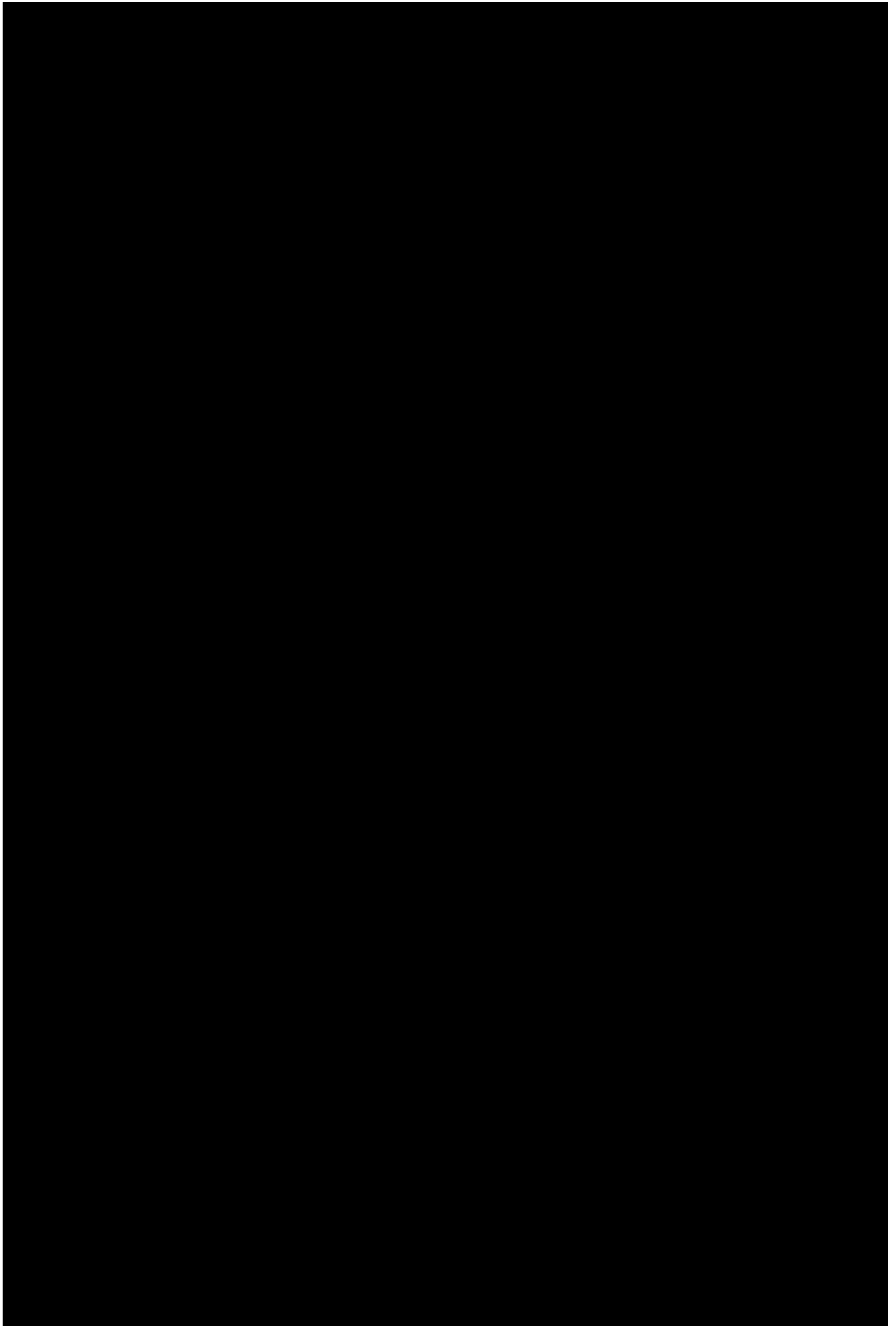
- Introduce the Pact for the Mediterranean and the T-MED initiative as a key instrument to scale up renewable energy, clean tech, and skills cooperation, reinforcing a partnership of equals across the Mediterranean.
- Emphasise the strong synergies between the Italian Mattei Plan for Africa and the EU's Global Gateway, both promoting partnership, sustainability, and shared prosperity in similar sectors as in the Pact for the Mediterranean.
