EUROsociAL
PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL COHESION IN LATIN AMERICA

COSTA RICA

COUNTRY DOSSIER JULY 2020

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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Ministerio de Planificación Nacional y Política Económica

PROMOTING COUNTRY DIALOGUE

A Dialogue Round-table was held in October 2018 where E+ actions were monitored and new requests for support were identified based on national strategies and plans. MIDEPLAN and EUROsociAL+ analysed the 89 requests for technical assistance, selecting 21 actions, which were generated at the Country Dialogue Round Table. Virtual meetings were held in April and June 2020 to continue actions and for new requests.

COUNTRY PLANNING

We complement some of the 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:

- Public Defender's Office
- General Directorate of Taxation (DGT) Mixed Social Welfare Institute
- National Institute for Learning (INA) National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC)
- National Women's Institute (INAMU)
- Ministry of Culture and Youth
- Ministry of Communication
- Ministry of National Planning and Economic Policy (MIDEPLAN)
- Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MTSS)
- Judiciary
- National Child Care and Development Network (REDCUDI)

TO SUPPORT SOCIAL COHESION WITH

6 Actions
Gender Equality Policies Area

17 Actions
Regional actions

9 Actions
Social Policies Area

9 Actions
Democratic Governance Policies Area

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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: 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

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

Line of Action: Access to justice

- To initiate the implementation of the inter-institutional mechanism to promote the social integration of young people undergoing criminal terms.
- 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 transparency culture in local governments to promote citizen participation.

Area: Social Policies

Line of Action: Policies relating to social inclusion and the fight against poverty

- The action to improve competitiveness and job creation in vulnerable territories began in May.
- Support to MIDEPLAN in creating the Costa Rican Economic and Social Council. As a complement to this initiative, the design process was undertaken to coordinate MIDEPLAN development and inclusion policies. The ultimate goal is to generate a bill in the Assembly and implement it in 2020.
- We are working with the Mixed Social Welfare 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.
- We support the INA with economic and social recovery plans in the country within the framework of COVID-19 and in the operations of the National Employment Agency.

Line of Action: Care policies

- We are incorporating the gender perspective in the child care services of the National Child Care and Development Network (REDCUDI). And we are also supporting the preparation of the COVID-19 Care Strategy.

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 that is the National Policy for the Care and Prevention of Violence against Women 2017-2032. PLANOVI.
- The INAMU promoted the creation of the Profile of the Regional Programme for the Prevention of Violence against Women for SICA, which was approved by COM-MCA Ministers.

Line of Action: Mainstreaming, budget and statistics

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

Publications

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- Latin America confronts violence against women
- Strategy to strengthen the gender bodies of Ibero-American Public Prosecutors
- Good practices to fight corruption
- Good practices for the development of Tax and Accounting Assistance Hubs (NAFs, in their Spanish acronym)
- Diagnosis of institutional violence in prisons in Latin America
- Budgeting by results in Central America, Panama and the Dominican Republic
- Good practices in investigation and criminal prosecution with a gender perspective at the Latin American level

REGIONAL ACTIONS

- Creation of a network and model for legal assistance to migrants and in the implementation of the Regional Guide for action in cases of institutional violence, within the framework of the AIDEF Latin American Tax Education Network, to implement the Tax and Accounting and Assistance Hubs (NAF). With the Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutor's