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# 10th Anniversary of the EU-LAC Foundation

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# Introduction

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## 10 YEARS OF PROMOTING EU-LAC RELATIONS

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### Adrián Bonilla

Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation

We are delighted and proud to commemorate the **10th Anniversary of the EU-LAC International Foundation** with you, and therefore, the fifth edition of the EU-LAC Foundation's Newsletter in 2021 is dedicated to this milestone, which we celebrated with various activities during the month of November.

The EU-LAC Foundation was established as a civil law institution in November 2011 by the Heads of State and Government of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the European Union itself. In the following decade, the organisation has become an appreciated and acclaimed partner to all its interlocutors in both regions, thus its destiny as an international intergovernmental organisation was finally fulfilled and consolidated in May 2019, when all members signed its constitutive agreement.

Since its inception, the Foundation has promoted the need to make visible and to defend the bi-regional strategic association through different initiatives. The particularity of its mandate to involve societal actors from both regions in its actions enables it to build networks in the same space of citizenship beyond the natural links with governments. Up to this day, the EU-LAC Foundation keeps bringing people from all sectors from the Caribbean, Latin America and the European Union together to work towards an invigorated bi-regional strategic partnership at the service of our societies.

We are honoured to feature two opinion articles from the current President of the EU-LAC Foundation, **Leire Pajín**, and the former President, **Leonel Fernández**, in which they share their visions and expectations for the Foundation, commemorating its history and its contributions to the strategic relations between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean during these past 10 years.

We kindly invite you to browse this Newsletter that, moreover, shares further news about the organisation's work during October and November 2021. We also inform about recently published blog articles, upcoming events and the results of our last open calls.

Since this Newsletter is the last edition of 2021, we want to thank you for the continued support throughout this undoubtedly challenging year and wish you a merry Christmas, and a very happy and prosperous 2022.

May our distances continue to narrow and our bi-regional bonds of friendship strengthen to keep building resilient, inclusive and sustainable societies together.

# The EU-LAC Foundation commemorates its 10th Anniversary



## THE EU-LAC FOUNDATION ENTERS ITS NEXT DECADE OPENING UP NEW HORIZONS FOR THE BI-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

**Leire Pajín Iraola**

President of the EU-LAC Foundation

We were not prepared for the painful and irreparable loss of millions of human lives and the global magnitude of the negative impact of the pandemic, which today makes us aware of the unsustainable action of our development model and how it limited our resilience capacities. The pandemic also made visible how global interdependencies generate problems that condition human security and how local health or environmental crises can turn into global crises, causing recessions that widen inequality gaps. Current economic and social challenges are urgent priorities for recovery, but the opportunity for real transformation will come from addressing pre-existing structural weaknesses and preparing for future global challenges. It can only be a sustainable recovery if it can also be inclusive and reach all people and countries in the world, including lower- and middle-income countries.

In a geopolitical context of growing global polarity, the relationship between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean cannot be explained without incorporating the lessons learned during the pandemic. Dialogue and cooperation are the essential and indispensable lessons to be learned in order to face together the global challenges, many of which were already identified before this crisis and which have become more acute during it. Joining forces and overcoming the stagnation of the past, especially the common commitment to the 2030 Agenda and multilateralism, represents a valuable potential that gives us greater possibilities to accelerate the transformations we need.

In the time before the pandemic, despite the fact that global governance structures were questioned and lacked confidence, the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean decided to give a boost to the EU-LAC Foundation as an international organisation for dialogue with the capacity to contribute to strengthening the bi-regional agenda. On the Foundation's tenth anniversary, I would like to highlight this added value as a meeting space that uniquely brings together 60 countries from the two regions, where governments can also connect with different actors from civil society and academia. A decade after our constitution, we remember Ambassador Jorge Valdez, who passed away recently. A distinguished Peruvian diplomat who was the first Executive Director of the Foundation and who, together with the organisation's first employee, Bettina Trüb, laid the foundations for its structure and strategic initiatives, on which we base our action. A legacy that encourages us to continue working with renewed enthusiasm to promote the visibility and dynamism of the Foundation's programme of work in the extraordinary and uncertain times we live in.