- Showcase clear examples of Global Gateway flagships such as the Medusa Submarine Cable and the Aqaba–Amman Water Project.

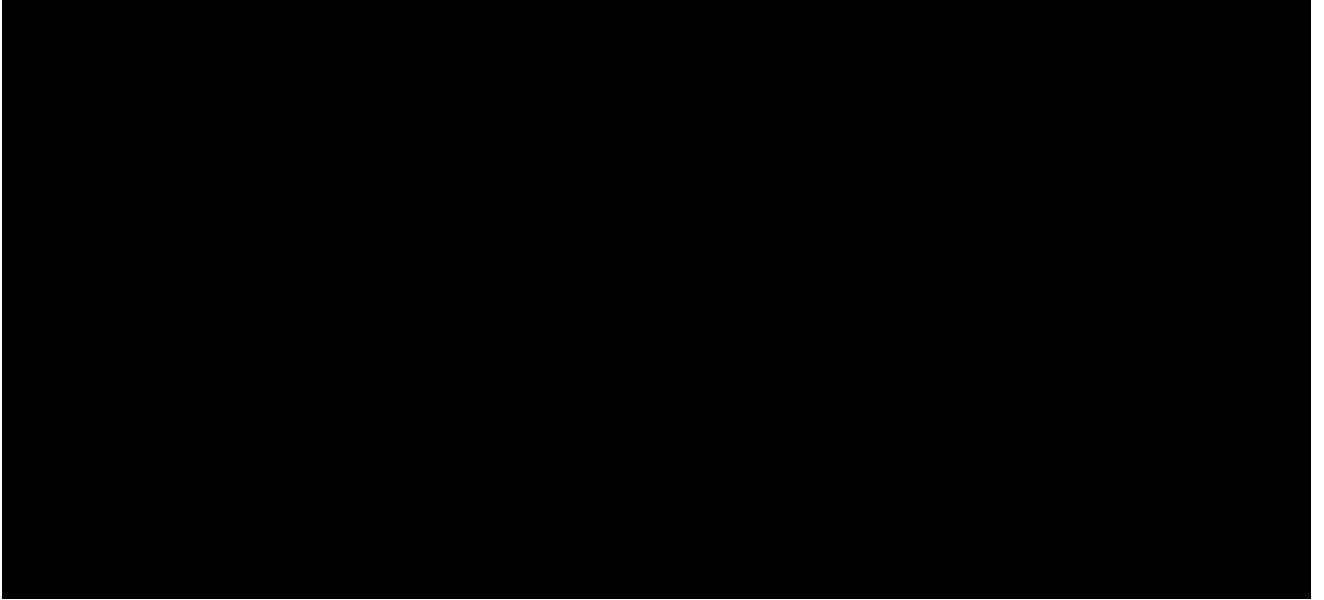
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Background

Italian Mattei Plan for Africa

The Mattei Plan for Africa is a strategic initiative launched by the Italian Government during the Italy-Africa Summit, held in Rome in January 2024. It represents a programmatic and concrete plan aimed at strengthening the partnership between Italy and the African countries on a peer-to-peer approach, through the identification of areas of intervention and priorities with focus on **six main sectors: energy, water, education/vocational training, health, agriculture and infrastructures (including also digital infrastructures)**. With a view to an incremental approach, the Plan focuses, for the time being, on **14 countries**, including **Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia** in the Mediterranean region.

Energy transition is one of the strategic pillars of the Plan, as Italy aims at strengthening connections with Africa's dynamic economic systems, focusing on renewable energy, and becoming a clean energy hub for Europe. Access to energy is crucial for a sustainable economic development. Considering the present growth of Africa's population, it will be relevant to highlight the need for reliable, clean, and sustainable energy sources to meet increasing demand and ensure environmental protection. The Italian Climate Fund, among other financial tools, will drive investments in energy and sustainable development.

Position of the Italian Government on the Global Gateway

In **June 2025**, President von der Leyen and Italian Prime Minister Meloni reaffirmed the Commission-Italy partnership under Global Gateway and the Mattei Plan for transformative investments in Africa.

