

COUNTRY DOSSIER

ACTION BY THE EUROsociAL+ PROGRAMME

IN SYNERGY WITH THE FOCAL POINTS:



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION

Panama benefits from the EU's thematic lines, receiving technical cooperation based on the Regional Multi-annual Indicative Programme for Latin America 2014-2020 and the subregional programme for Central America.



PROMOTING COUNTRY DIALOGUE

Within the framework of the identification mission carried out in Panama in 2017, the country submitted a total of 27 requests to the EUROsociAL+ Programme for support in its public policies (actions). In 2020, two virtual pre-round tables were held to identify requests and follow up on those undertaken.

COUNTRY PLANNING

Strategic Plan 2019-2024:
Main objective: progress on the SDG.

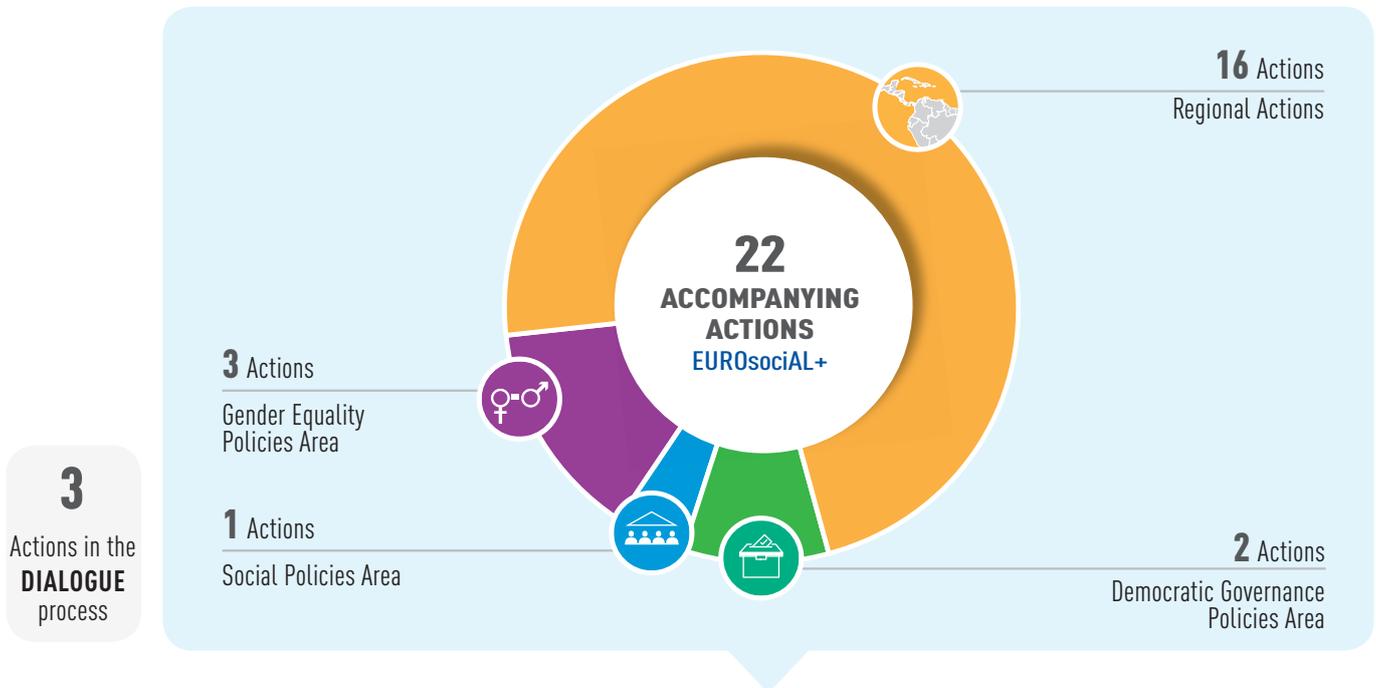
Strategic pillars:

- ▶ Good governance
- ▶ Rule of law, law and order in operation
- ▶ Competitive economy generating decent income and jobs.
- ▶ Fight against poverty and inequality
- ▶ Equitable, comprehensive and quality education.

