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Introduction

Adrián Bonilla
Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation

This is the fourth edition of the EU-LAC Foundation Newsletter 2021, in which we bring you the main news about the work of the organisation during the months of August and September 2021. We also inform you about the upcoming events that will take place in the weeks to come.

In addition, we cordially invite you to review our latest 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, and to disseminate it among your friends and colleagues.

Currently, the EU-LAC Foundation is coordinating the eighth edition of the “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” Festival in Hamburg, this time under the theme “National Myths and Narratives”. This year, more than 60 activities will take place until 14 November, many of them in person in Hamburg. We kindly invite you to check out the programme of the Festival on the respective social media channels Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
News

International Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Congress
30 September 2021

From 22 to 24 September 2021, the EU-LAC Foundation, the Centre for Ibero-American Studies of the Rey Juan Carlos University (URJC), the Ministry for Foreign Relations of the Dominican Republic, the University of the North, UC3M, the Organisation of Iberoamerican States, the National University of Rosario, the Centre of International Relations Studies of Rosario, and the European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation held the “International Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Congress - The necessary creation of a Euro-Latin American cultural space: Values, Principles and Proposals”.

Read more: https://eulacfoundation.org/en/international-euro-latin-american-and-caribbean-congress-0

Mission of the Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation to Spain
27 September 2021

From 20 to 25 September, the Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Dr Adrián Bonilla, was in Spain, where he participated in the event “The necessary creation of a Euro-Latin American and Caribbean cultural space: values, principles and proposals” which took place between 22 and 24 September in the city of Yuste.

Inauguration ceremony of the “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” Festival
20 September 2021

On September 16, the official opening ceremony of the “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” Festival took place with the participation of ambassadors, consuls, academics, representatives of museums and cultural institutes in Hamburg, as well as members of the Latin American and Caribbean diaspora, in the ballroom of the Hamburg City Hall.

Read more:

The “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” brings numerous myths and stories from the region to Hamburg
10 September 2021

This autumn, the “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” will take place in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg for the eighth time. The festival is an initiative of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in cooperation with the embassies and consulates of Latin America and the Caribbean and invites visitors to participate in a varied programme of events on the history, culture and politics of Latin America and the Caribbean for two months. The EU-LAC Foundation has been coordinating these events since 2017.

Read more:
Denmark ratifies the Agreement that establishes the EU-LAC Foundation as an International Organisation

13 August 2021

On August 13th, Denmark deposited its instrument of ratification of the Constitutive Agreement that establishes the EU-LAC Foundation as an International Organisation, thus attesting its commitment to promoting the bi-regional partnership, mutual knowledge and understanding between the European Union, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

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**Recent Publications**

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**Version in Spanish:**
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This report features the key messages of the second Café Mimir Andino “Communicating research, university and public opinion”.

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This report features the key messages of the fifth Café Mimir Andino “Patent policies and technology transfer”.

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https://eulacfoundation.org/en/patent-policies-and-technology-transfer

Version in Spanish:
https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Informe_CafeMimirAndino5_ES_0.pdf

Check out the video of the Webinar in Spanish here!
II Compilation of EU-LAC Webinars on COVID-19

This report presents a second written compilation of the series of webinars organised by the EU-LAC Foundation addressing the effects of COVID-19: EU-LAC Webinars. This report is based on the six webinars that took place between the second half of 2020 and the first half of 2021. The videos are available in full length on the EU-LAC Foundation website. The report is structured in six different chapters, each reflecting the content of a webinar. However, the content is not organised according to the original structure of the webinars and individual presentations, but according to general themes analysed by the panellists.

In turn, these seminars were organised as part of the EU-LAC Foundation’s mandate to strengthen and promote the bi-regional strategic partnership, enhancing its visibility and encouraging the active participation of the respective civil societies. All this with the mission to promote the development of a joint and dynamic global vision and a shared strategy in both regions, as well as to disseminate knowledge to improve mutual understanding and visibility of both regions and of the bi-regional partnership itself.

Policy Brief “Multilateralism and Bi-regional Partnership Between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean”

Within the framework of the European Union (EU) - Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) bi-regional partnership and by virtue of the recent joint communiqué issued by both blocs, this paper analyses the challenges and opportunities of the relationship in the current context marked by the COVID-19 crisis. We analyse the policy alternatives and opportunities of the partnership in terms of economic and trade relations, international development cooperation, the demands of LAC for debt relief, the crossroads of Middle-Income Countries and the alternatives articulated from both regions to move towards a multidimensional understanding of development. We also offer recommendations to achieve – thanks to the bi-regional partnership – a greater role for LAC in the agendas of world governance and global public goods based on a renewed multilateralism. We conclude with the identification of strategies and proposals to better channel the LAC agenda for development at the bi-regional level.


Version in English: https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/EuLac_Policy-Brief-N%C2%BA2-EN.pdf

Version in Spanish: https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/2021-09/EuLac_Policy-Brief-N%C2%BA2-ES.pdf
Blog Articles

5 opportunities to promote a greener bi-regional partnership

Ernesto Jeger
23 August 2021

According to the Earth Day 2020 survey conducted by Ipsos Global Advisor, one in ten people believe that climate change is as serious as the crisis of COVID-19 and believe that their government will fail them if they do not take immediate action to tackle climate change. According to this survey, 65% of the public globally support a “green” recovery from the crisis. Aware of the importance of this issue, the foreign ministers of the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) acknowledged, in Berlin in December 2020, that “economic recovery from the socio-economic damage caused by the pandemic cannot be sustainable without addressing the global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss and moving towards a circular economy”. Ministers also emphasised that by joining forces in strong green partnerships, the two regions can ensure a better common future for their citizens.