On this 10th anniversary, we have to thank the city of Hamburg for its hospitality as the Foundation's headquarters. A port city that is well acquainted with the challenges of navigation and the captaincy of a ship, a task that I took on at the Foundation together with Director Adrián Bonilla. In the midst of the storm, we got to know the crew, the committed team of the Foundation, which in a difficult year, has demonstrated its capacity for work and commitment. The pandemic has



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not prevented us from designing a roadmap and reaching important agreements attained during the last meeting of the Board of Governors held recently. These include the approval of its new internal regulations - now homologated with its new nature as an international organisation - and the approval of eight new cooperation agreements with different partners of the Foundation for the joint implementation of activities and initiatives that will favour and enhance the implementation of our work programme. Even more important was the approval of the EU-LAC Foundation's Annual Work Programme for the year 2022, which incorporates the current context situation with the strengthened 2030 Agenda as the international consensus guide available.

From its holistic and multidimensional vision that connects the challenges of sustainable development, the Foundation will continue to deepen the lines of work aimed at promoting higher education, mitigating climate change, and promoting digitalisation. The effects of climate change will be far more profound and devastating than the pandemic and it is essential to promote a green economy that halves the level of global greenhouse gas emissions. Digitalisation and innovation, both in the productive and educational spheres and in public services, are another priority, especially the importance of digital technologies in maintaining social services, teleworking, transactions, education, or health care, which imposes the need for universal access to broadband services.

We have also refocused priorities on health or reducing inequalities. Achieving universal access to vaccines and minimising the impacts of new variants will be decisive and more effective through a multilateral response that strengthens cooperation between our regions. We aspire in these exceptional times to foster a useful dialogue that facilitates the sharing of the best knowledge and advances in scientific research between our regions, to generate impact on public health policies and to reinforce preparedness and response capacities for future crises.

The violated rights and widened inequality gaps for women, with increased workloads and lack of protection against gender-based violence, will be a new line of action for the Foundation. To this end, we have initiated the work of the

EU-LAC International Women's Network: a plural, diverse and intergenerational network of women leaders from governments, civil society, academia, and international organisations. This network is key to incorporating women into the centre of decision-making as protagonists of economic reactivation and economic and social protection policies.

Ultimately, recovery agendas have the opportunity to channel their investment into sectors that promote sustainable development by boosting competitiveness through green jobs and sustainable mobility policies in cities; health manufacturing; the bioeconomy and ecosystem services; the circular economy and sustainable tourism; the digital revolution, and the care economy. These are global challenges that imply multilateral agreements to facilitate debt relief and restructuring schemes and fairer taxation.

From the side of the EU-LAC Foundation, we will continue our efforts to dive into these common challenges, as a channel for plural, diverse, open, and permanent political and social dialogue between our regions. We will continue to foster the connection with civil society and citizens, through the visibility of a useful bi-regional agenda that favours the promotion of policies with a direct positive impact on the new course of recovery. We aspire to contribute to the journey together in order to find clear horizons and clear skies.



## ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EU-LAC INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Leonel Fernández

President of the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE),  
Former President of the EU-LAC Foundation (2016-2020)

Near the end of my first term in office as President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000), I had the opportunity to participate in the first summit of Heads of State and Government of the European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean, held in 1999 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

When I returned to lead the destiny of my country in 2006, I had the great opportunity to participate in other summits, which were memorable, both for the quality of the interventions and for the commitments made.

Due to the importance of the issues addressed and the mutual interest of the participants, a bi-regional relationship was forged and consolidated every two years with the holding of new meetings at the highest political level to address global issues, as well as those of a regional nature on both sides of the Atlantic.

This resulted in several strategic agreements and action programmes that allowed progress to be made in the implementation of political projects aimed at consolidating democracy, as well as economic and social initiatives for sustainable development, social equity, and cooperation to the benefit of the countries of both regions.

All this was taking place against the backdrop of a new stage in the reconfiguration of the international order. These were the first years of the emergence of another wave of globalisation, which strengthened a relationship of interdependence and interconnection between the different nations of the world. This scenario gave impetus to the establishment of regional and sub-regional blocs, which, because of their structuring, gave rise to renewed integration processes in Latin America and the institutionalisation of the European Union as a regional body.

