



**COUNTRY DOSSIER**

**ACTION BY THE EUROsocial+ PROGRAMME**

**IN SYNERGY WITH THE FOCAL POINTS:**



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION

EU cooperation is based on the 2014-2020 Regional Programme for Latin America. It focuses on the following areas: governance, responsibility and social equity, sustainable and inclusive growth for human development.



Ministerio de **RELACIONES EXTERIORES**

**PROMOTING COUNTRY DIALOGUE**

EUROsocial+ carried out two request identification missions in 2017 and 2018. After the change in government, a country dialogue round-table was held in September 2018, which sought to ensure that the supports carried out by the Programme would be in line with the reform and public policy agenda and that they would contribute to the 2030 Agenda. In 2020, a virtual country pre-round table was held due to the pandemic, to coordinate actions.

**COUNTRY PLANNING**

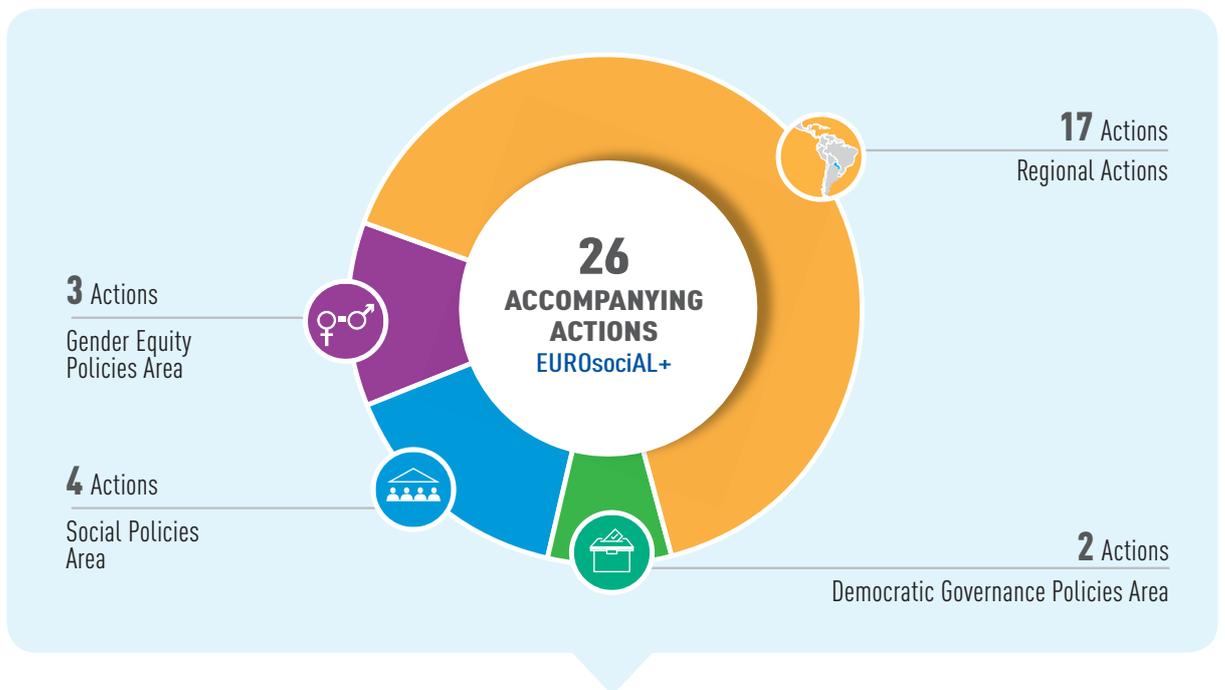
The National Development Plan: Paraguay 2030 has three strategic thrusts, where 12 strategies are used to achieve development and increase the quality of life of the population. EUROsocial+ is undertaking support actions in some of them:

- ▶ Strategic Objective 1: Poverty reduction and sustainable development
- ▶ Strategic Objective 2: Inclusive economic growth

**WE WORK WITH:**

- ▶ Supreme Court of Justice
- ▶ Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC)
- ▶ Ministry of Finance
- ▶ Ministry of Justice
- ▶ Ministry of Women
- ▶ Ministry of Children and Adolescents
- ▶ Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MTESS)
- ▶ Department of Social Action (SAS)
- ▶ State Undersecretariat of Taxation (SET)
- ▶ Social Cabinet Technical Unit (UTGS)

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## Area: Gender Equality Policies

### Line of Action: Economic autonomy and care

- ▶ We support the Paraguayan Social Action Secretariat in constructing indicators for people management and development with a gender perspective. The diagnosis was prepared using a participatory methodology, indicators were developed, a proposal drafted for their use in people management and development processes and they were implemented through their inclusion in the Equality and Non-Discrimination Plan.