WE WORK WITH:

- ▶ Republic of Panama Judicial Branch
- ▶ National Transparency and Access to Information Authority (ANTAI)
- ▶ Ministry of Social Development (MIDES)
- ▶ National Women's Institute (INAMU)
- ▶ Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF)

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Consortium led by:





Area: Gender Equality Policies

Line of Action: Violence; sexual and reproductive health; and concepts of masculinity

- ▶ An action protocol and binding recommendations were drafted to determine the risk factors to be detected in cases when a women victim of gender violence withdraws from an investigation. The aim of this action was to identify the existing risks in cases where women victims of violence retract and/or do not collaborate with the investigation. A diagnosis, methodology and educational material were drafted, among other activities.
- ▶ Regulation and Implementation of Law 60, on pregnant minors and other provisions. EUROsocial+ is supporting CONAMA in the process of producing the regulations for Law 60, so they learnt about experiences in Uruguay and England. Technical assistance is also being provided to prepare the regulations.
- ▶ We will support INAMU in developing guidelines for the protection of women at high risk of suffering violence. The action will generate a diagnosis on the protection of women and their children in shelter houses. Good practices transferable to Panama from Latin American and European countries will also be identified. The Houses Operation Manual will be produced

- ▶ INAMU shelters and the route for the protection and accompaniment of women victims of gender violence and their children.



Area: Democratic Governance Policies

Line of Action: Access to justice

- ▶ Technical support in implementing the "Family Meeting Point" service in the Family Jurisdiction of the Panamanian Judicial Branch. The objective is to contribute to improving the quality of life of minors and their parents, by re-establishing, as normalised as possible, paternal-filial relationships and the relationships between the non-custodial parent and/or the family as a result of the preparation and guidance given by Family Meeting Points. This work is being undertaken with parents and families with a high level of conflict, so that they can achieve autonomy and maintain relationships with minors without relying on this service.
- ▶ Improvement in the Alternative Methods for Conflict Resolution in the Republic of Panama by unifying strategies in the matter with the implementation of a comprehensive law that regulates alternative methods

and establishes other self-constructive-restorative forms. Technical assistance was also given to improve the service provided in the Centres through the evaluation of the mediation processes and the performance of the mediator. The proposals for an action protocol for the referral of cases were prepared along with procedures and instruments for the mediation and mediator evaluation process.



Area: Social Policies

Line of Action: Care policies

- ▶ We are supporting the country in preparing the National Plan for the Elderly, together with the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES). It is in the implementation phase. The plan is aimed at intersectoral coordination and organisation aimed primarily at ensuring the bio-psycho-social well-being of the elderly population, and thereby reducing the exclusion levels of the elderly in extreme poverty. It has three pillars: economic security, health-welfare and favourable environments. Its principle is the concept of active ageing.

REGIONAL ACTIONS

- ▶ Creation of a network and legal assistance model for migrants within the Inter-American Public Defenders Association (AIDEF) framework.
- ▶ In the Association of Electoral Magistrates of the Americas (AMEA), participation in the actions to strengthen a regional observatory on democratic parity and political violence
- ▶ Collaborative implementation of the Document Management Model and the promotion of open legislation in Latin America with the Transparency and Access to Information Network (RTA). Also involvement in the action on transparency and access to information for groups in vulnerable situations and in the consolidation of a regional measurement system for the right of access to information.
- ▶ Implementation of the New Brasilia Rules at the Latin American level; guidelines and implementation of the gender equality perspective within the Ibero-American Judicial Summit (CJI) and in improving access to justice for vulnerable populations in the Ibero-American Region, through the CJI.
- ▶ With the Central American Integration System, participation in the elaboration of a comprehensive social policy for the SICA countries and in the preparation of the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience Plan for the SICA countries after COVID-19.
- ▶ International Taxation Network at the Inter-American Tax Administrations Centre (CIAT).
- ▶ With the Iberoamerican of Public Ministries Association (AIAMP), participation in strengthening cooperation in the fight against corruption by the AIAMP's Anti-Corruption Network.
- ▶ Executive Secretariat of the Council of Finance Ministers of Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic (SE-COSEFIN). Evaluation of public spending in Latin American countries with special attention to the gender focus and strengthening the Public Budgets Working Group (GTPP) for regional discussion.

Publications

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- Diagnosis of institutional violence in prisons in Latin America
- Strategy to strengthen the gender bodies of Ibero-American Public Prosecutors
- Best practices to fight corruption
- Budgeting by results in Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic
- The redistributive impact of Latin American tax systems and their comparison with the European Union
- Good practices in investigation and criminal prosecution with a gender perspective at the Latin American level