Due to the various initiatives that emerged from the summits between the European Union and the Latin American region, with the aim of incorporating the different economic and social sectors of the member countries in the implementation of these initiatives, the creation of the European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC) was approved in 2010, within the framework of the VI EU-LAC Summit, held in Madrid, Spain.

The following year, in November 2011, the EU-LAC Foundation was established in Hamburg, Germany, as a non-governmental, non-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening the bi-regional partnership between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Since its creation, the Foundation has been very successful in promoting mutual understanding between the two regions, as well as strengthening academic, scientific, social, cultural, technological, and environmental ties, thus achieving a higher level of integration between the two sides.

Now, in 2021, a decade after its creation, we note that the EU-LAC Foundation, through its various programmes, has played a relevant role in benefiting one of the most representative and significant bi-regional relations worldwide.

Particularly, I feel great joy to recall fond memories and experiences during our time as Presidency of the Foundation (2016-2020) when we were able to share working agendas with university rectors, academics, entrepreneurs, government officials, young leaders, and prestigious international institutions.

Since the beginning of our management of this important organisation, we have focused on working to strengthen,



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promote, and consolidate the bi-regional agenda based on the close historical and cultural ties, as well as on the pillars, principles, and values shared between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this four-year journey, I had the honour and privilege of sharing my duties with an exceptional person: Dr Paola Amadei, Executive Director of the Foundation, who, with her talent and sensitivity, contributed to the planning, coordination, and execution of a series of initiatives, activities, and spaces for reflection, focused on the promotion of culture, higher education, scientific cooperation, and the fight against climate change.

An important achievement during our term was the transformation of the foundation from a German civil society institution into an international organisation with legal personality and capacity to fulfil its objectives and purposes, thus marking an important milestone in the consolidation of the bi-regional partnership.

Of course, this important milestone is the product of the praiseworthy work and constant effort of a whole team that, over the years, and since its inception, has been building the foundations that support the bi-regional partnership between the Member States of the European Union and the Latin American and Caribbean States.

As a result of all these efforts, our communities now have an effective and representative instrument, intergovernmental in nature and subject to international law, with greater global scope and presence.

We cannot hide, however, that the current reality in both regions has changed dramatically. The global health crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted internally in each of the countries of both regions, as have the dynamics of their relations.

In this sense, taking as a reference the fact that we are going through times of great change and uncertainty at the global level, the Foundation now has an even greater responsibility to work on the reactivation of bi-regional relations within the

framework of summit diplomacy to continue working for the progress and prosperity of our people.

The Foundation, in line with its mandate to promote debate on common issues and actions to strengthen the bi-regional partnership, should contribute to stimulating in both regions the resumption of political dialogue, consensus building, and the creation of a public opinion oriented towards the consolidation of a stronger, more sustainable bi-regional partnership anchored in cooperation and solidarity.

As the EU-LAC Foundation celebrates its tenth anniversary, we can affirm with certainty that, in general terms, it has fulfilled the objectives that gave rise to its creation; and in these times of crisis and uncertainty the world is going through, it highlights its relevance and pertinence to continue promoting and advancing towards the consolidation of an authentic Euro-Latin American association.

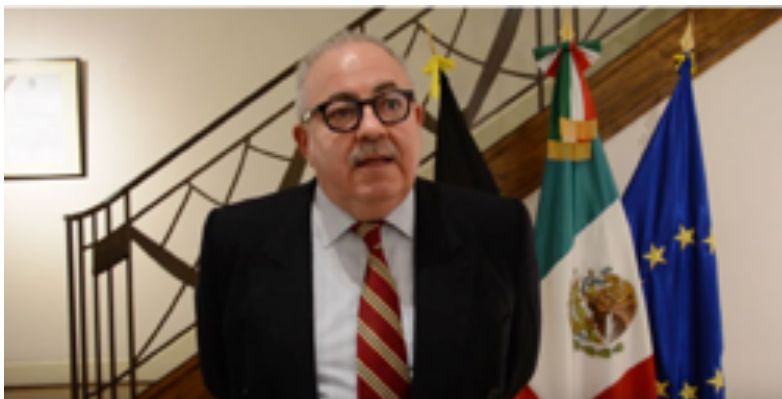
## Video messages on the occasion of the 10th anniversary



