

Follow up to the Multiannual Regional Indicative Programme for the Americas and the Caribbean (2021-2027)

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Regional programming in the region : *some features*

- In a nutshell: EUR 1,280 mln, 5 priority areas (Green, Digital, Economic Recovery, Democratic Governance/Security, Social Cohesion), Central America, Caribbean window, serving countries without a bilateral allocation
- Dialogue with PFD in May 21, Dec 22, Sept 23 (MTR)
- MTR/ Mid Term Review: still ongoing; better alignment with Global Gateway
- PFD recommendations on board in RMIP actions and MTR process (value chains for GGIA, Caribbean, local authorities, indigenous communities, just transitions, cybersecurity, involvement of civil society including in dialogue with private sector, wetlands conservation, health)



1-Green Transition

- **Euroclima:** supporting LAC partners in better enabling conditions for environment/climate/biodiversity/Global Gateway approach; civil society participation sought (e.g. Panama : indigenous population affected by canal water measures, Guatemala Motagua River decontamination, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador strategies for resilient food production)
- **Amazonia+:** COICA (Coordinator for Indigeneous Organisations) as key partner for more inclusive forest governance; two components, institutional (prevent deforestation) and local communities
- **Great Forests of MesoAmerica:** access to data, sustainable production, support to environmental defenders
- **The Caribbean: Sargassum crisis,** objective of commercially viable transformation options, inclusive approach towards Grenada conference (civil society, research actors, private sector, governments)

2-Digital Transformation

- Our framework: Digital Alliance (so far support for policy dialogues, BELLA, Copernicus, Digital Accelerator, last-mile connectivity, Central America digital trade platform)
- Under Global Gateway Investment Agenda our current areas of work: human centric approach, data and e-governance, affordable/reliable access to internet, cybersecurity and AI)
- Special effort in bringing civil society on board in our regional dialogue (Digital Alliance civil society community, female digital policy-practioner network, interactions ahead of the 2025 EU-LAC Summit: data governance Montevideo Sept 24, D4D Hub forum Madrid Oct 24, e-LAC Santiago Nov 24)



3- Sustainable and inclusive economic recovery

- Our main tool is AL-INVEST: AL-INVEST Verde and soon AL-INVEST Next
- Dialogue and work with MSMEs and the public sector of partner countries
- We support sustainable/deforestation free value chains, traceability systems, ethical labour practices, green transition of MSMEs, Intellectual Property Rights. AL-INVEST Next will include new actions, enlarge its geographical scope (e.g. the Caribbean), and add a stronger gender dimension
- We support civil society participation in regional technical dialogues
- In Central America and the Caribbean we accompany the Association Agreement and Economic Partnership Agreement on a similar way





4- Democratic Governance, Security and Migration



- At the heart of creating an enabling environment for GGIA
- Enhancing the EU-LAC partnership on Justice and Security; comprehensive agenda: fight against transnational organised crime, drugs/firearms/human being/ cultural goods trafficking, environmental crimes, cybercrimes, promoting accountability and transparency
- Focus on security-justice cooperation, crossborder cooperation, impact on vulnerable groups and civil society; Specific dialogue and activities with civil society
- In the Eastern Caribbean countries we support addressing the backlog in criminal justice systems



5- Social cohesion and addressing inequalities

- Aim: Fostering the social dimension of the Global Gateway through health, education, and social cohesion for just transitions from a 360° approach.
- **Main tool: TEI Inclusive and Equitable Societies as an Equality Flagship for the region**, including the regional EU programme “Inclusive Societies” (60mn) to tackle gender and other inequalities, reduce poverty and social exclusion, and enhance social cohesion. Highlights:
 - It envisages a strong focus on **gender equality** and women’s empowerment across the board, addressing **intersectionality** with other forms of **discrimination**.
 - It seeks progress in **social policies and social inclusion** via good **governance, education/skills** and decent **jobs**, with a focus on the bottom 40% income households.
 - It encourages **social investment** and **innovation** to reinforce **just transitions** by involving all stakeholders, including civil society and private sector with a social optic.
- This collaboration on education and social cohesion is complemented in the field of health with the EU-LAC partnership on health resilience and equitable access to health products.

Thank you