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Introduction



Adrián Bonilla

Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation

We are herewith pleased to share with you the second edition of the EU-LAC Foundation's bimonthly Newsletter 2022, in which we inform you about our work. During the last few weeks, due to the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to gradually resume face-to-face meetings and exchanges to move forward more effectively with partners on our common agenda of closer bi-regional relations between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union. Therefore, this Newsletter conveys to you recent news and events held in the last two months.

This edition also includes several publications that are products of our activities over the last year. We cordially invite you to browse our knowledge repository on the EU-LAC Foundation website, which is composed of our publications, the EU-LAC Blog, and the Digital Library - accessible openly and free of charge on our website.

In this issue, we are also pleased to bring you two opinion pieces by two members of the Founding Group of the EU-LAC Women's International Network.

Nadine Gasman Zylbermann, President of the National Women's Institute in Mexico, presents the work of her prestigious institute around the Global Alliance for Care. **Ana Gúezmes, Director of the Gender Affairs Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean**, shares her views and ECLAC's efforts to accelerate the transition to a new social organisation in a care society. These issues are of great importance to the Foundation, with "EU-LAC

CARE ABOUT YOU: Building Care Societies and Economies" being one of the central focuses of the 2022 activities of the EU-LAC Women's International Network, recently launched in March. The call for the opening of various cooperation opportunities oriented towards care societies coincides with the objective of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean that will take place from 7 to 11 November in Argentina. In this outstanding space, it will be discussed how to build, consolidate and advance toward societies that look at early childhood, the elderly, people with disabilities, and the daily and rarely paid care work of women. In this context, the EU-LAC Women's International Network is planning, among its activities, to organise a side event to support the efforts of countries to move forward in building integrated care systems at all levels.

Finally, we would like to notify you about the recent call of the EU-LAC Foundation to hire an external consultancy to take charge of the Coordination Services of the "Latin American and Caribbean Fall 2022". We look forward to hearing from you!

Opinion Article



THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR CARE: A COMMUNITY OF EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION

Nadine Gasman Zylbermann

President of the National Women's Institute of México

The National Women's Institute (INMUJERES) of the Government of Mexico, which I am honoured to preside, is the governing body of the National Policy on Equality, with a clear mandate that cuts across the Federal Public Administration, and which also cooperates with other public entities and actors from various sectors, including civil society, the private sector, as well as international organisations to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls.

Over the course of 21 years, INMUJERES has become one of the most important and recognised mechanisms for the advancement of women, not only in Mexico but also in the region, allowing us to have a broad dialogue and thus contribute our experience while drawing on those of other actors, from local and community to regional and multilateral ones.

Under the premise that sharing knowledge and exchanging good practices enriches the decision-making process and feeds the construction of policies and actions that put the agenda of women and equality at the centre of national plans and programmes, the Global Alliance for Care was born.

This Alliance was launched jointly by INMUJERES and UN

Women in the framework of the Generation Equality Forum held in Mexico in 2021. It is an urgent call to governments, international organisations, civil society, the private sector, philanthropic organisations and other strategic partners to take concrete actions to reduce inequalities and promote a cultural transformation by ensuring the Recognition, Reduction and Redistribution of domestic and care work, as well as its fair remuneration and the representation of caregivers.

As of today, this global community already has 62 members,¹ who, under the premise of co-creation, cooperation and collaboration, share practices, articulate dialogues and generate advocacy and inter-institutional participation to progressively implement the care agenda worldwide.

Particularly among its member countries, there are important advances in terms of legislation, design and implementation of care policies. Taking up one of the priority areas of the Alliance and under the co-leadership of some of its members, the First Workshop for the Exchange of Experiences on National Care Systems will be held.

¹ The full list of members of the Global Care Alliance is shown below: Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Tanzania, State of Mexico, San Pedro Garza García, Nuevo León, International Domestic Workers Alliance, Int. Center for Research on Women, Oxfam Mexico, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam International, International Trade Union Confederation, Huairou Commission, The African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), The Women's Working Group on Financing for Development, Red Mujer y Hábitat LA, Women Deliver, ELA Argentina, Public Services International, Organización Iberoamericana de Seguridad Social, Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir, UNI Global Union, Elige Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, Fundación Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-Oficina México, Colectivo Techiyaliztli A. C., Laudes Foundation, Open Society Foundation, Hilton Foundation, Fondo Semillas, Ford Foundation, Women Win, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Co-Impact, Equality Fund, Global Fund for Women, Pacto Mundial México, C&A, Grupo Salinas, Grupo Editorial Expansión, DEMIUSAR, Asociación de Bancos de México, UN Women, CEPAL, World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments, UNICEF, UNICEF Mexico, UNDP, ILO, Inter-American Conference on Social Security, CIM-OAS, EU-LAC Foundation, Expertise France-Programa Eurosocial, UNRISD



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Similarly, in the coming days, the Global Alliance for Care will set up the first community of analysis, co-led by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Mexico, where the issue of care as a right will be addressed from various perspectives such as local, national and international, and also from regional perspectives².