Video message by the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell Fontelles

**Watch this video here!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdbPAYjDRL4>



Video message by Ambassador of Mexico to Belgium and the European Union, Rogelio Granguillhome Morfín in Mexico's capacity of the Pro-Tempore Presidency of CELAC

**Watch this video here!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtxMJiXao38>



Video messages by former interns

**Watch this video here!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCMD-bRloZPI&t=611s>



## News

### Dr Adrián Bonilla participated in the quest to renew EU-LAC bi-regional dialogue and cooperation

03 December 2021

**Read more:**

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/dr-adrian-bonilla-participated-quest-renew-eu-lac-bi-regional-dialogue-and-cooperation>

The Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Dr Adrián Bonilla, participated from 30 November to 1 December in the international seminar entitled “Relaunching relations between Latin America and the European Union: strategic

autonomy, advanced cooperation and digital, green and social recovery” organised by the ICO Foundation and the Carolina Foundation in Madrid.



### The President of the EU-LAC Foundation participated in the Latin America Follow-up Meeting of the European Economic and Social Committee

02 December 2021

**Read more:**

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/president-eu-lac-foundation-participated-latin-america-follow-meeting-european-economic-and-social>

On the morning of 26 November, the Latin America Follow-up Committee (LAFU) of the External Relations Team (RET) was held at the European Economic

and Social Committee (EESC) with the participation and intervention of the President of the EU-LAC International Foundation, Leire Pajin Iraola.



## The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama and the EU-LAC Foundation commemorate the Bicentennial of the Independence of Hispanic America

30 November 2021

The EU-LAC Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Panama organised a seminar entitled “[Past and Future: Panama in the historical reference of multilateralism](#)”, which took place virtually on 26 November 2021 in the framework of the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Independence of Hispanic America.

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/ministry-foreign-affairs-panama-and-eu-lac-foundation-commemorate-bicentennial-independence>



## Europe & Latin America and the Caribbean in conversation about circular transition

29 November 2021

On 22-23 November 2021, more than 40 policy experts and business leaders from European and Latin American and Caribbean countries came together in the webinar entitled “[Circular Economy – Governance and Scale: Europe & Latin America and the Caribbean in conversation about circular transition](#)”, co-organised by the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the EU-LAC Foundation, in partnership with Exchange 4 Change Brazil (E4CB), Circular Change, and the Brazilian Centre for International

Relations (CEBRI) to further the discussion between the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) on governance issues regarding the change of economic paradigm and circular transformative processes in both regions. The webinar was held in the framework of the presidency of Slovenia of the Council of the European Union and the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the EU-LAC Foundation and is part of the sustainable, resilient and inclusive economy agenda of the Foundation.



### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/europe-lat-in-america-and-caribbean-conversation-about-circular-transition>

## The EU-LAC Foundation brought together for the first time women leaders from LAC and the EU to initiate the work of the EU-LAC International Women's Network

26 November 2021

In the framework of its 10th anniversary, on 23 November 2021, the EU-LAC Foundation held a first working meeting around the new initiative entitled EU-LAC International Women's Network - a new bi-regional cooperation tool that aims to weave links between women leaders, existing networks, civil society organisations, the private sector, academia, cultural managers and journalists from the

European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean to jointly advance the gender agenda. Thus, the EU-LAC International Women's Network is understood as a space in which to exchange experiences and good practices in the face of the most urgent challenges of our time, and where the political sphere and the gender agenda converge.

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-brought-together-first-time-women-leaders-lac-and-eu-initiate-work-eu-lac>



## 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Governors of the EU-LAC Foundation

25 November 2021

For the first time, the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Governors of the EU-LAC International Foundation was held in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

in the framework of the Foundation's 10th anniversary, on 24 November 2021.

