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**Joint press release from the EU-LAC International Foundation and the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB):**

## **SEGIB and EU-LAC Foundation sign collaboration agreement to jointly deepen bi-regional relations between Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe**

**Madrid, Hamburg, 22 February 2022:** The Executive Director of the EU-LAC International Foundation, Adrián Bonilla Soria, and the Secretary-General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), Andrés Allamand, signed today a framework cooperation agreement to join efforts to strengthen integration and collaboration between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Based on shared goals of mutual interests and challenges, both institutions will work to generate new impulses for the dialogue linking the countries of the two regions. The following are some of the activities specified in the agreement:

- o Organisation and implementation of congresses, seminars and workshops.
- o Joint publications of interest to both parties.
- o Exchange of documents and information relevant to the bi-regional partnership, such as publications, databases and opportunities for collaboration.
- o Visibility and dissemination of the counterpart's activities, through the virtual calendar, website, social networks or respective newsletters.

For both SEGIB and the EU-LAC Foundation, committed to multilateral interaction and collaboration, the signing of this agreement is an excellent opportunity to bring the two regions closer together through a range of instruments and joint activities ranging from the organisation and implementation of conferences, seminars and workshops to the production of publications and information relevant to the bi-regional partnership in 2022.

### **About the EU-LAC Foundation (<https://eulacfoundation.org>)**

The EU-LAC Foundation is an international organisation of an intergovernmental nature, established under public international law. Created in 2010, the Foundation is committed to strengthening the bi-regional strategic partnership between the European Union, its Member States and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). Its mission is to strengthen and promote the strategic partnership between the two regions, enhance its visibility and foster the participation of the respective civil societies.

### **About SEGIB (<https://www.segib.org/>)**

The Ibero-American General Secretariat, as a permanent body providing institutional, technical and administrative support to the Ibero-American Conference, aims to: a) contribute to the strengthening of the Ibero-American Community and ensure its international projection; b) contribute to the organisation of the preparatory process for the Summits and all Ibero-American meetings; c) strengthen the work carried out in the field of cooperation, following the Bariloche Convention; and d) promote historical, cultural, social and economic ties between Ibero-American countries, recognising and valuing the diversity of their peoples.