In this context, and with a view to another of the Alliance's priority areas, which refers to promoting and supporting advocacy, multilateralism and international cooperation, in September 2021, in the framework of the 48th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the governments of Argentina and Mexico presented a declaration that considers care as a human rights issue, which was signed by a total of 50 governments³.

A few days ago, we also participated in the conference "Who cares? Gender equality and the care sector in international cooperation", organised by the Government of Germany, which holds the presidency of the G7. In this space, the importance of care in the field of international development cooperation was echoed, presenting the Global Alliance for Care as a good practice in this area, supporting the call for action of international organisations such as UN Women and the International Labour Organisation, and countries such as Canada, Tanzania and Germany.

We are also working in a very committed way to advance the care agenda in Mexico. Specifically, we have established an important and substantive collaboration with UN Women, from which some relevant projects have emerged.

We have accompanied the Legislative Branch in the issuance of the General Law of the National Care System, as well as the Constitutional Reform to articles 4 and 73, in order to establish the human right to dignified care and guarantee it.

Together, and with ECLAC's Sub-regional Headquarters in Mexico, we developed a series of studies on the costs and

returns of investing in care, showing how spending on care is an economically profitable investment. And we are working with Mexico's Centre of Excellence in Gender Statistics on a national mapping of geo-referenced care services.

We are also coordinating the development of Dialogues with Civil Society Organisations, academia, local governments and the federal government towards the construction of a progressive, inclusive and sustainable National Care System with justice and social welfare.

In Mexico, at INMUJERES we are totally convinced of the virtue of spaces that open up opportunities for co-creation and collaboration between multiple actors. It is time to think of innovative ways to advance the feminist agenda that will lead us once and for all to real equality. Undoubtedly, building care societies is a step in this direction, a direction that ensures a more just, sustainable and fulfilling life for all women and girls.

- 2 This community of analysis is entitled "Challenges and perspectives of care as a right" and its main objective is to identify the possibilities, challenges and perspectives that exist in the normative field in different countries and at a global level to recognise care as a right, and to advance in its guarantees. A total of 8 analysis sessions are planned, which will take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 May until December. For more information, please write an email to: globalallianceforcare@forogeneracionigualdad.mx
- 3 For the full text of the Joint Statement on the Importance of Care in the Human Rights Arena see: https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/669780/Declaracion_Internacional_sobre_la_importancia_del_cuidado_en_el_ambito_de_los_derechos_humanos.pdf

Opinion Article



THE CARE SOCIETY, A HORIZON FOR EQUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Ana Güzmes

Director of the Division for Gender Affairs of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

On behalf of ECLAC, I warmly welcome the launch of the EU-LAC Women's International Network⁴ of which we are part. The multi-level exchange network between Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and the European Union (EU) comes at a time when it is necessary and urgent to act together for a transformative recovery with equality and sustainability at its core. For this change to happen, women's autonomy and full participation is fundamental.

I speak of urgency because it has been two years since the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and we are still feeling the effects. What at first appeared as a health crisis has enhanced other structural crises in the region and today, what ECLAC calls the prolonged social crisis, continues to have an impact at the macroeconomic level, but also on the lives of families, individuals, and women, in particular, deepening the structural knots of gender inequality.

In these two years, we have seen an increase in the loss of income, in the precariousness of work and in the poverty of the time available to women. In terms of paid employment, we estimate that 6 out of 10 women are in sectors highly affected by job losses such as commerce, manufacturing, tourism and paid domestic work. Younger women, with children aged 0-4, face the greatest barriers to returning to paid work. First confinement, then social distancing, the closure of schools and children's centres have directly impacted the availability of

time and their access to the labour market.

In the recent ECLAC projections⁵, the slowdown in Latin America and the Caribbean deepens with a lower than expected growth of 1.8% on average, which added to higher inflation, will result in a slow recovery of employment. ECLAC projects that only men will return to pre-crisis levels, while women will barely reach the labour participation rate of 2008 (49.1%). We would still be at the levels of 13 years ago, with only one in two women participating in the labour market.

On the other hand, care work, which is mostly done by women, has increased. One out of every three employed women in the region is employed in the care economy sectors such as teaching and health, which, despite playing a fundamental role in the sustainability of life and being "the front line", are occupations where the wage gap and lack of protection persist. If we consider unpaid care work, women spend three times as much time as men on these activities. Countries in the region that have measured the economic value of unpaid work in households indicate that it would represent between 15.7% and 24.2% of GDP and that it is women who contribute about 75% of this value.

