

**EUROCLIMA+ ADDED VALUE
IN A NUTSHELL**

EUROCLIMA + is demand-driven. It brings together experiences from Europe and Latin America, as well as the experience of United Nations specialized agencies. It supports South-South cooperation and joint learning processes.

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**EUROCLIMA+ ANSWERS GOVERNMENTAL
NEEDS BY OFFERING WELL-DEFINED
SERVICE PACKAGES.**

EUROCLIMA + provides services to Latin American governments based on their needs, seeking to promote political dialogue, knowledge management, capacity development, education and awareness on climate change.

Building on experience made in Europe and Latin America, concrete actions will be scaled-up at national and regional level through services linked to strengthening strategic capacities, policy dialogue and events. Specific actions focus on the implementation of NDCs, such as climate services, climate finance, gender, communication, participation and education. In order to support compliance with the NDCs, efforts will be made to strengthen the integration of the private sector and civil society to enhance cooperation at the national, subnational and local level, and among countries.

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**EUROCLIMA + ENCOURAGES
THE REPLICATION OF
SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES**

Many Latin America countries have already taken big steps to answer to climate change challenges, making significant commitments to reducing emissions and developing energy efficiency. Progress is being made, but it needs to accelerate. EUROCLIMA+ has the potential to show more scalable outcomes in climate action that could lead to easy replication from local to national level, from city to city or from one country to the region.



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EUROCLIMA+ SERVICES IN A NUTSHELL

EUROCLIMA+ contributes to implementing the legal, institutional and financial mechanisms and to strengthening national capacities which would make Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) achievable.

The European Union and Latin America enjoy privileged relations and are natural partners, linked by strong historical, cultural and economic ties. They co-operate closely at international level across a broad range of issues, among which sustainable development and climate change have acquired priority importance.

The issue of climate change becomes particularly relevant in Latin America, given its extreme vulnerability to the progressive increase in temperature and its associated effects. Glacial melt in the Andes is likely to affect water supplies with serious consequences for millions of people depending on agriculture and electricity from hydropower. Rising sea levels and more frequent and more intense hurricanes, floods and droughts are already bringing upheaval, destruction and displacement across the region and are only expected to increase.

In 2010, the EUROCLIMA programme has been put in place, permitting the two regions to exchange knowledge on climate change and support the policies addressing adaptation and mitigation measures in Latin America. During its seven years of operation, EUROCLIMA contributed to an intense political dialogue among Latin American countries on how to formulate better climate change sensitive development strategies and generate and disseminate knowledge about climate change related topics in Latin America.

Like its predecessor, the new EUROCLIMA+ programme operates in 18 Latin American countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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EUROCLIMA+ SUPPORTS THE INCLUSION OF CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITMENTS INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA.

In 2016, the European Union and Latin America designed the EUROCLIMA+ programme to support Latin American countries in the implementation of their Paris commitments by providing financial and technical resources. The new EUROCLIMA+ programme seeks to support 18 Latin American countries in the planning and implementation of their national development plans, including measures to adapt and mitigate climate change.

The 2015 Paris Agreement “brings all nations into a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects, with enhanced support to assist developing countries to do so. As such, it charts a new course in the global climate effort” (UNFCCC). Latin American countries have played instrumental roles to secure the adoption of the Paris Agreement. In 2016, the European Union and Latin America developed EUROCLIMA+ as an attempt to assist Latin America countries in the implementation of the commitments made in Paris through the provision of financial and technical resources. The new EUROCLIMA+ programme seeks to support 18 countries in Latin America in planning and implementing their national development plans, by integrating climate adaptation and mitigation measures. A number of actions are intended to demonstrate how the countries’ commitments can be implemented practically. In addition, it promotes innovative initiatives that are identified and implemented through participatory mechanisms. To date, a budget of Euro 80 million has been approved for this flagship programme and additional resources are envisaged for the upcoming years. The programme receives co-financing of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

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EUROCLIMA+ CONTRIBUTES TO THE INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

EUROCLIMA+ recognizes that the most effective way of promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation is to incorporate them into strategies for poverty alleviation and sustainable development. To this end, a set of services is made available to the 18 countries that increases national capacities and supports concrete actions in climate projects, taking into consideration the most vulnerable population, in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the commitments made in the framework of the Paris Agreement.

EUROCLIMA+ ACTIONS IN A NUTSHELL

EUROCLIMA+ acts in the practical implementation of NDCs by implementing projects in a wide range of sectors which are potentially affected by climate change or contribute to climate mitigation.

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EUROCLIMA+ INCLUDES NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN A UNIQUE COOPERATION APPROACH.

Most of the EUROCLIMA+ programme will be implemented in cooperation with a number of EU Member States agencies, selected on the basis of their expertise in the field of climate change, environment and sustainable development in Latin America. The chosen agencies are the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID), the French Development Agency (AFD), Expertise France (EF), the International and Iberoamerican Foundation for Public Administration and Policy (FIIAPP) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). In addition, EUROCLIMA+ works closely with United Nations agencies such as UN Environment or the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Latin American governments have identified their national focal points for the programme. They are responsible for facilitating and guiding the implementation of EUROCLIMA+ and promoting the applications of the results at national and regional level. Also, civil society organizations and representatives of indigenous peoples participate in the EUROCLIMA+ planning and activities. Moreover, South-South cooperation is encouraged through transnational and regional initiatives. EUROCLIMA+ fosters regional dialogue and exchange, ensuring that Latin American countries share best practices and lessons learned.

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EUROCLIMA + INTEGRATES OF CLIMATE ACTION IN SECTORS PRIORITIZED BY THE GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

Through a participatory process with the Latin American stakeholders six sectors were defined to carry out concrete actions. These are:

- Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
- Forests, Biodiversity and Ecosystems
- Urban Mobility
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Resilient food production
- Water management and urban areas.

A number of projects of particular relevance and innovative nature, expected to come up with significant results that could be replicated easily, will be financed within these sectors.



EUROCLIMA+ APPROACH IN A NUTSHELL

EUROCLIMA+ works in an innovative, cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder setting in Latin America and Europe. Initiatives are identified and planned through transparent mechanisms.