

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (LAC) REGION - LAC continental TEI for inclusive and equal societies

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TEAM EUROPE PROPOSAL

Promote universal and fair access to basic services (education, health, social protection, employment), design & strengthening:

- Regional and subregional strategies
- Social protection systems
- Education systems (TVET), transition into employment
- Essential public health functions

Support women's and youth's participation in the green and digital transitions:

- Research and analysis (structural gaps)
- Industrial and technology policies (job creation, innovation and export diversification)
- Encourage social innovation
- Synergy with the regional LAC Digital Alliance and Green Alliance TEIs

Support the participatory design and implementation of fair and equitable social and fiscal policies:

- Exchange of practices and peer-to-peer learning (sustainable public spending)
- Development of new (national) social and fiscal compacts

Promote broad societal engagement in the design and oversight of public policies to ensure inclusivity and ownership (women, youth, indigenous people, civil society, private sector, academia and local authorities)
Strong focus on women, children and youth

Synergy with other TEIs:

- Paraguay and Mexico Inequalities TEIs
- El Salvador, Guatemala, Dominican Republic economic / green centred TEIs
- Colombia TEI focused on peace
- Haiti TEI on education

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue

Budget support

Technical assistance and peer-to-peer learning

COMMON AREAS OF INTERVENTION

- Social cohesion and protection
- Education and training
- Health
- Employment

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

- Strengthening social contracts in LAC and reduce inequalities
- Increasing inclusiveness, fairness, equality, and social cohesion, strengthening the position of the EU and its Member States as partners of reference in the social development priority area

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REGIONAL CONTEXT

Levels of inequality in the region remain among the highest in the world (the Gini index for LAC increased of 0.7 between 2019 and 2020 as a consequence of COVID-19)

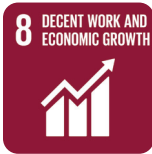
Ageing population-
50% of workers are not covered by a contributory social security system

ECLAC's context analysis:

- Average effective tax rate for the richest 10% amounts to 5% of their disposable income
- 45 M forced into poverty due to COVID-19 pandemic
- 10 M into extreme poverty

Flagship regional programme
EUROSociAL+ on social cohesion

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs



Action Plan on the EU Pillar of Social Rights

EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child

EU Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy

Gender Action Plan III

Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities

Latin American Economic Outlook 2021 (OECD, ECLAC, CAF, EU)

Joint communication on the "European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean: joining forces for a common future" and associated Council conclusions

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