



# COLOMBIA - Environment for Sustainable Development

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## TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL



### Sustainable local development

- Promote circular, green and bio economies and investments: sustainable use of biodiversity, forest value chain, green businesses, opportunities for economic empowerment
- Stop deforestation, protect land and sea biodiversity: support research and innovation on strategic ecosystems
- Promote sustainable and resilient landscape: reconversion of food value chains ECHO
- Sustainable rural public goods

### Sustainable cities and infrastructures

- Work and smart cities: sustainable mobility, clean air and water, nature based solutions, legal reforms and tax system
- Develop schemes for payment for ecosystem services (FR)
- Promote sustainable production and consumption: support SMEs to convert to green technologies, value chains and access to markets
- Sustainable distribution systems
- Promote climate-resilient infrastructure and renewable energy (EIB, MS, IE)

### Sustainable finance and institutions

- Finance for climate: support clean growth, economic incentives for clean production (BE, FR, EuroClima, ECHO)
- Peaceful resolution of environmental conflicts: protect environmental rights defenders (ES)

## MODALITIES/TOOLS

Joint Political dialogue

Euroclima+

Budget support

Galileo PPP

Technical assistance

Erasmus

Exchange of expertise and best practices

Copernicus

Guarantees

Horizon Europe

EU Forest Partnership

### TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Potential to become a model of sustainable development in Latin America
- Lead by example the switch to a green economy

## KEY DELIVERABLES

### Transport

1. Construction of the "Metro de Bogota" for a more-inclusive and environmentally fair transport system that contributes to Bogotá becoming carbon neutral city by 2050.

### Water and biodiversity

2. Restoration of the swamp "Ciénaga of Mallorquin" (design and feasibility studies).
3. Establishment of a territorial water governance system in intermediate and small high mountain towns in the Atriz Valley Water Region (500.000 inhabitants), which share water sources and need to develop collaborative tools for their water security.
4. Improvement of water and sanitation in Medellín, including by guaranteeing access to drinking water and basic sanitation to inhabitants.

### Food production value chains

5. Development of resilient food production in horticulture-livestock systems for 200 families through technological innovation in climatically vulnerable regions of Argentina and Colombia.

### Renewable energy

6. Commercialization of green low-carbon technologies of European small and medium-sized enterprises and companies in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia and Mexico (DG GROW, FPI).

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## NATIONAL CONTEXT

### Mega-biodiverse country

- Highest number of species per area worldwide
- ½ of the land is covered in forest

### Environmental degradation linked to economic growth

- Deforestation
- Land grabbing
- Unsustainable water and land use and pollution
- Ecosystem fragmentation

### Political context

- Commitment to implement reform towards green economy
- National Development Plan: climate-neutrality by 2050
- Solid institutional and legal framework to tackle climate change
- Strategy for circular economy
- Strategy for greener cities
- Rise of eco-tourism and green businesses
- Engagement on environmental issues (single use plastics, protection of the Amazon)

## GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



Paris agreement

Alliance for Rainforest

Agenda 2030

EU Green Deal

Leticia Pact for the Amazon

EU-CO Free Trade Agreement includes a chapter on Sustainable Development

\*\*SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)