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/5th-ordinary-meeting-board-governors-eu-lac-foundation>



## The EU-LAC Foundation commemorates its first Executive Director Ambassador Jorge Valdez Carrillo

23 November 2021

In the framework of its 10th anniversary, on 23 November 2021, the EU-LAC Foundation renamed its meeting room “Ambassador Jorge Valdez Carrillo”, commemorating its first Executive Director, who passed away in 2020. The event was attended by Mrs Leire Pajín (President of the EU-LAC Foundation), Ambassador Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinel (Ambassador of Peru to Belgium and Luxembourg, Head of Mission to the European Union), and Mrs Corinna Nienstedt (Head

of State Office Hamburg). In addition, connected by virtual means, Mrs Bettina Trüb - the first employee of the EU-LAC Foundation who, together with Ambassador Valdez, significantly supported the first steps of this young organisation - was also present. The commemoration took place in the framework of the 10th Anniversary of the EU-LAC Foundation, thus paying tribute to its work for the strengthening of the EU-CELAC strategic partnership.



### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-commemorates-its-first-executive-director-ambassador-jorge-valdez-carrillo>

## The UNDP and the EU-LAC Foundation invited to reflect on the State of Human Development in LAC during the “Latin American and Caribbean Fall”

15 November 2021

The EU-LAC Foundation and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organised a Keynote Conference on “[The state of human development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)”,

which took place virtually on 11 November 2021 in the framework of the “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” Festival.



### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/undp-and-eu-lac-foundation-invited-reflect-state-human-development-lac-during-latin-american-and>

## Meeting with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell

10 November 2021

The President of the EU-LAC International Foundation, Leire Pajín, and the Executive Director, Dr Adrián Bonilla, travelled last 9 November to Brussels, Belgium for a working meeting with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission, Josep Borrell Fontelles. During the meeting, the

authorities of the EU-LAC Foundation discussed the Work Plan of the international organisation for the year 2022 and exchanged with the High Representative proposals on how to generate new initiatives in order to promote and consolidate the bi-regional strategic relationship between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean.



### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/meeting-high-representative-european-union-foreign-affairs-and-security-policy-josep-borrell>

## Mission of the Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation to France

05 November 2021

From 26 to 29 October, the Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Dr Adrián Bonilla, and the Senior Programme Manager for Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, and Culture, Dr Anna Barrera Vivero, under-

took a mission to Paris to strengthen ties with existing partners, to discuss possible joint activities in the framework of the French Presidency of the European Council, and to present the Foundation to new potential partners.



### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/mission-executive-director-eu-lac-foundation-france-0>

## The President of the EU-LAC Foundation, Leire Pajín, participated in the X Ministerial Conference Italy - Latin America and the Caribbean

29 October 2021

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/president-eu-lac-foundation-leire-pajin-participated-x-ministerial-conference-italy-latin-america>

On 26 October, Leire Pajín, President of the EU-LAC Foundation travelled to Rome, Italy, where she was invited to attend the X Ministerial Conference Italy - Latin America and the Caribbean,

organised by the International Italo-Latin American Organisation (IILA) and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI).



## The EU-CELAC Joint Research and Innovation Area: A living example of bi-regional cooperation driven by the EU-LAC Foundation

21 October 2021

On 19 October 2021, the EU-LAC Foundation, in close collaboration with Mexico in its capacity as Pro-Tempore Presidency of CELAC, the European Commission's

Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, and the Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean National Contact Point Network, brought together various science, technology and innovation actors from both regions in the framework of the EU-CELAC Joint Initiative on Research and Innovation (JIRI). The virtual workshop "Exchange on progress and opportunities for bi-regional cooperation in research and innovation - one year after the agreement on

the EU-CELAC JIRI Strategic Roadmap 2021-2023" aimed to follow up on the actions around the four pillars (mobility of researchers, cooperation in research infrastructures, global challenges - particularly health, environmental aspects of sustainable development/green transition and digital transformation - and innovation) agreed at the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting on Science and Technology of the JIRI in October 2020.

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-celac-joint-research-and-innovation-area-living-example-bi-regional-cooperation-driven-eu-lac>



## Executive Director, Adrián Bonilla exchanged with the German Federal Foreign Office authorities in Berlin

19 October 2021

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/executive-director-adrian-bonilla-exchanged-german-federal-foreign-office-authorities-berlin>

The Executive Director of the EU-LAC International Foundation, Dr Adrián Bonilla, travelled to Berlin, on October 18th to exchange with Ambassador Marian

Schuegraf, Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the German Federal Foreign Office.



