

The EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda: Key Projects and Priorities for Sustainable Development

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Countries Involved

Argentina (ARG)	Brazil (BRA)	Chile (CHL)
Colombia (COL)	Costa Rica (CRI)	Jamaica (JAM)
Luxembourg (LUX)	Panama (PAN)	Paraguay (PRY)

Executive Summary

The EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda, launched in July 2023, outlines the European Union's commitment to invest over €45 billion in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) by 2027.

The agenda focuses on fostering a green, digital, and fair transition through more than 130 projects across the region, targeting areas such as renewable energy, digital infrastructure, health resilience, and critical raw materials. Key initiatives include expanding telecom networks, supporting green hydrogen, electrifying public transport, and enhancing social cohesion. The agenda is structured around four pillars: a fair green transition, inclusive digital transformation, human development, and health resilience. Delivered through Team Europe—comprising the EU, its Member States, and financial institutions—the agenda leverages public-private partnerships to drive sustainable growth, innovation, and social inclusion in LAC countries.

Taxonomies

Themes

- **EU-CELAC Digital Partnership** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital & Technological Partnerships** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Bi-regional Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Global Digital Cooperation** (Regional & International Cooperation)
- **Digital Infrastructure** (Digital Transformation & Strategy) - Relevance: 0.9

Justification: Digital infrastructure is a major focus, with multiple concrete projects (e.g., telecom expansion in Brazil, 5G in Jamaica, BELLA cable extension) and a dedicated pillar on digital transformation. The Agenda emphasizes bridging the digital divide and enabling digital inclusion, making digital infrastructure both a content-rich and strategically important theme.

- **Digital Platforms** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Acceleration** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Economy** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Skills Development** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Ecosystem** (Digital Transformation & Strategy)
- **Digital Inclusion** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Connectivity** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Sustainable Digital Development** (Inclusion & Social Development)
- **Social Cohesion** (Inclusion & Social Development) - Relevance: 0.95

Justification: Social cohesion is a central pillar of the Agenda, explicitly highlighted as a key objective and supported by dedicated funding (e.g., €60 million for the 'Inclusive Societies' programme). The document repeatedly references reducing inequalities, enhancing social inclusion, and supporting human development, making this theme highly central to the document's main message and strategic commitments.

- **EU-LAC Digital Alliance** (Regional & International Cooperation) - Relevance: 0.85

Justification: The EU-LAC Digital Alliance is a flagship initiative representing the broader bi-regional cooperation framework. It underpins many of the Agenda's projects and objectives, facilitating joint action on digital, green, and social priorities. Its prominence in the document and its role in enabling other themes make it highly relevant.

Actors

- **European Union** (Political Actors) - Relevance: 1.0

Justification: The European Union is the central actor throughout the document, leading the Global Gateway Investment Agenda, providing funding, setting priorities, and coordinating initiatives. The EU is directly mentioned in nearly every section, is responsible for the agenda's creation and implementation, and is the main driver of the partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean.

- **EU Member States** (Political Actors) - Relevance: 0.85

Justification: EU Member States are repeatedly referenced as key partners in the Team Europe approach, pooling resources, co-funding projects, and participating in decision-making. Their collective

involvement is essential for the delivery of the agenda and the success of the initiatives described.

- **European Commission** (Political Actors)
- **Community of Latin American and Caribbean States** (Political Actors)
- **Governments** (Political Actors)
- **EU-LAC Digital Alliance** (Research and Innovation Actors)
- **Technology Organisations** (Research and Innovation Actors)
- **Private Sector Representatives** (Economic Actors) - Relevance: 0.7

Justification: The private sector is highlighted as a crucial partner in public-private partnerships, investment mobilization, and project implementation. Their participation is necessary for achieving the agenda's goals, especially in areas like infrastructure, digital transformation, and green transition.

- **Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean** (Economic Actors)
- **Telecommunication Companies** (Economic Actors)

Beneficiary Groups

- **Citizens** (General Citizens / Consumers)
- **Civil Society Organizations** (Civil Society / NGOs)
- **Community Organizations** (Civil Society / NGOs)
- **Private Sector Organizations** (SMEs / Businesses)
- **Public Institutions** (Public Sector / Governments)

Additional Beneficiary Groups

- country
- community
- society
- government
- private sector

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- SDG 1: No Poverty
- SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- SDG 13: Climate Action
- SDG 14: Life Below Water
- SDG 15: Life on Land
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

EU Policy Alignments

- Digital Decade
- Global Gateway

- Horizon Europe
- NDICI-Global Europe

Commitments

Commitment 1

Team Europe has committed over €45 billion to support the reinforced partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean until 2027.

Details:

- Team Europe has committed over €45 billion to support the reinforced partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean until 2027. (Type: Declarative)

Commitment 2

€60 million from the EU budget to be mobilised for the new EU programme “Inclusive Societies” for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Details:

- €60 million from the EU budget to be mobilised for the new EU programme “Inclusive Societies” for Latin America and the Caribbean. (Type: Financed)

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

KPI: Digital and Environmental Monitoring Infrastructure

Description:	Extension of the BELLA cable and the creation of two regional Copernicus centres for disaster risk reduction, climate change, land and marine monitoring.
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Extend BELLA cable and establish two Copernicus centres for monitoring and disaster risk reduction
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Measurement Method:	Infrastructure deployment and operational status
Responsible Entity:	EU-LAC Digital Alliance
Sector:	Digital, Environment

