

LINE OF ACTION



POLICIES FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND TO COMBAT POVERTY



Social policies

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In the effort to give priority to reducing poverty and to leave no one behind, this line of action is aimed, above all, at strengthening and innovation in social assistance programmes, but also at addressing the consolidation and development of comprehensive social protection systems in some countries. In addition, its aims include the processes to strengthen the institutions in the social sector, and to adapt information systems and the reforms inherent to access to the health and education sector.

WHICH AREAS ARE INVOLVED?

This line encompasses the actions that, in general terms, lead to strengthening and innovation in social protection systems both at the level of institutional architecture and governance and through strengthening social assistance programmes (especially in the fight against poverty). Work is also being done to strengthen programmes and policies for specific populations that have experience degrees of vulnerability, such as migrants and the homeless population.

ACTIONS BY COUNTRY

- ▶ **ARGENTINA:** We are contributing to the creation of the Learning Schools Network in the General Directorate of



WHICH SDG DOES IT INVOLVE?



EUROPEAN CONSENSUS

The eradication of poverty, the fight against discrimination and inequality and the principle of leaving no one behind are at the heart of the EU's development cooperation policy. Poverty is multidimensional and is related to economic, social, environmental, cultural and political aspects. The EU and its Member States will pursue the end of hunger and all forms of malnutrition and promote universal health coverage, universal access to quality education and training, adequate and sustainable social protection and decent work for all in a healthy environment.

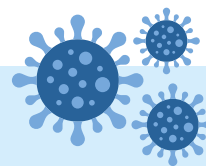
Culture and Education in Buenos Aires Province. We support the implementation of the Economic and Social Council of Argentina; in the design of the income generation methodology within the PTC Social Income with Work and in the strengthening of the Argentine National Plan Against Hunger (PACH). And in the redistributive and solidarity social security regimes in Argentina.

- ▶ **BRAZIL:** We support the implementation of the Strategy on Investment and Businesses with a Social Impact, together with the Ministry of Economy. With the Ministry for Women, the Family and Human Rights, work is being done on the implementation of the Housing First model.
- ▶ **CHILE:** We support the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS) in developing methodological instruments to apply the inter cultural approach in managing social programmes with migrant populations in vulnerable territories. An action to support the Ministry of Social Development that aims to adapt the "housing first" model to the country's context.
- ▶ **COLOMBIA:** We support the strengthening of transversal skills throughout the life cycle of the population for the beneficiaries of subsidies from the Department for Social Prosperity.
- ▶ **COSTA RICA:** we provided technical support to the Costa Rican Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN) as it creates the Economic and Social Council. As a complement to this initiative, support has already been given to the design process for the coordination of MIDEPLAN's development and inclusion policies. Support was also provided for the process of designing and approving the sustainability of the National Strategy to Fight Poverty, Bridge to Development, of the Joint Social Assistance Institute. With the Ministry of Culture and Youth, work was done on improving competitiveness and job creation in vulnerable territories.
- ▶ **PARAGUAY:** We contributed to the first stage of the construction process for the social protection system, that is, by supporting the Social Cabinet's Technical Unit in

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WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS



The lockdown used as a strategy to counter the spread of COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of having social protection systems that defend people from the economic and social effects of the crisis. Therefore, EUROsociAL is supporting the use of virtual actions and webinars to implement technical assistance and good practice exchanges to strengthen countries' response to the ravages of the crisis. A few examples:

- ▶ Together with the Secretariat for Central American Social Integration (SISCA), we are supporting the preparation of the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience Plan for Central American countries and the Dominican Republic. The Plan has a two-year horizon and three main axes: (1) social protection (especially the social assistance pillar); (2) employment and employability; (3) informal settlements. The SICA countries participating: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize and the Dominican Republic.
- ▶ Webinar: "Social Protection and COVID-19: Opportunities and Challenges in the SICA Region"

drafting Sectoral Social Protection Notes 1.0 and 2.0, tools that have been key in defining the general features and guiding principles for social protection and the institutional architecture of the system, particularly at a delicate moment in the government's transition; and in designing the "Vamos!" Social Protection System in Paraguay, whose design was adopted by the Republic of Paraguay's Social Cabinet on 8 May 2019. Also in the development of the Geographic Information System of the Tenonderã Program of the Social Action Secretariat.

- ▶ **PERU:** supported the design of information systems for capturing beneficiary data and

the Social Information Exchange Mechanism of the Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion. Also in the design of the family care model for admission to the health care system of MINSA and ESSALUD) Peru.

- ▶ **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** Policies and programs for social protection and assistance were restructured for the Social Policy Cabinet.
- ▶ **URUGUAY:** design of a new response system for homeless people of the Ministry of Social Development.
- ▶ **MULTICOUNTRY:** A Latin American Network of governments is being created on businesses with triple social impact. See more in [Triple Impact Businesses](#).

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- "Paraguay's Social Protection System (I)" Series: launch in Asunción
- "Paraguay's Social Protection System (II)" Series: technical support from EUROsociAL+
- We talk about... social protection in Central America with Juan Luis Bermúdez
- EUROsociAL+ Results: Support for the government policy of comprehensive social protection (Paraguay)

Publication

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- ▶ Rapporteur report for the 2nd Meeting of the EUROsociAL+ Programme: Trust and Social Cohesion
- ▶ Recíprocamente no. 1
- ▶ Fundamental elements of the ESSALUD family care model in Peru
- ▶ Housing first to overcome the street situation in Latin America
- ▶ Overcome the fragmentation of pension systems: Exchange of experience between Argentina and France Summary
- ▶ SICA Regional Comprehensive Social Policy 2020-2040
- ▶ Plan para la Recuperación, Reconstrucción Social y Resiliencia de Centroamérica y República Dominicana