Read more:
https://eulacfoundation.org/en/5-opportunities-promote-greener-bi-regional-partnership

The European Union and Latin America in the pandemic and post-pandemic world

Violetta Tayar
21 October 2021

At the beginning of the third decade of the 21st century, the European Union (EU) appears to be in a transitional stage of inter-regional cooperation and in search of a new leadership model in the Latin American region in the context of its competition with the US and China. For the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), the EU is the main deliverer of state programmes along the North-South line, aimed at providing solutions to global problems, including the preservation of the environment. It is worth mentioning that more initiatives are being undertaken in the EU on the issue of achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) than in other parts of the world. In this way, the EU is moving towards an innovative reproduction of the global economic system, based on the SDGs, both within the European bloc and in interregional cooperation in the North-South format, in particular with LAC. Throughout the political and economic dialogue held with LAC, the EU abides by the chosen model of interaction with the region, which is oriented towards long-term partnership and has a differential approach applied simultaneously at several levels of action: bilateral, sub-regional, and inter-regional.

Read more:
Upcoming Events

Financial Resilience and Sustainability for the Tourism Entrepreneurs

Series of five events co-organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the EU-LAC Foundation

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the EU-LAC Foundation organized a cycle of five events on sustainable tourism which are open to the interested public and seek to foster bi-regional dialogue involving different actors such as policymakers, entrepreneurs, civil society and researchers in joint reflections on the necessary conditions and paths to move towards a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive social, economic, cultural, and environmental tourism sector that can contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda.

This third event, co-organized by UNDP, and the EU-LAC Foundation, will take place in a virtual format, and concentrate on the topic “Financial Resilience and Sustainability for the Tourism Entrepreneurs”.

Date and Place: 26 October 2021
Event Online
Time: 16:00 h CEST

More information and register on our website!
The Paths to an enhanced EU-LAC Partnership in the context of the U.S.-China Rivalry

Event co-organised by PISM, CARI, COMEXI and FGV, co-financed by the EU-LAC Foundation

The conference is organised within the framework of the project “The U.S.-China Rivalry: Implications for EU-LAC Relations” elaborated by PISM in cooperation with its Latin American think-tank partners: CARI, COMEXI, and FGV. The initiative won co-financing award from EU-LAC Foundation in 2019.

The event is organised in a virtual format. The audience will be available to assist the discussions on the PISM Youtube channel.

“Latin American and Caribbean Fall” Festival

The “Latin American and Caribbean Fall” is a festival conceived by the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg following the interest of the group of Latin American and Caribbean Consuls accredited in Hamburg. It takes place annually and aims to improve the visibility and knowledge of Latin America and the Caribbean in Hamburg through a programme of activities that allows the interested public to participate in the discussion of social, economic and political issues and at the same time brings the public closer to the cultural richness of this region. It is distinguished by an agenda with topics of interest for Latin America and the Caribbean and its relations with the European Union - especially with Germany. It also aims to create cooperative links with all entities that share its vision and objectives.

Date and Place: 12 September – 14 November 2021
Event Online
More information on our website!
Upcoming Events

Training and awareness programme for young diplomats on the EU-CELAC strategic partnership

Activity coorganized by the EU-LAC Foundation and the Ibero-American Institute of the University of Salamanca.

Coinciding with the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the EU-LAC Foundation, this entity has coordinated efforts with the Ibero-American Institute of the University of Salamanca to hold, between 22 November and 3 December 2021, the first edition of the “Training and awareness programme for young diplomats on the EU-CELAC strategic partnership”. This activity is offered with the support of a grant from the European Union and a contribution from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

V Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Governors of the EU-LAC Foundation

The V Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Governors of the EU-LAC International Foundation will be held on 24 November 2021.

This is the second ordinary session of 2021, in which the members of the Board of Governors are able to adopt the decisions and resolutions necessary for the proper operational and programmatic functioning of the Foundation, in accordance with the provisions of the Foundation’s Constitutive Agreement, which came into force on 17 May 2019.

During the meeting of the Board of Governors, various reports on activities and audits will be presented to the Board, as well as the progress of the actions to be carried out in the framework of the transformation of the Foundation into an international organisation.
Tenders

Call for proposals 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

In line with its mission to strengthen the role of culture in the framework of the relations between the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean, and recognising the importance of highlighting bi-regional cultures as a central component of the strategic relationship between both regions, the EU-LAC Foundation launches the Call for proposals for the elaboration of 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.

Deadline: 31 October 2021

Acknowledgement: The best proposal will be awarded a total amount of € 1,800.00 (one thousand eight hundred) euros.

Access the invitation and the selection criteria here:
The EU-LAC Foundation is funded through the voluntary contributions of its Members and in particular, for this activity, from the European Union and the German Federal Foreign Office.