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|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                      | digital entrepreneurship   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | /                                   |
|                                      | digital skills/literacy  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                     |
|                                      | digital services   |  |                                     |                                     |
|                                      | Connectivity @   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|                                      | digital connectivity   | YES<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO<br><input type="checkbox"/>      | /                                   |
|                                      | energy   | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
|                                      | transport  | <input type="checkbox"/>                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |
|                                      | health   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                                     |
|                                      | education and research   |  |                                     |                                     |
|                                      | 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"/>            |
| <b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>            |  |  |                                     |                                     |
| <b>12. Amounts concerned</b>         | Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020131<br>Total estimated cost: EUR 20 million<br>Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 20 million                           |  |                                     |                                     |
| <b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b> |  |  |                                     |                                     |
| <b>13. Type of financing</b>         | <b>Direct management</b> through:<br>- Grants<br><b>Indirect management</b> with entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.2 |  |                                     |                                     |

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

### Aim

Through the Digital Economy Package for the Philippines building on the Copernicus programme in the Philippines<sup>1</sup>, a success story of the Global Gateway initiative in Asia, the EU is aiming to support the Philippines at becoming a digital connectivity hub in the region and expand Copernicus<sup>2</sup> in South-East Asia.

The Digital Economy Package aims at providing the Philippines with secure and reliable high-speed and real-time Copernicus data access and facilitate an exchange among relevant Philippines entities and users via the Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Digital Connectivity in favour of the Philippines. Building on the Copernicus Programme in the Philippines, the TEI aims to provide Philippine's national authorities with the knowledge, skills, and technical means to improve disaster preparedness and response, and to mitigate climate change effects.

The Package focuses on 1) improving Digital Connectivity by connecting the Philippines and EU via a high-speed secure bandwidth link. At international level by acquiring indefeasible rights of use on trusted cable links such as but not only research networks (GÉANT/PREGINET) to connect the EU and Philippines, including through a possible extension of a future Arctic connectivity to the Philippines. At national level the support provided via the

<sup>1</sup> National Copernicus Capacity Support Action Programme for the Philippines (CopPhil), C(2020) 8436

<sup>2</sup> Copernicus is the European Union's Earth observation programme, see here <https://www.copernicus.eu/en>