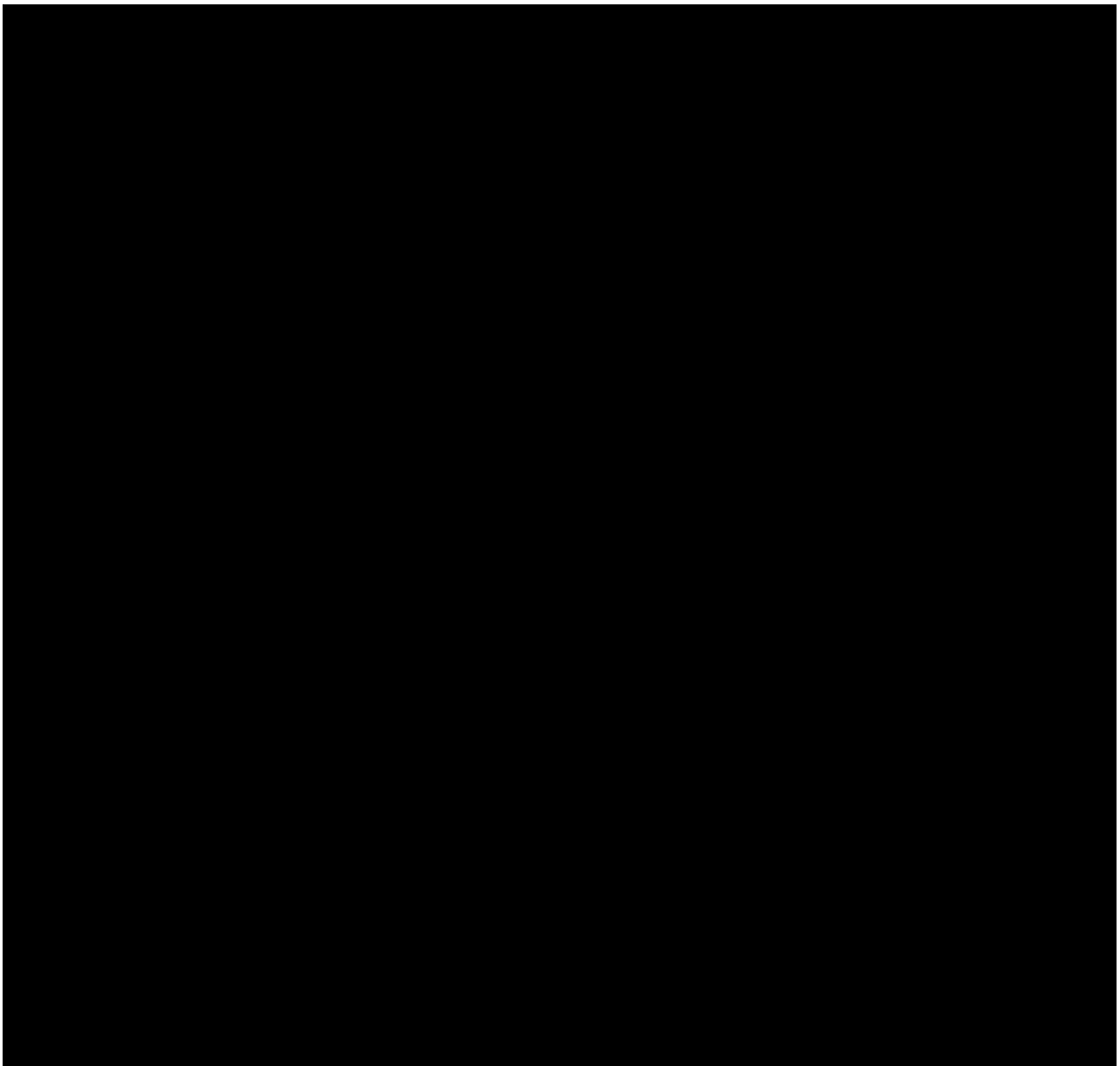
A considerable **financial commitment** supports the Plan: **5.5 billion euros** have been allocated between loans, donations, and guarantees. About **3 billion** come from the **Italian Climate Fund** and the remaining **€2.5 billion** from Italy's Development Cooperation funds. These funds will finance a series of pilot projects, including a professional training centre on energy in Morocco and initiatives for education in Tunisia and healthcare accessibility in the Ivory Coast. These interventions are conceived to ensure immediate aid but also as steps toward long-term collaboration between Italy and African countries.

