EUROsociAL
PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL COHESION IN LATIN AMERICA

COSTA RICA

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ACTION BY The EUROsociAL+ PROGRAMME

IN SYNERGY WITH THE FOCAL POINTS:

EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION

The EU-CR relationship is based on: the Framework Agreement for Cooperation; the Association Agreement between the EU and Central America (AdA) and the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (ADPC).

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PROMOTING COUNTRY DIALOGUE

A dialogue round table was held in October 2018 at which E+ actions were monitored and new requests for support were identified based on national strategies and plans. MIDEPLAN and EUROsociAL+ analysed 89 requests for technical assistance, selecting 21 actions which were generated at the country dialogue round table. A dialogue update meeting will be held by 2020.

COUNTRY PLANNING

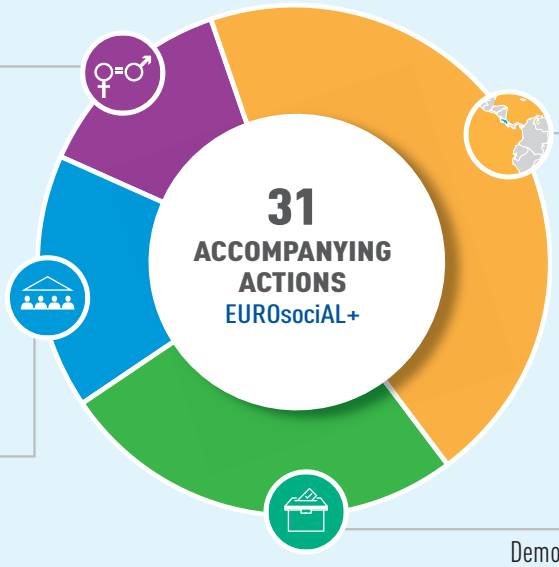
We are complementing a series of goals in the National Development and Public Investment Plan (PNDIP) 2019-2022.

- Territorial Development
- Economy for stability and growth
- Education for Sustainable Development and Coexistence
- Mobility infrastructure and territorial planning
- Innovation and competitiveness and productivity
- Health and Social Security
- Human Security

WE WORK WITH:

- Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN)
- Ministry of Culture and Youth General Directorate of Taxation (DGT).
- Judiciary
- Ministry of Communication
- National Women's Institute (INAMU)
- National Institute of Statistics and Censuses.
- Mixed Institute for Social Assistance.
- National Learning Institute (INA).
- Ministry of Employment and Social Security (MTSS).
- National Child Care and Development Network.

TO SUPPORT SOCIAL COHESION WITH



5 Actions in the **DIALOGUE** process

THAT CONTRIBUTE WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY · 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING · 4 QUALITY EDUCATION · 5 GENDER EQUALITY · 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES · 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES · 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS · 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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Area: Gender Equality Policies

Line of action: Violence, sexual and reproductive health and concepts of masculinity

- Technical assistance was provided to the National Women's Institute to develop the innovative instrument entitled the National Policy for the Care and Prevention of Violence against Women 2017-2032, a policy is known as PLANOVI.
- In 2017, Costa Rica had the pro tempore presidency of SICA (the Central American Integration System). The creation of a regional strategy was promoted by INAMU, the National Women's Institute. With the support of EUROsociAL+, the Profile of the Regional Programme for the Prevention of Violence against Women was prepared for SICA. Its objective was to promote the incorporation of the right to a life free from violence into policies, programmes and public actions aimed at preventing, detecting, addressing and eradicating violence against women. It was approved by COMMCA (Council of Women's Affairs Ministers).

Line of action: Mainstreaming, budgets and statistics

We updated the National Women's Institute's National Gender Equality and Equity Policy 2018-2030 and contributed a methodology to include the gender perspective in statistics in the Costa Rican National Statistics System.

Area: Democratic Governance Policies

Line of action: Public finances

- Strengthening the International Tax Office in implementing the OECD/G-20 BEPS package of measures in the country. Implementation of a contact centre for taxpayers.

Line of action: Regional development

- Accompaniment in the approval process for the Regional Development Act and its implementation.

Line of action: Access to justice

- Implementation of the Policy and the Open Justice Plan in the Judicial Branch and with the Public Defender's Office in implementing the Registration, Communication and Comprehensive Care System for Victims of Institutional Violence in the Prison System (SIRCAIVI).

Line of action: Good governance

- Promotion of the comprehensive Open State policy and support for the approval of an access to information law. Development of a culture of transparency in local government for citizen participation by creating mechanisms for citizen collaboration at the local level.

Area: Social policies

Line of action: Policies focusing on social inclusion and the fight against poverty

- Support to MIDEPLAN in creating the Costa Rican Economic and Social Council. As a complement to this initiative, support has already been given to the design process for the coordination of MIDEPLAN development and inclusion policies. The ultimate goal is to generate a bill in the Assembly and its implementation as of 2020.
- We work with the Public-Private Social Assistance Institute on a diagnosis and on policies to ensure the sustainability of the "Bridge to Development", the national strategy in the fight against poverty.

Line of action: Active Employment Policies

- We are contributing with the National Learning Institute in consolidating an Integral Management Model.

Line of action: Care policies

- We are incorporating a gender perspective in the childcare services of the National Childcare and Development Network (REDCUDI).

SHARING EXPERIENCES

Costa Rica stands out for sharing some of its relevant expertise through EUROsociAL+, such as: its comprehensive plan for promoting access by girls and adolescents to science and technology training, observatories on gender-based violence, defining indicators in the national survey on gender-based violence, mainstreaming the gender approach in all policies aimed at children and adolescents, as well as in the preparation of the module of economic empowerment for women in situations of violence in Argentina and support law on legal capacity of people in situations of intellectual disability in Chile.

REGIONAL ACTIONS

- Latin America Fiscal Education Network, implementing the Accounting and Tax Assistance Hubs (NAF).
- International Taxation Network at the Inter-American Tax Administrations Centre (CIAT).
- Participating in actions with the Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutor's Offices (AIAMP) including: strengthening cooperation in the fight against corruption by the AIAMP Anti-Corruption Network, institutional strengthening to combat the differentiated impacts of corruption on women through the Specialist Group on gender issues and in updating and implementing the Santiago Guidelines on the protection of victims and witnesses.
- Implementation of the New Brasilia Rules at the Latin American level and the improvement in access to justice for vulnerable populations in the Ibero-American Region, through the Ibero-American Judicial Summit (CJI).
- Collaborative implementation of the Document Management Model and the promotion of open legislation in Latin America in the Transparency and Access to Information Network (RTA), as well as in the action on the gender perspective in transparency and access to public information policies in Latin America.
- Latin American Public Policies for Regional Development Network by establishing land-use planning instruments to improve multilevel governance, promote efficient and sustainable land use and narrow socio-economic gaps between regions.
- Executive Secretariat of the Council of Finance Ministers of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic (SE-COSEFIN). Strengthen the Working Group on Public Budgets (GTPP).
- With the Central American Integration System (SICA) the preparation of a comprehensive social policy for member countries.