

Responding and Adapting to Climate Change in the European Union and in Latin America and the Caribbean

Fostering Cooperation at the Interregional Level

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Geremek Room, Institute for European Studies, Université libre de Bruxelles, Avenue F.D. Roosevelt 39, Brussels (Belgium)

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English

This policy dialogue discusses cooperation between Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and the European Union (EU) in finding common solutions to environmental and climate change problems.

Taking place just ahead of COP29 in Baku, this event brings together practitioners and experts from both continents to identify the main challenges and pave the way for interregional responses to the climate crisis.

The 2023 high-level EU-CELAC Summit made climate change a priority for EU-LAC cooperation. However, policy-making and implementation have so far fallen short of expectations. In LAC, traditional regional organizations have lost dynamism, and regional initiatives, such as the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, the Escazú Agreement and the Amazon Fund, provide innovative platforms to address climate urgencies, but have yet to fully exploit links with the EU. On the European side, the Green Deal and the Global Gateway have mechanisms to work with LAC on climate change, but finding a common language on vulnerabilities, adaptation and financing modalities remains contentious.

The road to COP 30 in Belém, in the middle of the Amazon Forest, provides the EU and LAC with an opportunity to intensify their interactions. In this spirit, this policy dialogue brings together stakeholders from various sectors and governance levels – subnational, national and supranational – to contribute to a better understanding of each other’s perceptions and advance a common agenda.

<p>09:00 – 09:15</p>	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Alberto Brunori Executive Director, EU-LAC Foundation</p> <p>Philippe De Lombaerde Director, UNU-CRIS</p>
<p>09:15 – 10:15</p>	<p>The EU-LAC Partnership in Context</p> <p>Moderator: Bruno Theodoro Luciano (ULB)</p> <p>Camila Polo Flórez Embassy of Colombia in Belgium</p> <p>Christian Burgsmüller Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Affairs, European External Action Service</p>
<p>10:15 – 10:45</p>	<p>Tea break</p>
<p>10:45 – 12:15</p>	<p>On the Road to COP30 Belém: What Is the Potential for EU-LAC Cooperation in Climate Governance?</p> <p>Moderator: Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann (PUC Rio de Janeiro)</p> <p>Bruno Julien-Malvy DG for Climate Action, European Commission</p> <p>Lauren Ritchie Eco-Justice Project, Bahamas</p> <p>Igor Vidal Brazilian Mission to the EU</p>
<p>12:15 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Implementing the EU Green Deal and Global Gateway: European and LAC perceptions</p> <p>Moderator: Simon Happersberger (VUB/UNU-CRIS)</p> <p>Geert Anckaert DG for International Partnerships, European Commission</p> <p>Maria Martins KU Leuven</p> <p>Carolina Pavese FECAP, Brazil</p>

15:00 – 15:30	Tea break
15:30 – 17:00	The Climate Crisis and Subnational Actors: Prevention and Response Experiences From Europe and LAC Moderator: Frank Mattheis (UNU-CRIS) Nikola Adamovská Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic Ana Raquel Almeida Dias University of Minho, Portugal Lautaro Lorenzo Mercociudades Network, Argentina
17:00 – 17:15	Closing Remarks