Promotion of higher education

Why? Higher education plays a crucial role in the social economic development by delivering knowledge requirements for sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

How? Through partnerships and networking between higher education institutions and by setting up mobility programmes, ensuring the participation of vulnerable individuals and groups, less developed regions and disadvantaged institutions.

Programmes in focus

ALFA III ($75 million) – financed 51 projects fostering academic cooperation and networking involving 494 different participating institutions: 341 from Latin America and 153 from the EU. The ALFA III programme is implemented by partnerships of Higher Education Institutions of both regions.

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 ($95.6 million) – supported mobility for students (undergraduate, master, doctoral and post-doctoral) and for staff (academic and administrative) in order to improve and enhance their career and employment prospects, and promote intercultural understanding.

173 European Union experts and 225 Latin American experts

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Regional cooperation: a privileged tool to share experiences and best practices between the European Union (EU) and Latin American and Caribbean partners.

Sustainable development and climate change

Why? Environmental degradation and climate change seriously affect economic growth, particularly the poorest and the threatening and future livelihoods of vulnerable communities. Reconciling environmental sustainability with economic growth constitutes a major challenge in Latin America.

How? EU regional programmes for Latin America give specific and substantive attention to sustainable development through programmes and projects to mitigate and to adapt to the effects of climate change.

Programmes in focus

EUROCLIMA ($16.45 million) – aims at facilitating the integration of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and plans into Latin American public development policies.

Regional cooperation overview (2007-2013)

LATIN AMERICA

Our investment: €556 million

Focus areas: promotion of higher education, social and territorial cohesion, water management, support to private sector, sustainable development and institutions and by setting up mobility programmes, ensuring the participation of vulnerable individuals and groups, less developed regions and disadvantaged institutions.

Why?

Despite significant progress over the last fifteen years, Latin America remains one of the most unequal regions in the world. The great income differences form an obstacle to development and pose a threat to social peace. The EU is widely regarded as a model for social cohesion thanks to its public policies that promote social inclusion and competitiveness.

How?

EU-Latin America regional cooperation aims at developing strategies, policies and instruments to strengthen social and territorial cohesion, by amongst others; reducing poverty, inequalities and social exclusion and promoting trade and investment which are key factors for job creation.

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AL-INVEST ($50 million) – Since 1994, AL-INVEST has been facilitating the internationalisation of thousands of Latin American small and medium enterprises (SMEs), in collaboration with their European partners to contribute to the economic development of the region.

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Caribbean

Our investment: €105 million

Focal areas: regional integration and cooperation, crime and security including the fight against illegal drugs, capacity development and empowering non-state actors.

Aims:

To develop the small market and economy with the Caribbean Community, deepen integration with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, enhance competitiveness and economic growth and implement the Economic Partnership Agreement.

For more information on the EU regional cooperation with Latin America, please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/countries-territories-and-regions/Latin-america-regional-cooperation-overview_en

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BILATERAL COOPERATION

The EU cooperates on a bilateral level with the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

For more information on the bilateral cooperation, please visit:


http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/latin-america/Latin-america-regional-cooperation-overview_en
Regional cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean (2014-2020)

Regional Continental Programme Latin America

- **€300 million**
  - **Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change**
  - Reduce poverty of most vulnerable populations by fostering environmentally sustainable development and improving the capacity to cope with climate change and disasters.

- **€215 million**
  - **Inclusive and sustainable growth for human development**
  - Poverty reduction through more inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Latin America.

- **€163 million**
  - **Higher education**
  - Promote higher education exchanges and academic cooperation between the EU and Latin America (Erasmus+).

- **€70 million**
  - **Security-development nexus**
  - Reinforce the capacity of states to effectively ensure security conditions conducive for inclusive development.

- **€42 million**
  - **Good governance, accountability and social equity**
  - Reinforce the accountability and capacity of institutions and public administrations to provide high quality public services.

- **€15 million**
  - **Support measures**
  - Provide capacity building and technical assistance.

The overall allocation of the 2014-2020 Regional continental programme for Latin America amounts to **€805 million**, funded under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

Regional Programme Caribbean

The 11th European Development Fund (EDF) Indicative Programme for the Caribbean foresees a total of **€346 million** for the Caribbean Regional Programme.

- **Environment, Climate Change and Energy**
  - Implement policies consistent with the green and blue economy and enhancing the development of renewable energy power generation.

- **Promote Regional economic integration**
  - Joint actions to foster the effective implementation of the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement and to reinforce competitiveness and promotion of innovation.

- **Crime and Security**
  - Support the establishment of the region-wide CARICOM Crime and Security Strategy (CCSS), addressing root causes of crime and delinquency, providing some capacity in border control management and justice administration.