During this time, we have seen how women have been absorbing the overload of domestic and care work that the pandemic has produced. We have also seen an increase in

⁴ <https://eulacfoundation.org/en/launch-eu-lac-womens-international-network-women-key-actors-climate-action-and-disaster-prevention>

⁵ <https://cepal.org/en/pressreleases/economic-slowdown-deepens-latin-america-and-caribbean-average-regional-growth-18>



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their indebtedness, what has been called the “feminisation of debt”, through loans to finance food, basic services and other household needs, as an extension of the care responsibilities assigned to them.

Faced with this reality, responses cannot wait any longer. If every crisis implies an opportunity, we are facing an opportunity for real change to address global challenges such as climate change, inequality, the growing asymmetries between developed and developing countries, and today, the pandemic. This is also an enormous opportunity to strengthen joint work between Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe. Both regions have many experiences to share, and many ideas to think of common solutions. We welcome a fruitful dialogue.

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a venue for this dialogue to take place. It is one of ECLAC’s subsidiary bodies and the main intergovernmental forum on women’s rights and gender equality in the region. For 45 years, we have had a profound, ambitious and comprehensive Regional Gender Agenda of commitments by the governments of the region to women’s rights and empowerment.

With this Agenda as a roadmap, ECLAC proposes a profound transformation that recognises the links between the economy, society and the environment. The proposal adopted by governments is to move towards a care society that prioritises care for the planet, health, people and self-care. This new social organisation is what we call the care society. It is an urgent call for a new style of development that requires rethinking patterns of production, consumption and distribution, as well as reorienting finance towards the real economy, putting the sustainability of life at the centre and redistributing co-responsibility between the state, the market, the various forms of families and between men and women.

A development style that promotes greater multilateral cooperation at global and regional levels to address global threats such as climate change and disasters from a gender perspective.

This will be the structuring axis at the XV Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will take place in Argentina next November. There, around the central theme “The care society: a horizon for a sustainable recovery with gender equality”, representatives of governments, civil society, the private sector, women’s and feminist movements, as well as international organisations will meet to share experiences and envision a joint effort to move collectively towards the care society. We invite you to join us on this journey.

News

EU-LAC Foundation Mission to Berlin

26 April 2022

On 13 April, **Dr Adrián Bonilla**, Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, met in Berlin with **Niels Annen**, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany (in German Bundesministerium

für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung - **BMZ**), to strengthen relations with the German government and explore ways to work more closely together for the benefit of the bi-regional agenda.



Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-mission-berlin>

The EU-LAC Foundation and the Yuste Foundation organise the course “The challenge of working together: EU-LAC relations in the face of major global challenges”

22 April 2022

The Yuste Foundation and the EU-LAC Foundation have signed a specific collaboration agreement for the co-organ-

isation of the course “The challenge of working together: EU-LAC relations in the face of major global challenges”, which will take place from 20 to 22 July at the Yuste Monastery. The signing of the agreement, signed by the Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Adrián Bonilla, and the Director of the Yuste Foundation, Juan Carlos Moreno, was done telematically.

One of the objectives of the course is to analyse the current situation of rela-

tions between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean from the perspective of multilateralism. It will also aim to answer the question of how to work together to address common challenges, including: social cohesion, sustainability and the fight against climate change, digitalisation, multilateral institutions and other strategic issues linked to global trends.



Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-and-yuste-foundation-organise-course-challenge-working-together-eu-lac-relations>

Policy Challenges in Latin America: Looking to the Future

13 April 2022

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/policy-challenges-latin-america-looking-future>

The EU-LAC Foundation, together with the German Institute for Global and Area Studies - GIGA, held the Conference “Public Policy Challenges for Latin

America and the Caribbean” on 7-8 April in Hamburg. This biannual event brings together experts and research institutions from the EU and CELAC.



The “Open Science Virtual Dialogues: Innovations, Challenges and Projections for the Future from an Interregional Dialogue” have been held

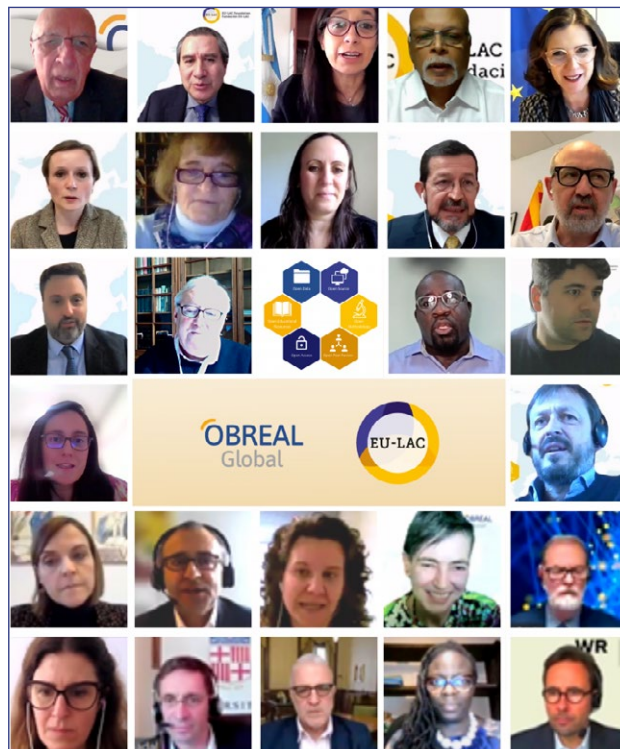
11 April 2022

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/open-science-virtual-dialogues-innovations-challenges-and-projections-future-interregional-dialogue>