## The EU-CELAC Joint Research and Innovation Area: A living example of bi-regional cooperation driven by the EU-LAC Foundation

21 October 2021

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/mision-eu-lac-fundacion-dominican-republic>

From 13 to 16 October, the Senior Programme Manager of the EU-LAC Foundation, Dr Anna Barrera, travelled to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in order to participate in the event [“Health Resilience for Sustainable Tourism and Opportunities for the Future”](#), which

was co-organised by the EU-LAC Foundation, the United Nations Development Programme’s (UNDP) Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic.



## Mission of the Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation to Brussels

15 October 2021

The Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Dr Adrián Bonilla, travelled to Brussels, Belgium from 11 to 13 October, where he met with several partners of the EU-LAC Foundation and attended

together with the Foundation's President, Leire Pajín, the joint session of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (DLAT) to present the organisation to its members.

### Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/mission-executive-director-eu-lac-foundation-brussels-1>





## Recent Publications



### Version in English:

[https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ReportWorkshop\\_JIRI\\_19.10.21\\_o.pdf](https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ReportWorkshop_JIRI_19.10.21_o.pdf)

### Version in Spanish:

[https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/Informe\\_Taller\\_JIRI\\_19.10.21\\_ES\\_o.pdf](https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/Informe_Taller_JIRI_19.10.21_ES_o.pdf)

### Exchange on progress made and opportunities for bi-regional cooperation in research and innovation - one year after the agreement on the EU-CELAC JIRI Strategic Roadmap 2021-2023

The present document summarises the dialogue held during the Workshop **“Exchange on progress made and opportunities for bi-regional cooperation in research and innovation - one year after the agreement on the JIRI EU-CELAC 2021-2023 Strategic Roadmap”**, hosted by the EU-LAC Foundation on 19 October 2021 in close collaboration with Mexico, in its capacity as Pro-Tempore Presidency of CELAC (PPT CELAC), the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, and the LAC National Contact Points Coordinator.

The meeting was moderated by Dr Adrian Bonilla, Executive Director, EU-LAC Foundation, and Dr Anna Barrera, Senior Programme Coordinator, EU-LAC Foundation.

The objectives of this meeting were:

- To report on the process of the elaboration and approval of the Strategic Roadmap 2021-2023 of the EU-CELAC Joint Initiative on Research and Innovation (JIRI);
- To visualize the initiatives, programmes and instruments of the EU and LAC that have been adopted and that will be opened soon to strengthen the CELAC-EU Common Research Area, including funding sources, modalities, procedures and criteria for participation;
- Share information on the progress of the work in each of the JIRI pillars from November 2020 to October 2021;
- Generate an exchange of ideas and proposals on how to dynamise and concretise the initiatives in each of the pillars and achieve a greater impact.

**Version in English:**

[https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/EN-Web-Version-Buch-EU-LAC-Essay-Collection\\_II.pdf](https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/EN-Web-Version-Buch-EU-LAC-Essay-Collection_II.pdf)

**Version in Spanish:**

[https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ES-Web-Version-Buch-EU-LAC-Essay-Collection\\_II.pdf](https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/ES-Web-Version-Buch-EU-LAC-Essay-Collection_II.pdf)

## Opportunities for the bi-regional strategic partnership in shaping a greener recovery

The EU-LAC Foundation is pleased to present the publication “Opportunities for the bi-regional strategic partnership in shaping a greener recovery” that gathers the three winning essays of the II EU-LAC Essay Contest on the Bi-regional Partnership.

The contest was convened with the objective of identifying the challenges caused by the need to rebuild from the damage caused by the Pandemic, as well as the opportunities and priorities in the bi-regional partnership in terms of environmental sustainability.

Using the case of lithium in Argentina, Melisa Escosteguy and Walter Fernando Díaz Paz identify possible points and instruments of cooperation in the environmental, social, political, and economic dimensions. In the second essay, Iosu Iribarren López and Fernando de la Cruz Prego outline the possible commercial, political and cooperation implications for the bi-regional association within the new carbon emissions border adjustment mechanism of the EU. Finally, in the third essay, Augusto Heras, analyses the EU-LAC strategic partnership and suggests some paths of cooperation for a green recovery.

