

	Climate change adaptation @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Internal markers and Tags	Policy objectives	Not targeted	Significant objective	Principal objective
	Digitalisation @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	/
	digital governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital entrepreneurship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital skills/literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Connectivity @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	digital connectivity	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	/
energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
education and research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Migration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reduction of Inequalities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: 14.020131 Total estimated cost: EUR 3 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 3 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through Procurement			

1.2 Summary of the Action

Digital technologies today represent key geo-strategic and geo-economic assets for all global powers. The EU and China are active competitors on digital technologies, with similar priority areas for investments (Artificial Intelligence, semiconductors, 5G, the data economy). In China, such competition is often set in an uneven level playing field for EU companies. Chinese data and cybersecurity legislation is a particularly complex aspect, as several new laws and policies on data security, data privacy, data exports, pose serious challenges for compliance by EU companies. The geopolitical situation – in particular Russia's aggression against Ukraine – has added further elements of complexity, including on aspects such as cyber-attacks and disinformation.

Furthermore, China and the EU are also proposing different approaches on global internet governance and as regards tech investments in the Global South. In 2015, China launched its Digital Silk Road (DSR) initiative, as a technological dimension of its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)¹. Through DSR, China channels investments in third

¹ http://www.scio.gov.cn/zfbps/zfbps_2279/202310/t20231010_773734.html