

## Annex I

### Draft Eligibility Criteria EAC DPI Acceleration Mechanism

June 2026

1. The project is recommended to have an aggregated investment of around EUR 5 million or more over a 5–10-year period; however, smaller projects may still be considered.
2. The project is expected to focus on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), either digital (e.g., e-payments, data sharing, e-ID, e-government systems, cybersecurity, or digital registries) or physical (e.g., data centres or connectivity). Proposals combining digital and physical components, or existing projects seeking scale-up support, are eligible.
3. The project is expected to demonstrate clear ownership by a private-sector company or government agency and to show a strong commitment to developing a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for long-term impact.
4. The project is located in an EAC partner state and is expected to support the implementation of the EAC Digital Transformation Strategy, the EAC Cross-Border Payment System Master Plan or the EAC E-Commerce Strategy. Whereas national projects are eligible, projects that further the regional integration agenda will be given preference.
5. The project is expected to demonstrate alignment with the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework (UNDP DPI Safeguards Framework)—particularly in terms of inclusivity, transparency, accountability, and data protection/security by design.
6. Where applicable, the project is expected to outline broad considerations for long-term sustainability or potential revenue pathways, without requiring a fully developed financial model at this stage.

Please see more information here: [EAC DPI Acceleration Mechanism \(DPI-AM\)](#)

## Annex II

List of project proposals submitted by the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance in Uganda

Status as of June 2026: Project sheets of components expected by end of June, scoping reports expected by November 2026.

Financing partner: discussions with European Investment Bank (EIB) in progress

The six components are part of the same DPI narrative and become mutually reinforcing layers of a single digital ecosystem:

- **Connectivity layer:** Closing Connectivity Divides
- **Physical access layer:** Post Offices as e-Government Service Centres
- **Service delivery layer:** National e-Service Platform / Digital Marketplace
- **Infrastructure and hosting layer:** Regional Edge Data Centres
- **Spatial and logistics layer:** Digital GIS Addressing System
- **Payment and transaction layer:** Regional Integration of National Payment Switch