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An EU-LAC Agenda in Motion: Care, Security and Bi-regional Dialogue in 2026

Dear readers,

At the EU-LAC Foundation, we close the first half of 2026 with concrete contributions to the bi-regional relationship. Our Board of Governors met for the first time since the creation of the organisation in Latin America and the Caribbean. During this **extraordinary meeting in Montevideo**, our membership highlighted the organisation's substantive contributions to the strategic partnership between the EU and LAC. Also in the Uruguayan capital, we contributed to the event "**Advancing the CELAC-EU Partnership after the Santa Marta Summit**", organised by the European Union and Uruguay's Pro Tempore Presidency of CELAC.

One of the main milestones was the kick-off of the **EU-LAC Bi-regional Pact on Care**. In Berlin, we organised an **EU-LAC Multi-Stakeholder Forum on long-term care**, bringing together experiences and proposals from institutions, academia and civil society. We also supported the organisation of the Pact's **first meeting of national focal points**, which made it possible to agree on working methods and define priorities for the 2026–2027 agenda.

In Brussels, during the European Crime Fighting Week, we organised **a seminar** to advance the whole-of-society approach in bi-regional cooperation to combat transnational organised crime. The event consolidated a central message: shared security challenges require bi-regional, multisectoral and people-centred responses.

These advances form part of a broader agenda of bi-regional presence and dialogue.

In **Paris**, **Madrid**, **Lisbon**, **Prague** and **Mexico City**, the organisation took part in substantive conversations on key issues for both regions, reaffirming its role as a bridge between governments, civil society, the private sector and relevant stakeholders.



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Highlights



Countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and the EU launch the EU-LAC Bi-regional Care Pact.

The inaugural meeting of the Care Pact in Berlin marked the first concrete step towards the implementation of this pioneering mechanism for bi-regional cooperation in the social sphere.

[Find out more](#)



EU-LAC Foundation Hosts Bi-Regional Dialogue on Security during European Crime Fighting Week

The event brought together representatives from governments, civil society, academia, the private sector, local communities and international organisations from both regions.

[Find out more](#)



EU-LAC Foundation Co-organised High-Level Session on Social Well-being in Montevideo

Building on recent reflections by CELAC and the EU on social challenges and inclusive public policies, the session explored how social inclusion, care policies and efforts to reduce inequalities can contribute to social cohesion, democratic resilience and sustainable prosperity in both regions.

[Find out more](#)



EU-LAC Multi-Stakeholder Forum discusses the future of long-term care

Through the exchange of experiences, good practices and innovative proposals on financing, employment formalisation and bi-regional coordination, the meeting contributed to consolidating a shared vision aimed at developing more inclusive, sustainable and rights-based long-term care systems.

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By Mónica Laborda Sánchez – International consultant on European affairs and Mexico-EU relations, lecturer at the Universidad Panamericana

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