

**Letter of intent on a regional policy and border integration dialogue between the
Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission
and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru**

In the framework of processes aimed at reducing internal economic and social disparities, as well as promoting cross-border cooperation, the Republic of Peru and the European Union face similar challenges in reaching a more balanced territorial development.

Regional policy, which supports regional and sector specific investment in economic, social and environmental development, together with the work carried out jointly with neighbouring countries to support the development of shared borders, are important factors in helping less favoured regions to address such challenges.

The Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru hereby agree to establish a dialogue on regional policy and border integration. The dialogue will take place in the context of the Memorandum of Understanding of 2009 establishing a mechanism for bilateral consultations between the European Commission and the Republic of Peru.

The dialogue will promote mutual understanding and enhance bilateral co-operation and the exchange of information on regional policy and border integration and will establish communication channels so as to strengthen the exchange of information.

The dialogue will address exchange of information and good practices, *inter alia*, on policies aimed at promoting economic, social and territorial cohesion as well as innovation and technological development; on cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation; on setting up and implementing regional policies and development and border integration policies, including capacity building, in particular at regional and local level; on multi-level governance and decentralization issues; on sustainable economic development and corporate social responsibility at territorial level.

The dialogue will be open and flexible so that it can be adapted to new priorities. Both sides will ensure that suitable organisational arrangements are put in place for the pursuit of the dialogue including the nomination of senior officials as co-chairpersons of the dialogue and shall establish contact points both in the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru. Other partners, including those from the administration may be involved in the dialogue as appropriate. Actions organised under the dialogue shall be arranged jointly and on the basis of mutual agreement.

This Letter of Intent does not entail any legally binding effects in respect of either side.



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