

DIGITAL ECONOMY PACKAGE PHILIPPINES

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CONTEXT

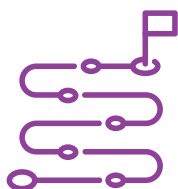
Under the Global Gateway the EU is strengthening the partnership with the Philippines, on green and digital cooperation.

In 2023, the EU launched the **Team Europe Initiative on Green Economy**, with an EU contribution of €466 M. By supporting the national, local and private sector in the transition towards circular economy, waste management, the EU and the Philippines are working together on tackling climate change and promoting sustainable investments in energy and wastewater management.

In addition, the EU and the Philippines, launched the **Copernicus Programme** (€10 M) in the Philippines being the first one of its kind in the region. With Philippines being an island country prone to disasters, Copernicus will make a difference by establishing a data centre (mirror site) to facilitate use, access and distribution of Copernicus satellite data, improve skills and raise awareness.

Building on this cooperation, the EU will continue its support in this area with the **Digital Economy Package**.

Project Title	Digital Economy Package
Main partners	DICT; PhilSa
Duration	2024-2028
Budget	Total: €20 M



OVERALL OBJECTIVE

The Digital Economy Package for the EU is aiming to support the Philippines becoming a digital connectivity hub in the region, expand Copernicus in South-East Asia, tackling disaster risk management and climate change mitigation.

OUTCOMES

- Philippines Team Europe Initiative Digital Connectivity: EU will support external connectivity through existing and possibly new cable links, internal connectivity through investment in digital research infrastructure. This will ensure access to Copernicus data in real time and contribute to disaster preparedness and response, and climate change mitigation. Discussions with Member States to join the TEI are ongoing. Synergies with the TEI ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity will be explored.
- Policy and regulatory support for 5G roll out
- Cybersecurity capacity building, identification and protection of critical infrastructure
- Indo Pacific study on connectivity

