



In recent years, **Latin America** has advanced notably in terms of placing the **problem of corruption** on government agendas. Legal and institutional frameworks have improved; the majority of countries have become parties to different international treaties and initiatives; and important steps have been taken in **transparency and citizen access to public information**.

EUROSociAL has joined these efforts through an action aimed at achieving greater institutional and **social collaboration in the prevention and detection** of corruption cases. The intersectoral nature of this action is noteworthy, and it is facilitating improvement in the coordination of stakeholders.

**Working lines: Transparency and access to public information** (improvement and implementation of regulations and promotion of citizens' right to information, in collaboration with the Network of Transparency and Access to Information); **Strengthening of public-private cooperation in the fight against corruption** (pro-ethics registries, regulations on the criminal responsibility of legal persons in corruption cases); **Improvement in reporting mechanisms**; harmonisation of institutional structures and whistleblower protection; **coordination between agencies** in the executive and judicial branches in the investigation and punishment of corruption cases and economic crimes.

## Working for



### Regional

- Design of a model to measure transparency and access to information within the framework of the Network for Transparency and Access to Information (RTA).
- Design of an archive management model to improve transparency within the framework of the RTA and the Organisation of American States (OAS).
- Creation and approval of "recommendations on inter-agency coordination in the fight against corruption" by regional justice networks, tax agencies and supreme audit institutions.

### Colombia

- Approval of the comprehensive anti-corruption policy.
- Implementation of the Transparency and Access to Information Act.
- Public registry of companies with ethical practices.
- Law of administrative responsibility of legal persons in corruption cases and whistleblower protection law.
- Strengthening of the Economic-Financial Policy of the Office of the Attorney General of the Nation.

### Chile

- Law on data protection and transparency in the financing of political parties.
- Creation of the "Online Council for Transparency".

### Honduras

- Improvement of coordination in the fight against corruption.
- Data protection law.

### Peru

- Law on the criminal responsibility of legal persons in cases of corruption.
- Law on Protection of corruption whistleblowers
- Improvement of coordination in the fight against corruption.

### Brazil

- Federal Ombudsman System to improve attention to complaints and access to information.

### Ecuador

- Law on protection of corruption whistleblowers.
- Improvement of coordination in the fight against corruption.

### Mexico

- General law of archives and law on data protection.

### El Salvador

- Implementation of the Transparency and Access to Information Act.

Coordinating partner:



Operating partners:





## The work in NETWORKS and South-South cooperation

Several Latin American experiences are inspiring the reforms in progress. This is the case of the Council for Transparency of Chile and the Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection (IFAI) of Mexico. This is a clear example of "South-South" cooperation, where **EUROsociAL** is acting as a facilitator by encouraging exchanges and the work of the Latin American Network for Transparency and Access to Information, RTA.

The work with networks is also vital in the fight against economic and financial crimes linked to corruption where EUROsociAL is simplifying the creation, consensus and approval of certain principles and guidelines by the responsible Latin American networks, particularly those of auditors (OLACEFS), ministries of justice (COMJIB), public prosecutor's offices (AIAMP), judiciaries (CJ) and tax agencies (CIAT).

## Complementarity with other EU initiatives

One of the bilateral cooperation projects of the European Union in Colombia deals with institutional strengthening to increase transparency and integrity. EUROsociAL has interacted with this project (ACTUE Colombia) by establishing synergies and complementarities—both in its starting stage, before which EUROsociAL helped in the design of the comprehensive anti-corruption policy and in laying the groundwork for implementation of a transparency Law—and in its current stage, by organising joint activities to achieve a greater impact.

## A story of change

### Access to public information

**Marco Tulio Quintanilla** is a Salvadoran small business owner who sells surgical instruments to hospitals. Until recently, when he participated in public tenders, no public institutions would provide him with information about prices or selection criteria. But everything changed in 2013 with the creation of the Institute for Access to Public Information (IAIP) supported by **EUROsociAL**.



The IAIP makes effective the law on access to information approved in 2012 and improves the transparency of the information of all public institutions of the country. "It's been positive for me", said Marco Tulio, "because now I have information about the prices and technical characteristics of the competing companies. This also benefits the institution offering the tender, because prices are dropping". The work of **EUROsociAL** with the IAIP is vital in fighting corruption and ensuring the quality of Salvadoran democracy.

## Numbers:



227 Participating Institutions  
<http://bit.ly/lzocNR3>



164 Latin American Institutions  
<http://bit.ly/lSvVwbs>



51 European Institutions  
<http://bit.ly/lFM6tn9>



743 Total Participants



94 Latin American Experts



91 European Experts



Approx. 9.7% Total Programme Spending

## Publications:



Programas y Políticas Públicas para la prevención de la corrupción en el ámbito privado [Public Programmes and Policies for prevention of corruption in the private sector]  
> <http://bit.ly/1wvSPjN>

Responsabilidad penal y administrativa de las personas jurídicas en los delitos relacionados con la corrupción [Criminal and administrative responsibility of legal persons in crimes related to corruption]  
> <http://bit.ly/1pHt2Pz>

Sistemas de denuncias y de protección de denunciantes de corrupción en AL y UE [Corruption reporting and whistleblower protection system in LA and EU]  
> <http://bit.ly/12pcyXb>



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