

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC) - Green Transition – Euroclima LAC

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

In-country policy dialogue, support to ambitious policies and their implementation:

- Climate change (energy, transport, agriculture and water): EU know-how transfer, best practices exchange and platforms
- Biodiversity (land and marine environment): effective mainstreaming and management of region's biological resources

Seeking synergies and enhancing intra-regional cooperation:

- Support TEIs implementation of countries without a MIP (≈50% of LAC countries)
- Strengthening regional coordination
- Enhance collaboration on adaptation to climate change indicators development
- Enhance monitoring and follow-up to Climate Financing in LAC
- Support the carbon price platform
- Policy dialogue and capacity building
- Enhance collaboration on the modelling flow of using satellite information
- Support to negotiators (climate change and biodiversity COPs)
- Enhance regional collaboration (green fiscal instruments and peer reviews)

Pillars of cooperation:

- Environmental, ocean and climate change governance
- Transition to renewable energies and energy efficiency
- Environmental protection
- Biodiversity and human development footprint: reliable monitoring, verification and reporting systems
- Smart and sustainable cities

Crosscutting issues: inequality, gender, and human rights

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue

Technical assistance

Twinning

Grants

Capacity building:

- Peer-to peer mechanisms
- Exchanges of best practices (webinars & workshops)

Blending and guarantee operations

KEY DELIVERABLES

Climate and energy

1. Disaster Risk Management: Euroclima Regional Disaster Risk Management for Central America
2. Commercialization of green low-carbon technologies of European small and medium-sized enterprises and companies in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia and Mexico
3. Integration of strategic industrial value chains based on the EU-Latin America Partnership on Raw Materials
4. LAC post-COVID recovery tracker: via UNEP

Smart cities

5. El Salvador: construction of two cable car lines in the Metropolitan area of San Salvador that will cater to the transportation of up to 1000 persons per hour
6. Urban Mobility: development of plans and policies for sustainable urban mobility at the national, regional, and local levels in Chile, Uruguay, Ecuador, Argentina, Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala and Peru; also including urban plans and pilot projects to promote the use of bicycles in selected cities (EuroClima).
7. link with Caribbean EU Green Deal Partnership.

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

LAC hosts:

- 50% of the planet's biodiversity
- 57% of primary tropical forest
- Some of the world's most important marine ecosystems

Caribbean: 12% of the world's mangroves, 10% of the coral reefs, with 90% endemism levels

Total terrestrial area under protection in the region increased from 8.8% to 23.4% (1990 - 2014)

One of the most unequal regions in the world

Climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss

Suffering disproportionately from the Covid-19 pandemic

The LAC region is disproportionately strongly affected by climate change

Need for sustainable and inclusive economic development:

- Fight climate change
- Address biodiversity loss
- Protect environment by transitioning to a low-carbon, pollution-free and circular economy

National policies:

- Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Countries' long-term decarbonisation strategies
- The Escazu Agreement (April 2021)

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



Agenda 2030

Paris Agreement

EU Green Deal

EU cooperation on environment and climate change

Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework

COVID-19 Pandemic



TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Contribute to the LAC region's Green Transition, through climate mitigation and adaptation efforts and through the protection and conservation of biological diversity
- Assist LAC countries' transition to a decarbonised, environmentally friendly, and inclusive economy
- Ensure a socially just and green recovery, in line with the EU Green Deal

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