### Line of Action: Mainstreaming, budget and statistics

- ▶ We are initiating our support for the preparation of the 4th Paraguayan National Equality Plan by strengthening the mechanisms to promote equality in opportunities-development of the 4th National Plan for Equal Opportunities 2018-2028 (PNIO). We are contributing to the mainstreaming of the gender approach in the administration of justice with a methodology that allows the Magistracy to take legal decisions taking into account the principle of equality and non-discrimination, as well as direct training for one hundred justice operators.



## Area: Democratic Governance Policies

### Line of Action: Public Finances

- ▶ Paraguay does not currently have official periodic studies that measure non-compliance with Corporate Income Tax. These taxes represented approximately 22% of the total collection. The purpose of the support action, to estimate Non-compliance in Corporate Income Tax payment (IRACIS and IRAGRO), is to strengthen the tax administration in Paraguay with the purpose of establishing controls, and to prevent and reduce levels of tax evasion.
- ▶ Currently, the country is reviewing the entire budget structure in order to improve the design of the programmes and to have instruments that allow monitoring and evaluation with criteria on effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and targeting. The support from EUROsocial+ is based on providing knowledge exchange to contribute to improving budget allocation and the quality of spending in Paraguay, through the implementation of a spending review in specific budgetary programmes aimed at women. In 2020, work will be done on the methodologies and sources of information that will feed the spending evaluation.
- ▶ With the Ministry of Finance, a regional dimension is incorporated, to evaluate public spending in Latin American countries with special attention to the gender approach.



## Area: Social Policies

### Line of Action: Social inclusion policies

- ▶ We contributed to the construction of the social protection system by supporting the Social Cabinet's Technical Unit in drafting Social Protection Sector Notes, tools that have been key in defining the system's general features and guiding principles for social protection and architecture. We also supported the design of "Vamos!", the Paraguay Social Protection System, the design of which was adopted by the Paraguayan government on 8 May 2019.
- ▶ Derived from this action, another initiative was undertaken to design the Social Protection System in Paraguay, through the structuring of the Social Cabinet as the governing entity for the system.
- ▶ Support for the design of the Tenondera Programme's Geographical Information System. This programme provides technical and human capabilities for families to develop profitable productive activities and overcome their dependence on Conditional Cash Transfers.

### Line of Action: Care policies

- ▶ EUROsocial+ contributed to the drafting of the public policy framework document prepared by the inter-institutional group promoting the Care Policy. The document was adopted by inter-institutional resolution on 18 June 2018.

### Line of Action: Active Employment Policies

- ▶ We began technical assistance, with support from Chile, for the elaboration and consensual adoption of an Action Plan to strengthen the National Qualifications System of the Paraguayan National Council for Education and Labour (CNET), whose members are the Paraguayan Ministries of Education and Culture and Work, Employment and Social Security. The aim is to create favourable conditions to advance in the implementation of a National Professional Qualifications System in Paraguay that responds to the competitive challenges of the country and allows training and employment paths for people throughout their lives and the recognition of the knowledge they have acquired through formal, non-formal and informal routes, through coherent and articulated action.

## REGIONAL ACTIONS

- ▶ The creation of a Winter School in the MERCOSUR Social Institute is being promoted. And within the framework of the pandemic, cross-border cooperation on health is being worked on.
- ▶ In the Territorial Development Action Line, Paraguay, together with Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina is pushing forward with strengthening cross-border cooperation programmes in the Uruguay River Basin and the area around the Merin Lagoon.
- ▶ Latin America Tax Education Network, to implement the Tax and Accounting Assistance Hubs (NAF).
- ▶ With the Iberoamerican Association of Public Ministries (AIAMP), participation in strengthening the AIAMP Prosecutors against Corruption Network; also in updating and implementing the Santiago Guidelines on the protection of victims and witnesses.
- ▶ Collaborative implementation of the Document Management Model and the creation of a network and model for legal assistance to migrants within the framework of promoting open legislation in Latin America with the Transparency and Access to Information Network (RTA).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Definition and implementation of the Regional Guide for action in cases of institutional violence and the creation of a network and model for legal assistance to migrants within the framework of the Inter-American Public Defenders Association (AIDEF).