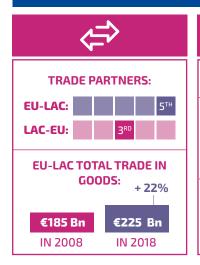
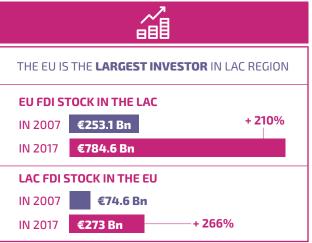


The European Union (EU) and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) have developed one of the most politically and economically integrated relationships and have concluded 27 association, trade or political and cooperation agreements. Together we want to strengthen the political partnership for an effective, rules-based multilateral order, building global consensus around important themes such as Human Rights, Climate and Sustainable Development.

### TRADE AND INVESTMENT







# **DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**



The EU is the largest provider of development cooperation to LAC countries. Between 2014 and 2020, the EU is allocating around €3.6 billion in grants for bilateral and regional programmes focusing on critical areas such as:



**SECURITY AND** THE RULE OF LAW



**ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** AND CLIMATE CHANGE



AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND **NUTRITION SECURITY** 



**INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR CREATING JOBS** 



PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORM, PUBLIC SECTOR MODERNISATION, AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

## THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK'S PROJECTS -



Construction of drinking water supply and wastewater treatment facilities benefiting 200,000 people



Construction of a new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Nicaragua line in Managua providing services for 80,000 passengers a day



Building 15 technical and technological institutes to strengthen professional training system



#### **DIGITAL ECONOMY & SOCIETY**



European & LAC Telecom Regulators work together to lay the foundations for the **digital economy** and **improve the roll-out of broadband**. Regulatory dialogues take place with individual countries in the region, in particular with Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

A new high-speed submarine cable will link Europe and Latin America in 2021, and enhance connectivity across the region.



#### **EU-LAC FOUNDATION**

Created in 2011, the EU-LAC Foundation, located in Hamburg (Germany), brings together **62 countries from the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean**. It contributes to the strengthening of the bi-regional partnership by working with governments, civil society and other social actors.



### **EDUCATION**

Of the LAC students who decide to go abroad to study, **more than one third comes to the EU**.

Every year, through the Erasmus+ programme, the EU funds more than 1400 student and staff exchanges between the EU and LAC countries.



EU Framework programmes have helped mobilise around €190 million for scientific cooperation with the region.

Example:

Transnational cancer research conducted with researchers from nine Latin American countries, to improve early detection and develop targeted therapies.

Mobility of researchers under the Horizon 2020 programme:

1500 LAC researchers participated in the Marie
Sklodowska-Curie Actions.



#### **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**



Close to six million people from EU and LAC countries live and work across the Atlantic, well integrated in their host countries and the economies to which they contribute. Citizens from most LAC countries can enter the EU without a visa.