



**Giving focus to the Cultural, Scientific and
Social Dimension of EU – CELAC relations**



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WHAT IS THE EU – CELAC STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP?

The **European Union** and **Latin America and the Caribbean** have enjoyed privileged relations since the first bi-regional Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in 1999, which established a **Strategic Partnership**. Since then, the Heads of State and Government from both regions have met every two years.



One of the main aims of the **Strategic Partnership** is to deepen the bi-regional relations and develop a **joint global vision around topics of mutual interest**. The strong historical, cultural and economic ties between the countries of both regions create a solid basis for comprehensive dialogues at all levels and throughout a wide array of fields.

Which is the current situation?

There is a widespread acceptance that EU-CELAC relations are not meeting the high expectations existing in both regions and that the bi-regional political dialogues risk losing relevance due to global power shifts, rise of new regional schemes and focus on bilateral relations, among other.

How will EULAC Focus contribute?

EULAC Focus is a research project funded under Horizon2020 of the European Union for the period 2016-2019 with a clear aim of **strengthening the EU-CELAC**

Strategic Partnership by revigorating and strengthening existing initiatives and proposing new and innovative areas of cooperation between both regions in the fields of culture, scientific cooperation and social issues. The main activities are:



ANALYSE the institutional and political framework for the Strategic Partnership.



CRITICALLY REVIEW the bi-regional cooperation to date in the cultural, scientific and social areas.



SURVEY emerging trends and topics from bi-regional cooperation and initiatives in the three fields, identifying bright spots and successful initiatives.



PROPOSE A SET OF SCENARIOS, VISIONS AND AN ACTION PLAN for the bi-regional cooperation in cultural, scientific and social issues.



FOCUS specifically on the following cross-cutting issues: Mobility, Inequality, Diversity and Sustainability.



ADDRESS beneficiaries in both regions through dissemination of the research results, open source publications and conferences.

What is an Associate Member?

Associate Members will be actively involved in the activities of the project and be able to **contribute with views and inputs** to the analysis and proposals of the project. As an **Associate Member** you will be part of an enlarged research network of institutions aiming at **moving EU-CELAC relations forward** !

You have questions or would like to get involved

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Who we are

The partners implementing EULAC Focus represent both regions and a variety of actors that are involved in the bi-regional political dialogue in science, culture and social issues:

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