KPI: Electricity Network Upgrade

Description:	Upgrade of the electricity network with support to the Administración Nacional de Electricidad.
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Upgrade Paraguay's electricity network with EU support
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Measurement Method:	Completion of network upgrade projects
Responsible Entity:	EU, Administración Nacional de Electricidad (Paraguay)
Sector:	Energy

KPI: Green Bond Market Development

Description:	Fostering the development of the green bond market in LAC, thus mobilising capital for financing a sustainable transition.
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Develop green bond market in LAC to mobilise capital for sustainability
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Measurement Method:	Market analysis and capital mobilisation tracking
Responsible Entity:	LAC-Global Green Bonds Initiative
Sector:	Finance, Environment

KPI: Island-wide 5G Broadband Access

Description:	Deployment of 5G to reach island-wide broadband access.
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Achieve island-wide broadband access in Jamaica through 5G deployment
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Measurement Method:	Coverage assessment and network deployment verification
Responsible Entity:	EU, Jamaican government, private sector
Sector:	Digital infrastructure

KPI: Local Medicines and Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity

Description:	Supporting the development of local medicines and vaccine manufacturing and health systems resilience, including regulatory frameworks.
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Develop local medicines and vaccine manufacturing and strengthen health system resilience
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Measurement Method:	Capacity assessment and regulatory framework implementation
Responsible Entity:	LAC-Health Resilience initiative
Sector:	Health

KPI: Number of Investment Projects

Description:	The agenda is represented by a list of more than 130 projects across countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to leverage quality investments.
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	130.0
Target Description:	Implement more than 130 investment projects in LAC countries
Unit:	projects
Measurement Method:	Project count and implementation status
Responsible Entity:	Team Europe
Sector:	Cross-sectoral

KPI: Social Cohesion Investment

Description:	€60 million from the EU budget to be mobilised preparing a Team Europe platform to enhance social cohesion and tackle inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Type:	quantitative

Target Value:	60.0
Target Description:	Mobilise €60 million from the EU budget for social cohesion and inequality reduction
Unit:	million EUR
Measurement Method:	Budget allocation and expenditure tracking
Responsible Entity:	European Commission, Team Europe
Sector:	Social development

KPI: Total Investment Commitment

Description:	Team Europe has committed over €45 billion to support the reinforced partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean until 2027.
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	45.0
Target Description:	Commit over €45 billion to support the EU-LAC partnership
Unit:	billion EUR
Timeframe:	until 2027
Measurement Method:	Financial disbursement and investment tracking
Responsible Entity:	Team Europe (EU, Member States, EIB, public sources, private sector)
Sector:	Cross-sectoral

KPI: Universal Energy Access

Description:	The EU support a joint project on universal access to energy.
Type:	qualitative
Target Description:	Achieve universal access to energy in Panama through joint EU project
Unit:	qualitative milestone
Measurement Method:	Access statistics and project completion
Responsible Entity:	EU, Panama government

Sector:	Energy
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KPI: Urban Bus Fleet Electrification and Emissions Reduction

Description:	Conversion of urban bus fleet to electric: 40 public e-vehicles contributing to a reduction of 5000 CO2 kilotons per year.
Type:	quantitative
Target Value:	40.0
Target Description:	Convert 40 urban buses to electric, reducing CO2 emissions by 5000 kilotons per year
Unit:	e-vehicles and kilotons CO2/year
Measurement Method:	Vehicle fleet records and annual CO2 emissions monitoring
Responsible Entity:	EU, Costa Rica government
Sector:	Transport, Environment

Practical Applications

Application 1:

Team Europe has committed over €45 billion to support the reinforced partnership with Latin America and the Caribbean until 2027, involving EU Member States, the European Investment Bank (EIB), export credit agencies, and public-private partnerships.

Application 2:

The EU is collaborating with the Brazilian government and EU private sector to expand telecoms networks in the Amazon region.

Application 3:

In Jamaica, the EU is supporting the deployment of 5G to achieve island-wide broadband access.

Application 4:

In Paraguay, the EU is supporting the upgrade of the electricity network in partnership with the Administración Nacional de Electricidad.

Application 5:

In Panama, the EU is supporting a joint project to achieve universal access to energy.

Application 6:

In Chile, the EU has developed a Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Green Hydrogen (GH2) to promote investment opportunities in green hydrogen.

Application 7:

In Colombia, the EU is supporting the construction of a metro line.

Application 8:

In Costa Rica, the EU is assisting with the electrification of public transport, including the conversion of the urban bus fleet to electric vehicles (40 public e-vehicles), contributing to a reduction of 5,000 CO2 kilotons per year.

Application 9:

The EU is working with Latin American and Caribbean partners on Critical Raw Materials (such as lithium) in Argentina and Chile, and with the Critical Raw Materials Club to strengthen sustainable supply chains.

Application 10:

The Team Europe Initiative 'Brazil Tropical Forests' has been established, with the EU also contributing to the Amazon Fund.

Application 11:

The EU announced the new "Inclusive Societies" programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, with €60 million from the EU budget to tackle inequalities, reduce poverty, and enhance social inclusion and cohesion.

Application 12:

The EU is preparing a Team Europe platform to enhance social cohesion and tackle inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Application 13:

EU-LAC digital cooperation activities are underway, including the extension of the BELLA cable and the creation of two regional Copernicus centres for disaster risk reduction, climate change, and land and marine monitoring.

Application 14:

The LAC-Global Green Bonds Initiative is fostering the development of the green bond market in Latin America and the Caribbean to mobilise capital for sustainable transition.

Application 15:

The LAC-Health Resilience initiative is supporting the development of local medicines and vaccine manufacturing, as well as strengthening health systems resilience and regulatory frameworks.

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