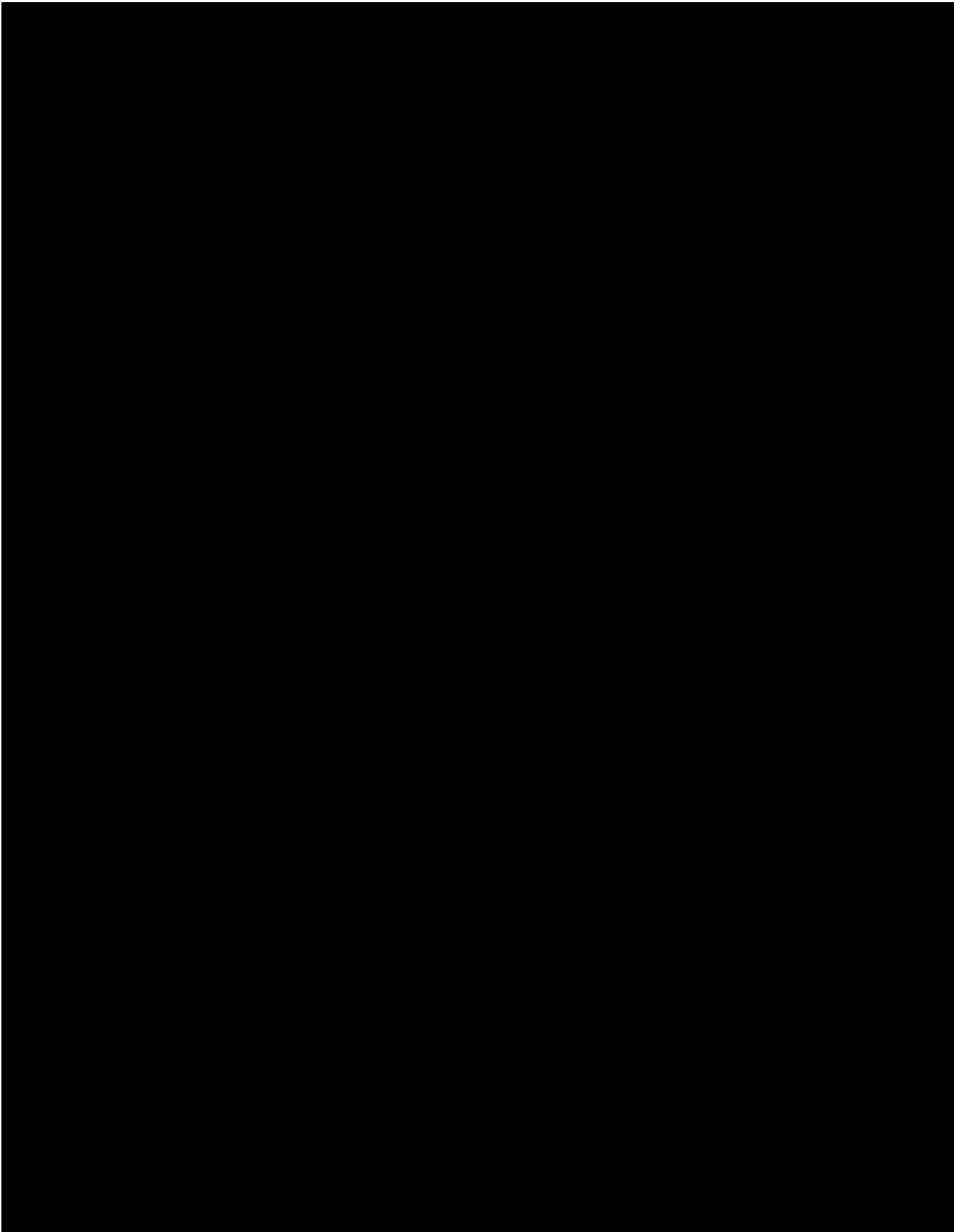
ECR's position on the Global Gateway

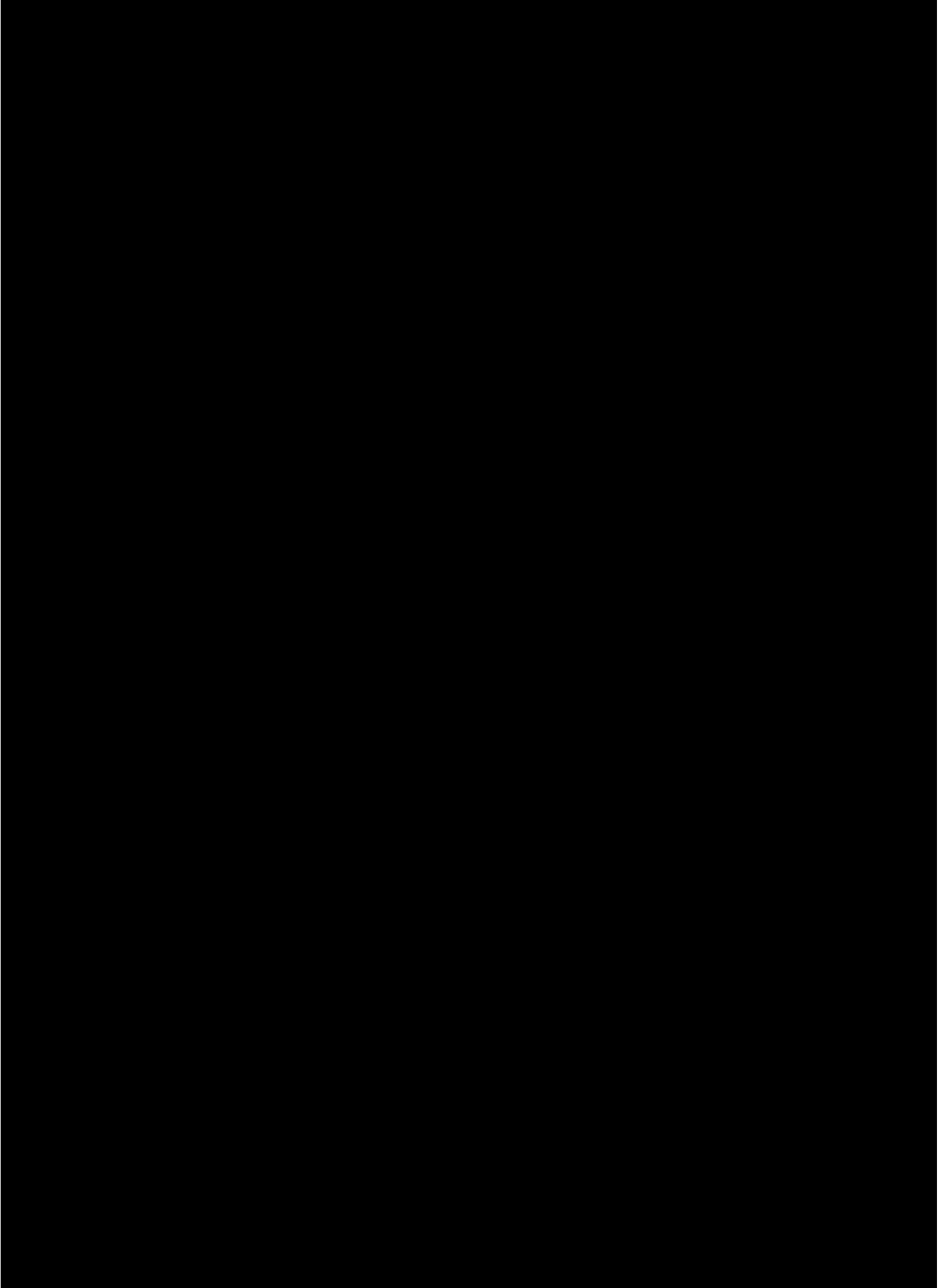
The European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Group, a