The Open Science Virtual Dialogues, a key tool for academic cooperation, information exchange and inclusive policy-making in the field of science and research, took place on 6 and 7 April. To this end, the EU-LAC Foundation and the OBREAL Global partnership, with the

support of the Pro Tempore Presidency of CELAC and the European Commission, invited high-level speakers, experts in the field, to present the “Innovations, Challenges and Projections for the Future from an Interregional Dialogue” on Open Science in the regions.



Mission of the EU-LAC Foundation to Costa Rica

8 April 2022

From 7 to 9 March, Senior Programme Manager of the EU-LAC Foundation, Ernesto Jeger, travelled to San José, Costa Rica, to participate in the event “Fifth

Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development 2022”.



Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/mis-sion-eu-lac-foundation-costa-rica>

The EU-LAC Foundation and UNDP celebrated the launch of the EU-LAC Women’s International Network

7 April 2022

On 23 March 2022, in the framework of the 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 66), the EU-LAC Foundation successfully launched its EU-LAC Women’s International Network (EU-LAC WIN). To this end, the EU-LAC Foundation and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Latin America and the Caribbean invited

high-level speakers to present both the Network and its strategic action line “EU-LAC WIN Strategic Actions - EU-AC Women as Key Actors in Climate Action”. The virtual event was attended by more than 350 participants from the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).



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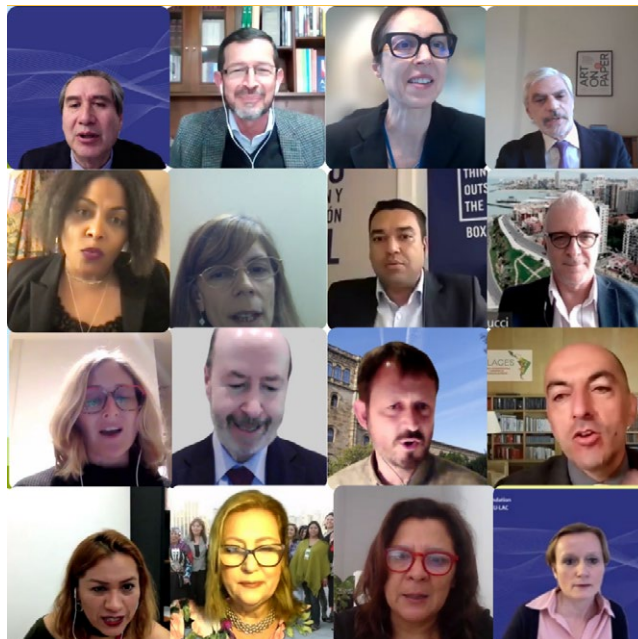
<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-and-undp-celebrated-launch-eu-lac-womens-international-network>

EU-LAC Foundation promotes scientific exchange between young researchers from Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union

25 March 2022

Between 14 and 18 March 2022, more than 200 young scientists from Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union met virtually during the EU-LAC 2022 Young Scientists Networking Days, organised by the EU-LAC Foundation. The aim of the conference was to create

links between the networks of young scientists present, as well as the articulation of their concerns, needs, ideas and perspectives on the EU-CELAC Common Area of Higher Education and bi-regional cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation.



Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-promotes-scientific-exchange-between-young-researchers-latin-america-and>

EU-LAC Foundation Executive Director joins the discussion on global projections for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2022

24 March 2022

On 2 March, the Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Dr. Adrián Bonilla participated in the panel “From the global to the regional: Latin America and its relationship with the United States, the European Union, China and Russia” of the VI. Santo Domingo International

Forum organised by FUNGLODE - Global Foundation for Democracy and Development. The Forum was held under the theme “Latin America: global and regional trends 2022” with the aim of taking stock of the Latin American reality in the current year.

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-executive-director-joins-discussion-global-projections-latin-america-and>



Results of the V. Annual Call for the co-organisation of events on topics relevant to the bi-regional strategic partnership between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean

18 March 2022

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/results-v-annual-call-co-organisation-events-topics-relevant-bi-regional-strategic-partnership>

The EU-LAC Foundation is pleased to present the result of the V. Annual Call for the co-organisation of events on top-

ics relevant to the bi-regional strategic partnership between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean.



