

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC) - Amazon Basin

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

The TEI responds to challenges in the Amazon Basin:

- Related to the deforestation and degradation of the Amazon Forest
- Not covered through national TEIs on green transition, climate change and biodiversity

Sustainable finance

- Strengthening multi country green investment mechanisms
- Sustainability standards and procedures

Sustainable management of natural resources through integrated management of landscapes and sustainable land use strategies:

- Strengthening the integrated management (national and multi-country) of transboundary ecosystems and water resources (Copernicus)
- Supporting intersectoral, multi-level and multi-actor and regional articulation

It covers the Amazon Basin

countries (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela)

Inclusive and sustainable growth and livelihoods, including the promotion of transparent and deforestation-free supply chains:

- Strengthening green growth transition
- Intersectoral, multi-level and multi-actor and regional articulation

Environmental governance and human rights:

- Strengthening institutions, legislation, policies, enforcement, and monitoring (coordination with LAC regional TEI on Justice and Security)
- Improving conditions for and role of indigenous peoples and local communities
- Encouraging regional dialogue and cooperation

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue

Legislative support and consensus building

Technical assistance (capacity building)

Blending operations and guarantees

COMMON AREAS OF INTERVENTIONS

- Sustainable agriculture and forestry
- Natural resources
- Green growth transition

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Leverage the transformative impact of EU-Amazon Basin cooperation by joining forces with EU Member States, Commission DGs and the JRC
- Improve the capacity of the Amazon Basin countries to mitigate CO2 emissions and adapt to the effects of climate change, and to stop deforestation and improve the biodiversity protection

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

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NATIONAL CONTEXT

Amazon forest (Amazon River basin and the Guiana shield):

- 58% of the world tropical forest
- 20% of world freshwater reserves
- More than 20% of the total world biodiversity

Deforestation (20% - 25%) and forest degradation:

- Emitted more GHG than it has absorbed over the last decade
- Caused by agricultural expansion, infrastructure development, legal and illegal exploitation
- High variability of the Amazon Basin countries affect

Loss of biodiversity: reduction and/or extinction of entire populations of species

1.5 million people have recognised land rights over at least 25% of the forest

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

Paris Agreement

EU-Mercosur Association Agreement (MAA)

EU Green Deal

Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization & Leticia Pact

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