centre-right political group in the European Parliament, supports the Global Gateway strategy, advocating for it to be used to build strong, long-lasting economies in developing countries through private sector investment, rather than just aid. They believe this

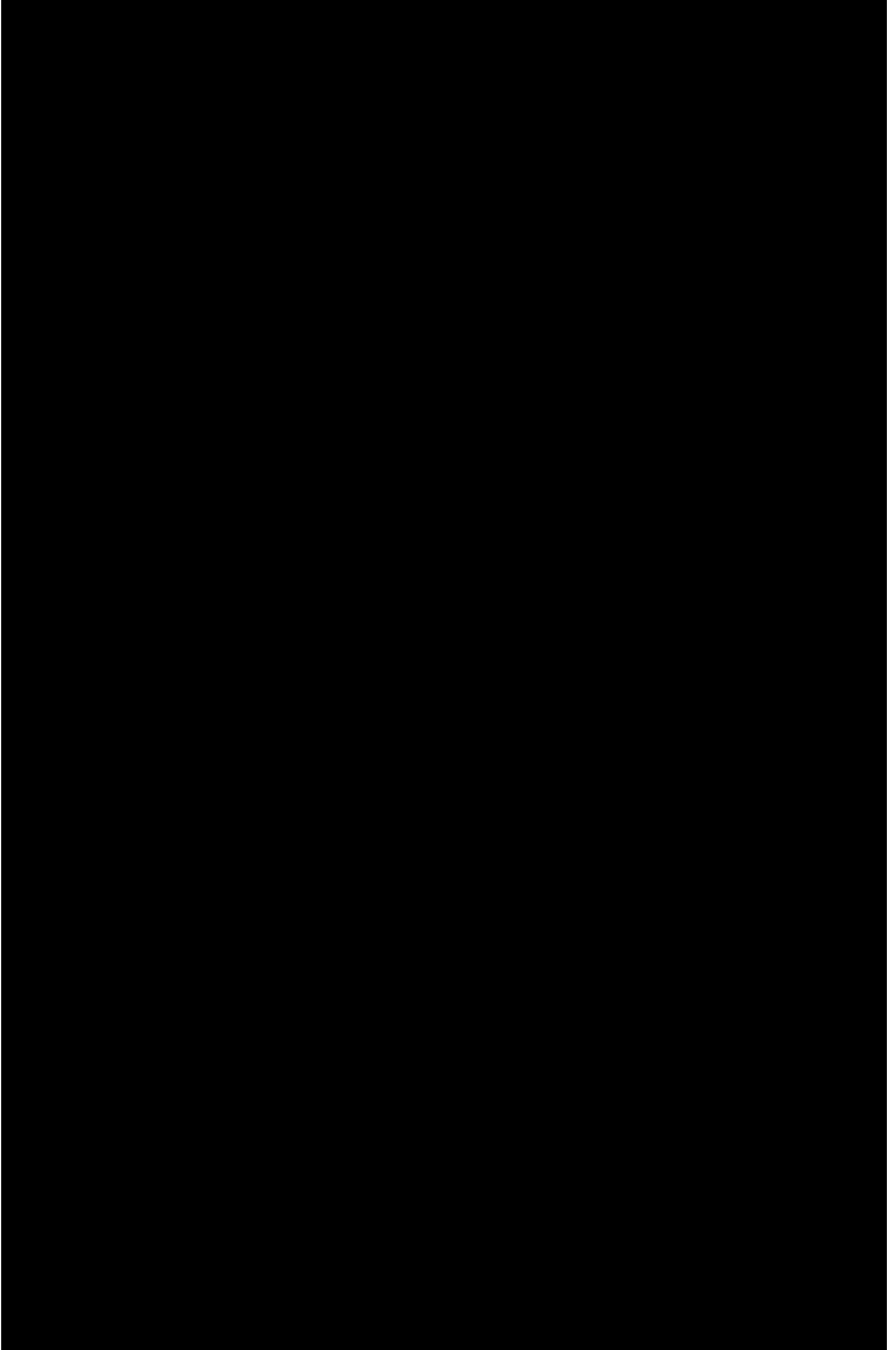
approach tackles the root causes of migration by creating jobs and fostering innovation.