The EU-LAC Foundation meets with representatives of European think tanks and research centres focused on Latin America and the Caribbean

9 March 2022

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-meets-representatives-european-think-tanks-and-research-centres-focused-latin>

On 25 February 2022, the EU-LAC Foundation, together with the GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies and the Ibero-American Institute Berlin, organised a virtual preparatory session for the meeting of Research Centres and Study Associations that will take place in Berlin on 28-29 April 2022. The meeting will enable

exchanges and discussions between the main European centres for Latin American studies on the current state of Latin Americanist research in Europe, the development of synergies between the invited entities, and cooperation to increase the visibility of the LAC region in the agendas of European countries.



International Women's Day 2022

8 March 2022



The EU-LAC Foundation salutes all women around the world on this significant date. We commemorate the struggles of women to achieve better working conditions and spaces in society. Together we will achieve an equitable and just future.

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/international-womens-day-2022>

The EU-LAC Foundation attended the 11th edition of the Meeting of the Strategic Triangle: Latin America and the Caribbean – Europe – Africa

7 March 2022

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-attended-11th-edition-meeting-strategic-triangle-latin-america-and-caribbean>

Dr Adrián Bonilla, Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, participated in the 11th Edition of the Meeting of the Strategic Triangle: Latin America and the

Caribbean – Europe – Africa, on 23 and 24 February 2022, which was dedicated to the topics of Democratic Models and Economic Growth in the Atlantic Region.



EU-LAC Foundation consults on the future of bi-regional cultural management and cooperation

3 March 2022

On 22 February 2022, cultural managers from Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) were virtually convened for a consultation on strengthening bi-regional cultural cooperation between LAC and the European Union (EU) by the EU-LAC Foundation and Mr Alfons Martinell. This meeting was developed with the

objectives of creating a space where cultural managers and experts can intensify their links; to prepare an input for the UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development (Monclacult 2022); and to gather the opinion of the participants on the reactivation of a bi-regional cultural cooperation space.



Consulta acerca del fortalecimiento de la cooperación cultural birregional entre América Latina y el Caribe y la Unión Europea

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-foundation-consults-future-bi-regional-cultural-management-and-cooperation>



Greece ratifies the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC Foundation as an International Organisation

2 March 2022

The Hellenic Republic deposited on 31 January 2022 its instrument of ratification of the Constitutive Agreement establishing the EU-LAC Foundation as an Inter-

national Organisation, thus attesting to its commitment to promote the partnership between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/greece-ratifies-agreement-establishes-eu-lac-foundation-international-organisation>





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Economic Relations between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean

Despite the fact that a certain level of dissatisfaction is frequently expressed on both sides of the Atlantic, economic relations between the European Union (EU) and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) have grown stronger over recent decades, although the momentum has slowed in more recent years, because of the trade between LAC and China. The signing of partnership agreements between the EU and most of the countries of LAC has led to an increase in external trade between the two regions, while at the same time the EU countries have remained the main source of direct foreign investment in LAC. There has also been an increase in investment by companies in LAC in countries of the EU. Nevertheless, the agreement between the EU and Mercosur, the largest market in LAC, is still awaiting ratification.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the growing impacts of climate change have renewed the momentum behind the need for close cooperation between both regions. The EU and its Member States have provided 3 billion euros of immediate medical aid to LAC. The EU has exported more than 130 million doses of vaccine to LAC countries, and is one of the principal contributors to the COVAX facility, which has given the region 50 million doses. The Member States of the EU have donated a further 10 million doses to almost half the LAC countries.

As for climate change, the two regions have been closely aligned since the Paris Agreement on Climate Change was negotiated at COP21 (December 2015). Europe has prioritised the ecological transition, the digital transformation and sustainable development in its regional and bilateral cooperation programmes, and the LAC countries are receptive to the means of implementation (climate finance, technology transfer and capacity development) to stimulate climate change mitigation and adaptation. These two regions are perhaps those which have given greatest political support to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, along with groups of countries such as the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Low-Income Countries (LIC).



Analysis and foresight of the European Union-Mercosur Association Agreement

After a negotiation that has been ongoing for more than two decades, the “agreement in principle” between the European Union and Mercosur regarding the trade pillar, announced in June 2019, has not been confirmed. Moreover, in the current context, the perspectives that are outlined in both blocks are not auspicious, for various reasons that are analyzed.

In this context, the text will analyze the following points: i) in the absence of a specific Treaty in progress of application, it informs about the negotiations of the trade pillar, its current status, the contents of the principle of agreement signed in 2019, the possibilities of closure and ratification by the two parties and the main expected impacts; ii) the potential implications of this agreement for both the European Union and Mercosur, in particular with regard to its foreseeable consequences for the strategic autonomy of both regions and for the strengthening of multilateralism at present; and iii) the expected impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the eventual contribution of this Association Agreement in the new scenarios. The text closes with a brief overview.

