



Collaboration between EUROsociAL+ and the Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutor's Offices (AIAMP)

Lines of action:
**ACCESS TO JUSTICE
AND GOOD GOVERNANCE,
MAINSTREAMING THE GENDER
AND PHYSICAL AUTONOMY
APPROACH**

Areas:
GOVERNANCE AND GENDER

Scope:
REGIONAL



agreements to the creative adaptation by a country of elements or practices from other countries identified in regional exchanges; i.e. mutual support.

One of the most strategic networks with which EUROsociAL has collaborated since its inception in 2005 is the **Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutor's Offices (AIAMP)**. The Programme has contributed to this space for regional dialogue, accompanying multiple initiatives and strengthening it as a permanent mechanism to share problems, experiences and interests around a specific public policy, in relation to its design, reform or implementation. In this third phase, EUROsociAL has signed a Collaboration Agreement with the AIAMP, through the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP), in order to establish and articulate **a general framework for collaboration to promote the exchange of experiences, knowledge and good practices among the Public Prosecutor's Offices of the European Union and Latin America, as well as between Public Prosecutor's Offices in Latin America**. Within this general framework, EUROsociAL works on three main lines.

WORK WITH NETWORKS: PRIVILEGED MECHANISM FOR POLICY DIALOGUE

Although many of its regional or multi-country actions have been carried out by congregating ad hoc countries with shared interests, EUROsociAL+ works intensively with **formal institutional networks**, reinforcing their work plans, regional harmonisation initiatives and the implementation of their agreements. These are networks made up of "peer" public institutions from several countries that can include some or all of the Latin American countries; sometimes they are Latin American, or inter-American, and some are international

organisations. Beyond the discussion and reflection activity that characterises the forums, work programmes with two objectives are promoted in the networks:

- On the one hand, to move forward in building common responses in several countries to a certain challenge, such as strategic reference frameworks for public policies at the regional level; joint declarations or guidelines, common standards or protocols, etc.
- The ultimate goal of all this is to support individual responses that represent changes at the national level. These may progress from the implementation of the



1st consolidation meeting of the AIAMP Specialised Gender Network in Guatemala, June 2019.

UPDATE TO THE SANTIAGO GUIDELINES FOR THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS AND WITNESSES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AIAMP INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION GROUP

The Santiago Guides for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses were prepared with the support of the First Phase of the EUROsociAL Programme and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). They were approved in 2008, with a view to these guidelines becoming a global instrument for the care and protection of the victims of crime, the strengthening of human rights and the strengthening of international cooperation - for national and international, public and private institutions and organisations, including the NGOs acting in their respective fields in caring for and protecting victims and witnesses. After 10 years, the AIAMP plans to update them in order to adapt them to the international context and incorporate other vulnerable groups into the concept of victims. Technical support from the EUROsociAL programme was requested to do this and, to date, the following itinerary has been followed from the Democratic Governance Area:

2018

- August 2018: start of work by EUROsociAL expert
- September: Mexico Assembly, presentation and approval of the Work Plan
- September: questionnaire sent to prosecutors.

2019

- June: presentation, final diagnosis
- April/September: contributions from prosecutors in revising the Guidelines

- September: contributions from experts in revising the Guidelines
- November: presentation of the report on the revision/update of the Guidelines

SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF THE AIAMP SPECIALIST GENDER NETWORK (REG)

This action is being carried out from the EUROsociAL+ Programme Gender Area in coordination with the presidency of the AIAMP Gender Network, which is coordinated by the Guatemalan Public Prosecutor's Office. An informal group with 13 countries was established in December 2017, which officially became the Specialist Gender Network at the 2018 General Assembly, integrating all 22 AIAMP countries. The five-year strategic plan 2019-2023 was approved at the first meeting of the REG, in May 2019, it was prepared along with EUROsociAL+ and includes three thematic axes: Prevention of gender crime; investigation, prosecution and punishment of gender crime and transformative reparation; and mainstreaming of the gender approach in the Public Prosecutor's Offices of the AIAMP. In addition, the Regional Protocol on the Investigation of Gender Violence in Public and Private Spheres was also adopted, which includes the principles for action, the tools and procedures necessary

to fight effectively against impunity and to ensure adequate protection and reparation for victims. This protocol updates the Regional Protocol, which was approved in 2013, thanks to the support of EUROsociAL II.

SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTING THE WORK PLAN BY THE SPECIALIST PROSECUTORS ANTI-CORRUPTION NETWORK

At its 25th Ordinary General Assembly, in 2017, the AIAMP decided to strengthen the fight against corruption, which was being promoted in this regional area, and it was agreed to turn the "Anti-Corruption Working Group" into the "Specialist Prosecutors Anti-Corruption Network", under the coordination of the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF) in recognition of the work that the agency has been doing in the Lava Jato case. EUROsociAL+, through its democratic governance area, began its technical support to the Network in August 2018, achieving the following:

- Approval of the Network's Constitutive Statute.
- Approval of the Network's First Work Plan.
- Compilation of regulations, jurisprudence and doctrine in the APTUS System.
- Publication of the book Good Practices in the Fight Against Corruption, which collects experiences from 11 countries in Latin America, Spain and Portugal.
- Inclusion of corruption and gender in the Network's work plan.

The corruption and gender component is a novel issue that EUROsociAL+ has helped to position with different national and international workshops and the publication of the "Women and Corruption" diagnosis. Three areas of action have been prioritised: i) extortion, understood as the conditioning of access to services and rights in exchange for sexual favours, ii) corruption as a facilitator of people trafficking, and iii) access to social programmes conditioned by the vote.

Publications

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- Good Practices in Fighting Corruption
- Women and Corruption: The Differentiated Impacts of Corruption on Women