## Blog Articles

Merike Blofield

### A new social and fiscal contract for Latin America

8 November 2021



COVID-19 has had devastating economic and health effects in Latin America. Though the region is home to just eight per cent of the world's population, it has suffered more than 30 per cent of global COVID deaths. Latin America also experienced in 2020/21 the most severe economic crisis of any region, with a seven per cent GDP contraction, compared to the global contraction of 3.3 per cent.

**Read more:**

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/new-social-and-fiscal-contract-latin-america>

Chris Atherton, Paul Maurice, María José López Pourailly

### BELLA Impact: Latin America can tackle climate emergencies with high-speed and reliable access to vital Copernicus Earth Observation data

29 October 2021



Scientists, citizens and organisations want to help fight climate change for a brighter future, researching, developing and implementing innovative solutions that also create employment and drive economic growth.

Policymakers and public authorities around the world need to set legislation, make well informed choices, and often take critical decisions in the event of an emergency, such as a natural disaster or humanitarian crisis.

Without high-speed and reliable access to Earth Observation (EO) data this can be a real challenge and becomes absolutely critical in times of emergencies.

For example, an emergency worker in Latin America mapping a region of 500km<sup>2</sup> would need at least an hour to download EO data over a standard commercial internet service.

In an emergency, saving time almost certainly means saving lives.

**Read more:**

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/bella-impact-latin-america-can-tackle-climate-emergencies-high-speed-and-reliable-access-vital>

Jordi Bacaria Colom

## Update on the relevance of the European Union for Latin America and the Caribbean from an economic perspective

6 October 2021

In the [EU-LAC Foundation's publication, coordinated by Andrés Serbin and Andrei Serbin Pont \(CRIES\) \(2018\)](#), we pointed out the economic and financial importance of the European Union (EU) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). This importance and relevance were embodied in direct investments and trade, involving value chains and technology transfer, as conditions for sustainable development. This relatively optimistic perspective was not the result of chance, but of the EU's persistence in establishing a bi-regional relationship based on trade treaties and political consultation and cooperation agreements with different countries, as well as a forum for political dialogue with the region, which finally culminated in the EU-CELAC Summits.

**Read more:**

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/update-relevance-european-union-latin-america-and-caribbean-economic-perspective>



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## Upcoming Events

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### The Atlantic basin contributions towards Multilateralism: An Outlook for the 2020's

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Event co-organised by **Jean Monnet Atlantic Network** and **United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)** and the **EU-LAC Foundation**

In the framework of the Foundation's 4th Call for Co-Organising events on topics relevant to the EU-LAC partnership, we alongside the **Jean Monnet Atlantic Network** and **United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)** will organise the event on "The Atlantic basin contributions towards Multilateralism: An Outlook for the 2020's".

**Date and Place:**

03 - 04 February 2022, Brussels

**More information and register  
on our website!**

[https://eulacfoundation.org/en/  
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## Results II EU-LAC Essay Contest on the Bi-regional Partnership

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The EU-LAC Foundation is pleased to announce the winners in the framework of the **II EU-LAC Essay Contest on the Bi-regional Partnership**:

- 1st Place:** “Fair bi-regional cooperation for a green recovery. Reflections from the case of lithium production in Argentina”  
by Melisa Escosteguy and Walter Fernando Díaz Paz
- 2nd Place:** “The European Union’s new carbon border adjustment mechanism: what implications for the bi-regional partnership”  
by Fernando de la Cruz Prego and Iosu Iribarren López
- 3rd Place:** “The EU-LAC partnership for a green recovery: challenges and opportunities to Build Forward Better”  
by Augusto Heras

**Congratulations!**

**Read more about the II EU-LAC Essay Contest here!**

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/results-ii-eu-lac-essay-contest-bi-regional-partnership>

## Results Call for Proposals EU-LAC Cultural Identities

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The EU-LAC Foundation is pleased to announce the winning proposal in the framework of the Call for a compilation of testimonies on the cultural identities of European diasporas in Latin America and the Caribbean or Latin American and Caribbean diasporas in Europe:

- 1st Place:**  
“**Women of the Ecuadorian diaspora in Genoa. Identity and memory**” by Emy Daniela Díaz Erazo, Master in International Relations, Diplomacy and Foreign Policy, Instituto De Altos Estudios Nacionales.

**Congratulations!**

**Read more about the Call here!**

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