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https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/Especial_FC_EULAC_4_EN.pdf

Version in Spanish:

https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/Especial_FC_EULAC_4_ESP.pdf



Multilateralism and Regionalism in Challenging Times: Relations between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean

The EU-LAC Foundation and the Observatory on Regionalism are pleased to present this publication, which brings together a series of contributions from experts dedicated to the analysis of relations between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean from a multilateralism perspective. This book is also the continuation of a series of webinars co-organised by both entities during 2021. The first chapter of the book focuses on the following questions: How have recent geopolitical, economic, health and environmental challenges affected EU-LAC relations? What is the relevance of the EU-LAC bi-regional partnership in addressing today's collective global problems? What opportunities can be identified for EU-LAC bi-regional relations? What should EU-LAC countries do to take advantage of them? Will future EU-LAC relations become more or less a priority for both sides of the Atlantic? In the second part of the book, they assess how democratic and illiberal threats have been affecting both the EU and the LAC region, as well as relations between the two, which have traditionally been based on shared norms such as democracy and the rule of law. Thirdly, they focused on the environment and climate change agenda, highlighting how environmental issues and climate change have been addressed within the EU and LAC regional agenda. The part on trade and sustainability analyses how the EU and Latin American and Caribbean countries have been affected by an increasingly geopolitical trade order, but also by the new sustainability concerns raised by the global climate emergency and the coronavirus pandemic. Finally, it discusses how current global challenges have impacted human rights in the EU and LAC countries.

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<https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/eu-lac-Multilateralismo-regionalismo-EN-2.pdf>

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<https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/eu-lac-Curso-verano-ES-DIGITAL-3.pdf>

Relations between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean: A renewed agenda and a programme for recovery within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals

This summer course “Relations between European Union-Latin America and Caribbean: a renewed agenda and programme for recovery within the framework of the SDGs”, implemented in close collaboration between the Yuste Foundation and the EU-LAC Foundation, with the collaboration of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), the Euro-America Foundation and the University of Extremadura, in the week of 19 to 23 July 2021 in virtual format, started from the understanding that, already before the pandemic, the Latin American and the Caribbean region registered its lowest period of economic growth in the last seven decades after years of economic growth at high rates.

The course was organised within the framework of the Conference on the Future of Europe promoted by the European Institutions, and was directed by Adrián Bonilla, Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation and Rebeca Grynspan, former Secretary General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), and coordinated by Miguel Ángel Martín Ramos, Head of European Affairs and Delegate of the Yuste Foundation in Brussels, and Lorena Chano Regaña, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Extremadura, who served as secretaries and moderators of the course.

This summer course was dedicated to analysing the current situation and seeking answers to the challenges facing the region within the framework of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Possible options were explored to work on policies and programmes for the recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean, and options were examined to develop a renewed agenda in bi-regional relations between the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) that contributes to processing these common challenges, also taking into account the commitment to a strengthened multilateralism and initiatives to mitigate climate change and opt for digitalisation as possible valid instruments for the management of global issues.



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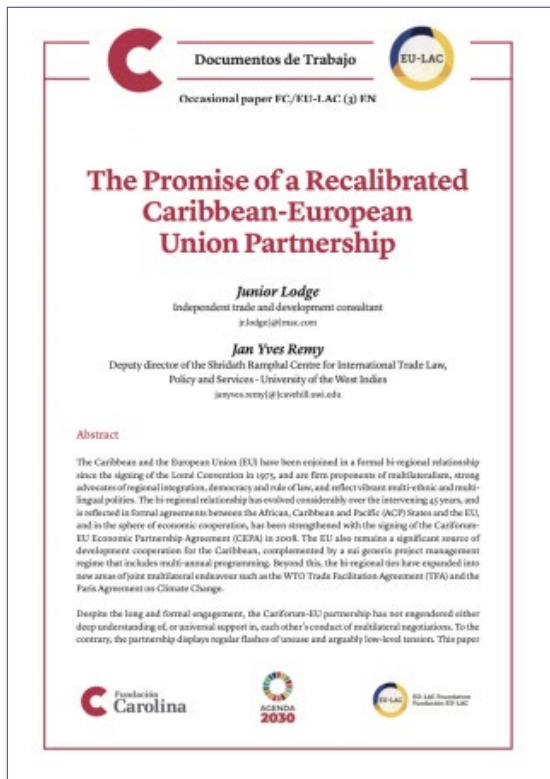
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Cooperation and Policies in the realm of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Routes, and their relevance for the Bi-regional Partnership between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean

The second edition of the EU-LAC Dialogue Sessions 'Cooperation and Policies in the realm of Cultural Heritage, Cultural Routes and their relevance for the Bi-regional Partnership between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean' was organised as a webinar by the EU-LAC Foundation in cooperation with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Culture of Peru on 17 and 18 February, 2022. The recordings of day 1 and day 2 are available online.