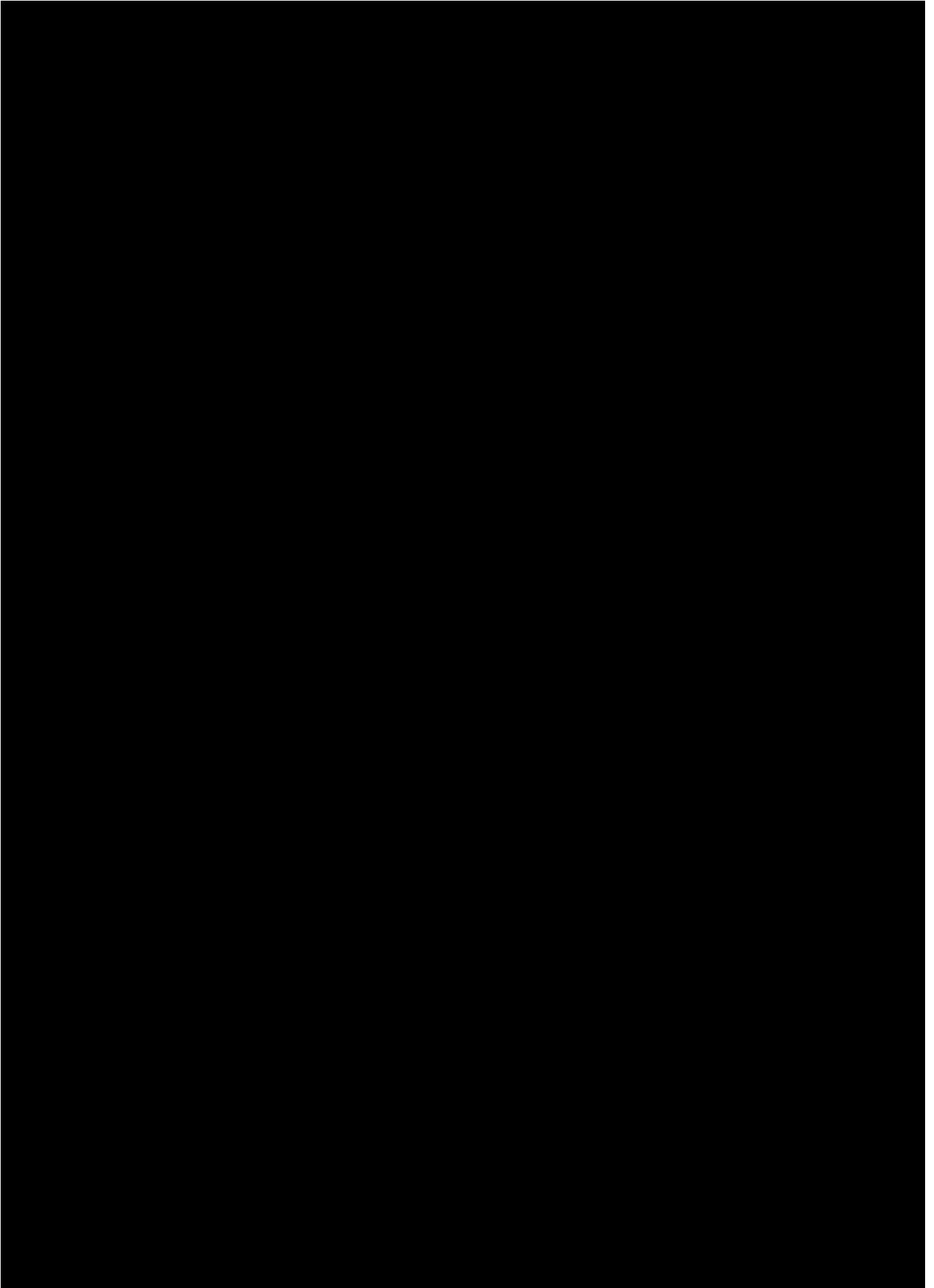
On its website, the ECR noted that it welcomes *pushing the European Commission to move away from short-term solutions and handouts, and instead move towards a system which helps countries and communities build long lasting stronger economies and industries. By using this fund to provide money for private enterprises in developing countries, we are helping grow innovation in developing nations, giving people their dignity back through work, and addressing the root causes of mass migration to the EU - poverty. For the first time in the history of the European Parliament, the private sector has been recognised as a crucial actor for development and wealth creation.*













CVs

