



A New Agenda for Relations between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean

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“Today, the EU-LAC strategic partnership is more important than ever. We are key allies to strengthen the rules-based international order, stand up together for democracy, human rights and international peace and security. Our Global Gateway will also boost investment and closer cooperation”



“Reinforcing the EU's partnership with Latin America & the Caribbean is a strategic imperative. We are among the world's most closely aligned regions for interests and values. By working together as partners of choice, we can address global challenges more effectively, strengthen the rules-based international order, and promote peace, security, and democracy”

1 A renewed political partnership

- Organise regular EU-CELAC Summits and set up a permanent coordination mechanism
- Enhance engagement with individual LAC countries as well as with (sub-)regional groups notably the Caribbean, also through the finalisation of the post-Cotonou Agreement
- Increased cooperation in UN fora
- Advance reform of the global financial system, including cooperation for a new Global Financial Pact
- Foster a joint commitment to the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals



2 Strengthening a common EU-LAC trade agenda

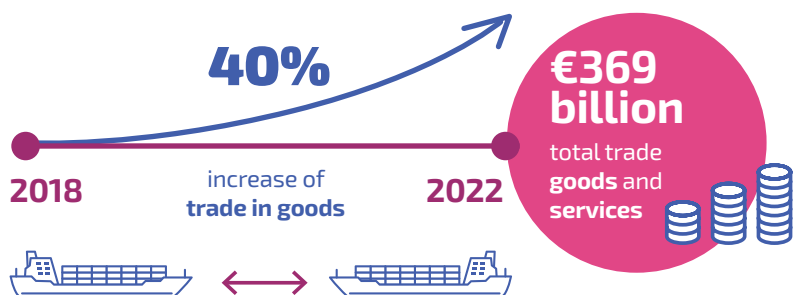
- Finalise EU-Chile Agreement
- Make decisive progress towards the signature and ratification of the EU-Mexico and EU-Mercosur agreements
- Complete EU Member States' ratification of the agreements with Central America and Colombia, Peru and Ecuador and jointly consider the strengthening of their sustainability provisions
- Complete the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement review process
- Strengthening EU-LAC cooperation to diversify sources of raw materials and work jointly to make global supply chains more resilient
- Strengthen the EU-LAC collaboration in the WTO
- Step up dialogue on EU and LAC respective green transition policies, address the impact of EU legislation, including support to facilitate trade

Network of bilateral and regional trade agreements



Number of LAC countries covered by agreements with the EU

Two-way trade



3 Global Gateway and supporting partnerships for a fair, green and digital transition

Through the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda, leverage quality investments to deliver on renewable energy and green hydrogen, critical raw materials, decarbonisation, and transport infrastructure projects, 5G and last-kilometre connectivity, digitalisation for public services, sustainable forest management, health products manufacturing, education and skills and sustainable finance, with a positive and values-based investment offer, respecting high international standards

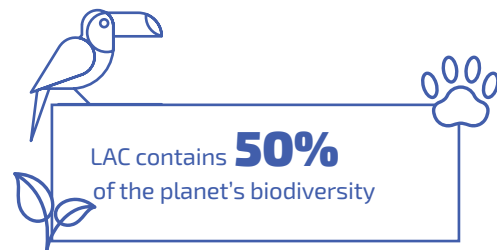
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Cooperating for a fair green transition



- Jointly drive forward the implementation of green investment projects
- Step up the fight against forest and biodiversity loss and forest degradation, in particular in the Amazon and the Five Great Forests of Mesoamerica
- Conclude Memoranda of Understanding on energy and explore mutually beneficial partnerships as envisaged under the EU's new Critical Raw Materials strategy



Joining forces for an inclusive and human-centric digital transformation



- Develop joint actions under the EU-LAC Digital Alliance, enhance regional and bilateral dialogues on digital policy and regulatory convergence
- Jointly develop Global Gateway investment projects for an inclusive digital transition
- Drive forward the extension of the sub-sea BELLA fibre-optic cable and roll out a regional Copernicus strategy (including data centres in Panama and Chile)
- Explore collaboration on space activities

Promoting sustainable economic growth for human development



- Jointly develop further actions under the EU-LAC Health partnership, including vaccine and medicines manufacturing, digital health, health technologies and health system strengthening
- Mobilise the regional Team Europe Initiative on Inclusive Societies, including a new enhanced EUROsociAL programme also covering education
- Boost academic cooperation in higher education and vocational training and increase cooperation in research and innovation

4 Joining forces for justice, citizen security and the fight against transnational organised crime



- Strengthen the EU-LAC Partnership on Justice and Security, building on existing programmes such as El PacCTO, COPOLAD, EUROFRONT and the Global Illicit Flows Programme
- Conclude further international agreements and working arrangements with Europol and Eurojust
- Support capacity development and cooperation with the Latin America Internal Security Committee (CLASI) and the Police Community of the Americas (AMERIPOL)
- Develop the high-level dialogue on drugs policy
- Enhance cooperation on cybersecurity

5 Working together to promote peace and security, democracy, rule of law, human rights and humanitarian aid



- Step up efforts to empower women and girls and eradicate gender-based violence
- Enhance cooperation on accountability for international crimes, including through joint initiatives in support of the ICC
- Continue support in the response to human-induced crises and natural hazards, including on migration and displacement crises
- Explore possibilities for new tailored partnerships in security and defence
- Enhance cooperation to counter foreign information manipulation and interference, including in electoral processes

6 Building a vibrant EU-LAC people-to-people partnership



- Increase engagement with youth, also through country-level Youth Sounding Boards
- Intensify collaboration on education and research under Erasmus+ and other mobility programmes
- Encourage intercultural networks and joint cultural initiatives (like the EU's participation as guest of honour in the 2023 Guadalajara International Book Fair (Mexico), the biggest in the world outside Europe)