



SUMMARY

EL PACCTO 2.0

EU-LAC Partnership on justice and security

Lima, Peru. 16 to 19 June 2025



From 16 to 19 June 2025, **Lima** hosted the **Annual Meeting of EL PACCTO 2.0**, a key forum for enhancing bi-regional cooperation between Latin America, the Caribbean, and the European Union in the fight against transnational organised crime. Over **four days**, high-level authorities, experts, and institutional representatives exchanged assessments, experiences, and proposals to promote a joint, strategic, and sustainable response. The sessions were inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Peru, Eduardo Arana; the EU Ambassador to Peru, Jonathan Hatwell; the President of the Supreme Court, Janet Tello Giraldi;

and the EU Director-General for Justice and Consumers, Ana Gallego, who opened what constitutes a key milestone for reflection in the fields of security and justice in view of the upcoming **EU-CELAC Summit in Santa Marta**.

Among the identified priorities are the strengthening of collection and exchanging of data, allowing informed political and prosecutorial decision-making processes, the legal consolidation of AMERIPOL and the use of international cooperation tools like JITs. A coordinated strategy is advocated, combining preventive and punitive approaches, with special

attention to the fight against drug trafficking, as the main vector for other types of crime, countering the use of logistic hubs by the most threatening networks and disrupting the economic model of organized crime, enhancing confiscation and management of illicit assets. Finally, a call was made to consolidate concrete commitments ahead of the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit, aligning regional and bi-regional strategies. Unity, coordination, and a shared vision are essential to build a " **a partnership that protects** ", based on legality, human rights, and institutional resilience.





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16 Looking ahead to the next CELAC-EU Summit

17 Thematic Sessions on Justice, Security and EL PACCTO 2.0

18 Working meetings of: Cooperation networks; Caribbean partners and Focal points.

19 Coordinated Responses in LAC; Prospects for Joint Work in 2026



16 and 17 High-Level Dialogues:

- * The opening sessions convened ministers, attorneys general, Supreme Court justices, and representatives from international organisations and the European Union. A total of 84 high-level authorities and 337 senior officials renewed their commitment to strategic cooperation in the face of mounting transnational threats, including drug trafficking, arms smuggling, cybercrime, human trafficking, and environmental crime. The discussions highlighted the urgent need to innovate in public policy and reshape operational responses, with a shared vision grounded in the rule of law, democracy, and human rights. The event also featured a series of high-level bilateral meetings aimed at deepening regional and interregional collaboration.
- * Thematic On the second day, a series of focused sessions tackled key challenges such as the prevention of youth recruitment by criminal groups, the infiltration of organised crime into public institutions, money laundering, corruption, drug trafficking, and the role of logistic hubs. The discussions fostered synergies among regional and international structures — including CLASI, C-JUST, AMERIPOL, CARICOM IMPACS, and EUROJUST — and advanced joint strategies to counter major criminal markets and reinforce transnational cooperation.

18 and 19 Technical Dialogues: Operational Cooperation and Planning:

- * The third and fourth days were dedicated to technical roundtables on strategic criminal prosecution, cooperation networks, and coordination with Caribbean partners. Topics included financial intelligence, cybersecurity, and the planning of the 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan. The importance of amplifying youth voices and integrating gender perspectives into all public policies was strongly underscored



AGENDA



* 169 female and 252 male

421 Participants

* Latin America 170. Caribbean 44. European Union 11. EU Member States 60. Delegations of the European Union 35. International/Regional organizations 30. European Union Programmes 20. Civil society 4. EL PACCTO 2.0 47

* Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay.

44 Countries

84 Authorities

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* See list of participating entities

160 Entities

40 Bilateral

* Bilateral meeting between countries, EU Delegations, European agencies and national and regional institutions.



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YOUTH

Five young representatives from the EU programme **Youth Sounding Boards**, from Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, and Chile actively participated in the event, where they produced a youth-led report that captured the perspectives and priorities of younger generations. They presented this report at the closing session, offering concrete proposals for nurturing the new EL PACCTO 2.0 workstream on Youth, and expressing their commitment to following up on the meeting's outcomes—underscoring their role as engaged and forward-looking actors in the bi-regional dialogue on justice and security.



GENDER

During the annual EL PACCTO 2.0 meeting held in Lima, gender-related issues were addressed as a cross-cutting theme within the broader context of organised crime. Dedicated sessions explored the gender dynamics underpinning criminal networks, underscoring the importance of gender-sensitive judicial responses and the formulation of coordinated regional strategies. Experts in gender, human rights, and criminal justice led discussions on intersectionality, the prevention of youth recruitment, and the integration of a gender perspective into public security and justice policies. These sessions reflected the programme's firm commitment to an inclusive and differentiated approach in combating organised crime.



Moments