The objective of the webinar was, firstly, to provide a space for dialogue, the articulation, and the exchange of perspectives between officials, managers and experts on policies and programmes on the promotion of heritage and cultural routes in the EU and LAC. Likewise, the event sought to assess the challenges and future projections for the management of cultural heritage and cultural routes in both regions, in a context marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disasters, climate change and digitalisation. Therefore, the aim was to share existing policies, programmes, instruments and management models directed at increasing the management and protection capacity of cultural heritage and to generate proposals for bi-regional cooperation initiatives in this field.



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The Promise of a Recalibrated Caribbean-European Union Partnership

The Caribbean and the European Union (EU) have been enjoined in a formal bi-regional relationship since the signing of the Lomé Convention in 1975, and are firm proponents of multilateralism, strong advocates of regional integration, democracy and rule of law, and reflect vibrant multi-ethnic and multi-lingual polities. The bi-regional relationship has evolved considerably over the intervening 45 years, and is reflected in informal agreements between the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States and the EU, and in the sphere of economic cooperation, has been strengthened with the signing of the Cariforum- EU Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in 2008. The EU also remains a significant source of development cooperation for the Caribbean, complemented by a sui generis project management regime that includes multi-annual programming. Beyond this, the bi-regional ties have expanded into new areas of joint multilateral endeavour such as the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Despite the long and formal engagement, the Cariforum-EU partnership has not engendered either deep understanding of, or universal support in, each other's conduct of multilateral negotiations. To the contrary, the partnership displays regular flashes of unease and arguably low-level tension. This paper seeks to assess the Caribbean-EU partnership in terms of its contribution of bi-regional trade and economic cooperation to Caribbean development, and possibilities for a renewed partnership considering new impulses shaping the Cariforum-EU relationship, including the post-Cotonou Agreement, Brexit, EU-LAC Political Dialogue and COVID-19 responses. A Cariforum-EU development agenda to fuel post-pandemic Caribbean recovery is mooted with the additional value of harnessing the promise of the revised partnership.

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International Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Congress: “The necessary creation of a bi-regional cultural space: values, principles and proposals”

This publication is a collection of papers presented by a group of distinguished personalities in the field of culture from public entities, civil society organisations and academia from Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the International Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Congress: “The Necessary Creation of a Bi-regional Cultural Space”. It also contains a compilation of papers presented by a group of young researchers from both regions, which were selected by a Scientific Committee composed of representatives of the sponsoring institutions.

The Congress was organised with the aim of promoting the presentation and debate of the cultural dimension between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union, for the dissemination and awareness of culture in order to create a bi-regional space in this field. In this spirit, the Congress generated a space to argue and propose formulas to face the challenges in the area of culture from the regional and bi-regional sphere, with special emphasis on the matters addressed by the Summits between high authorities of both sides of the Atlantic and other spaces for political and technical dialogue. It also served as a bridge to promote and give visibility to studies and initiatives on culture in the framework of the Euro-Latin American and Caribbean space.

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Second Climate and Sustainable Finance Week

The world is experiencing multiple crises that threaten the survival of populations, ecosystems and, in general, the livelihoods that allow us to live on planet Earth. Therefore if there today there's something that should unite us as humanity, it is to address the climate change that threatens these livelihoods. We are immersed in institutional inertia that has not allowed us to address the problem structurally, and this situation has been aggravated in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which today requires us to achieve a transformative, just, and sustainable recovery in the region. While there are countries that have understood the necessary coherence between environmental, social, and economic policies at both national and local levels, there are still many challenges in understanding the systemic nature of the climate crisis and making the required transformations to address it.

The “Semana de Financiamiento Climático y Sostenible edición 2021” (#SFCLAC2021) took place from the 4th to the 8th of October 2021, and it was attended by around 100 panellists, moderators, and masters of ceremony, bringing together leaders and experts from various fields to identify good practices, opportunities for mobilising and managing finance to effectively address the climate crisis in the context of the pandemic.

This report aims to present the results of this multi-stakeholder exchange, identifying areas of opportunity to accelerate the mobilisation, access, and management of funding, always seeking to promote transparency and a transformative vision of financing to promote gender mainstreaming and the respect of human rights, especially those of indigenous populations, children, and youth.

Blog Articles

Gian Luca Gardini

EU-LAC relations in a brave new world

27 February 2022



I began writing this commentary the day Russia invaded Ukraine. Besides the deep concern for the war and its victims, I wondered if this episode represented a turning point in acceptable practices internationally and possibly in the world order. The answer is not clear to me yet, but a conviction that I have been mulling over for a while returned to my mind. Structure is as decisive for international relations as agency. Agents' preferences do matter but they find major constraints – or opportunities - in the context, which shapes options and choices. The relations between the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) do not escape this logic.

