

COMPLEMENTARITY WITH EUROPEAN UNION PROGRAMMES

Looking for synergies: main EU programmes with which EUROsociAL works



One of the pillars of the international agenda of the effectiveness of aid is complementarity. It is a guiding principle of the EU cooperation, included in the *Code of Conduct on Complementarity and Division of Labour in the Development Policy* adopted in 2007. The European Commission defines complementarity as the optimal division of labour between different stakeholders in order to make the best possible use of the human and economic resources. In this regard, EUROsociAL has among its principles of action the collaboration and creation of synergies with the programmes and institutions whose objectives converge with or complement the working lines of the Programme in the different countries, particularly with the European Union programmes.

The Programme works with many different lines, whose objectives converge with and complement

initiatives addressed by the European Union in certain countries. Mainly, shared challenges in Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Honduras, El Salvador and Uruguay are addressed.

URUGUAY: SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF INCARCERATED PERSONS

EUROsociAL, in its working line for social rehabilitation of incarcerated persons, has found synergies with the EU support programme "Support to the penal system reform and to the improvement of life conditions and socio-economical rehabilitation of incarcerated persons", whose goal is the improvement of social inclusion in Uruguay

through the realisation of an efficient and respectful of human rights penal justice system. EUROsociAL has supported the section regarding Justice Administration and the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Social Integration and Work Placement for women, as one of the dimensions of the reform.

MEXICO: COLLABORATION WITH THE SOCIAL COHESION LABORATORY

Since 2013, a dialogue was initiated within the framework of two actions: equity for health and regional development in order to converge efforts with the Social Cohesion Laboratory from Mexico and the European Union, both in the first and in the second phase.

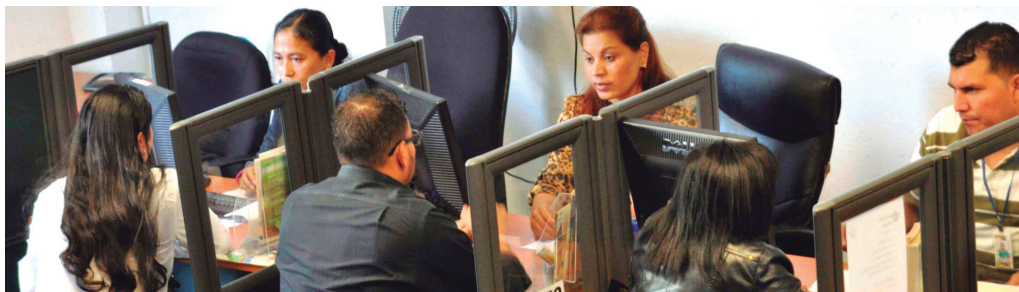
In terms of regional development, EUROsociAL has joined the work made by the laboratory with local authorities, supporting SEDATU in the coordination between different government levels. In 2014, the annual meeting of the Latin American Network for Public Policies for Regional Development was organised jointly.

In the health area, in 2015 a joint workshop was organised to accompany the efforts of the Health Secretariat in monitoring inequalities in the health area.

PANAMA: COLLABORATION WITH SECOPA

SECOPA is a bilateral European Union programme that supports the Security sector in many areas, as prisons, statistics, intelligence, application of the accusatorial system, prevention and inter-institutional coordination, among others.

Their sphere of action is coincident with the public safety feature of EUROsociAL and, in this regard, exchange work is being done regarding work guidelines for both programmes, identifying possible collaboration areas.



GUATEMALA: CITIZEN SECURITY AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

CITIZEN SECURITY, THE EUROSOCIAL AND EU SEJUST PROGRAMME WORK

SEJUST is the European Union Support Programme to Security and Justice in Guatemala and it works with institutions from the Security and Justice area, aiming the improvement of the quality and access to the Justice services, and decreasing the high level of impunity, ensuring the proper processing, promoting respect for the victims' and vulnerable groups' rights, and pursuing the reeducation of adolescents in conflict with penal law.

EUROSociAL is supporting Guatemala in the implementation of the National Policy for Violence Prevention, and in order to do so, it works in collaboration with SEJUST Project. In this regard, the Programme is focused in one of the features of the policy implementation: inter-institutional coordination with the local level.

"EMPLOYMENT GENERATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE" PROGRAMME

According to the active employment policies, EUROsociAL launched in 2014 a dialogue with the Ministry of Employment from Guatemala in order to support, since 2015, a one stop shop for the employment system. In order to design this support line, EUROsociAL has collaborated closely with the EU programme "Employment Generation and Vocational Education for Young People".

HONDURAS: ACCESS TO FAST AND ACCESIBLE JUSTICE, AND DECENT EMPLOYMENT

In 2004, EUROsociAL launched a dialogue with the EU programme "Promoting a fast and accessible justice" and its actions have been completed in 2015.

In Honduras, there is a close collaboration between ESII and the European Union Delegacion in the area of employment promotion, in order to follow up and encourage the alignment with the already initiated projects in the employment area since EUROsociAL II. In particular, there was a collaboration with Honduras to launch the "Euro + Labour" Programme with the specific goal of increasing the government ability to systematically promote decent employment (reducing underemployment and unemployment).

EL SALVADOR: YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY

EUROSociAL has supported the design of the "Presidential programme for youth employment and employability". In this area, the EU intends to launch a bilateral youth support programme and the work done is going to be shared in order to allow the implementation under the new programme.

COMPLEMENTARITY WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

In addition to the complementarity of the bilateral projects of European cooperation, EUROsociAL has promoted synergies with initiatives from other international institutions. Noteworthy are the collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB - Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo), the Organization of American States (OAS) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

ACTUE PROGRAMME IN COLOMBIA: ADDING TRANSPARENCY AND THE RATIONAL USE OF MEDICINES



EUROSociAL and the bilateral cooperation project to fight against corruption and transparency (ACTUE) work in a co-ordinated and complementary way both with the Secretariat of Transparency and the Ministry of Health in supporting the rational use of medicines.

In this regard, EUROsociAL's support to the Secretariat of Transparency of Colombia for the creation of the new transparency and fight against corruption policy has laid the foundation stone for the delegated cooperation project ACTUE. This project, launched in 2013, has the goal of implementing this new policy.

Since 2014, EUROsociAL has continued to support the Secretariat of Transparency for implementing the Transparency Law, achieving many relevant products as the coordinating strategy between the institutions implementing the law, the archive management model, the companies with ethical practices registry, etc., thus complementing ACTUE's activities.

In addition, there have been synergies regarding the rational use of medicines. The Ministry of Health from Colombia has launched a reform in order to improve transparency in the pharmaceutical sector regarding its relationship with medical staff and ensuring the creation and dissemination of independent information regarding medicines. EUROsociAL and ACTUE have worked together with the ministry team and have supported the creation of differentiated products (for EUROsociAL, information bulletins, computing platform for the pilot project and draft resolution).

VIDEOS



Interview with Tanya Van Gool, European Union ambassador in Colombia



Interview with Camilo Enciso, Secretary for Transparency from Colombia