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/eu-lac-relations-brave-new-world>

Gerardo Caetano

Latin America and some current reasons for its strategic partnership with the European Union

31 January 2022



The links between Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in relation to Europe have historically been strategic. From the “dis-encounter” of the Conquest and the colonial past to the wars of Independence, from the times of informal subordination to commercial and financial empires to the floods of immigration processes between the two regions, from cultural and ideological links to strong involvement in more contemporary processes, in a review that could go on at length, the two continents have seen their histories intertwine in a profound and frequent manner. Even the North American hegemony on the continent, persistent from the second post-war period to the present day in a variety of formats, cannot be understood in many of its features except in relation to the parallel trajectories of Latin American articulations (or lack thereof) with Europe.

Read more:

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/latin-america-and-some-current-reasons-its-strategic-partnership-european-union>

Upcoming Events

LASA Congress - Socio-Environmental Polarisation and Great Power Rivalry

Panels co-organised by the EU-LAC Foundation

Date and Place: 14 March 2022 - 18 March 2022, Event Online

The LASA Virtual Congress, entitled “Socio-environmental Polarisation and Great Power Rivalry”, will take place from 5-8 May 2022. Throughout this Congress, the organisers intend to analyse some of the greatest challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean in the 21st century, specifically three of them that are intimately linked: environmental destruction and climate change, socio-economic polarisation, and the rivalry between great powers that in one way or another affect the region.

More information and register on our website!

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/lasa-congress-socio-environmental-polarisation-and-great-power-rivalry>

Long Night of the Consulates 2022

Activity in the framework of the Europe Week in Hamburg

Date and Place: 23 March 2022, Hamburg



Explore the world from Hamburg: The Long Night of the Consulates offers insights into consulates and other international institutions in Hamburg. This year, the EU-LAC Foundation is once again taking part in the Long Night of the Consulates in Hamburg, which traditionally concludes the Hanseatic City's Europe Week.

More information and register on our website!

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/long-night-consulates-2022>

Open Science: Innovations, Challenges and Projections for the Future from an Interregional Dialogue

Events co-organised by the EU-LAC Foundation in the framework of the UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education

Date and Place: 8 May 2022 - 20 May 2022, Event Online

In view of the global health crisis, UNESCO World Higher Education Conference initially planned to be held in 2021, will take place from 18 to 20 May 2022 in Barcelona, Spain. UNESCO kindly extended an invitation to the EU-LAC Foundation to organise a roundtable on Open Science at this Conference on 19 May, 14.30-16:00 (CEST).

The EU-LAC Foundation will also co-convene or participate in several important side-events to the UNESCO World Higher Education Conference 2022:

- 17 May 2022: “Iberoamerican-European Union Meeting: a shared look at the futures of Higher Education” organised by SEGIB)
- 17 May 2022: 17:00-17:45 (CEST) “Public presentation of the “Trends in Higher Education in Latin America Survey (TRESAL)”
- 17 May 2022: 18:15-20:30 (CEST) Debate and cocktail reception “Higher Education and the SDGs: Inter-regional Perspectives” organised by DAAD, AAU, ENLACES, OBREAL Global
- 19 May 2022: 17:00-20:00 (CEST) Hybrid Seminar “The role of Universities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, Human Security and the Culture of Peace: An Euro-Latin American Perspective”

More information and register on our website!

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/open-science-innovations-challenges-and-projections-future-based-inter-regional-dialogue>

Course ‘The Challenge of Working Together: European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean Relations in the Face of Major Global Challenges’

Course co-organised by the Yuste Foundation and the EU-LAC Foundation

Date and Place: 20 July 2022 - 22 July 2022, Yuste

The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation and the EU-LAC Foundation are organising, in collaboration with the University of Extremadura, the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) and the Euroamerica Foundation, the course ‘The Challenge of Working Together: European Union-Latin American and Caribbean Relations in the Face of the Great Global Challenges’, which will take place between 20 and 22 July 2022.

More information and register on our website!

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/course-challenge-working-together-european-union-latin-america-and-caribbean-relations-face-major>

Tenders



Call for tenders Coordination of the “Latin American and Caribbean Autumn” Festival 2022

In order to support the organisation of the 2022 edition, the EU-LAC Foundation launches a public and open tender to contract an external consultancy to take charge of the Coordination Services of the “Latin American and Caribbean Autumn 2022”, in collaboration with the responsible team of the EU-LAC Foundation.

Deadline: 29 May 2022

Read more about the tender here!

<https://eulacfoundation.org/en/tender-coordination-lat-in-american-and-caribbean-fall-festival-2022>



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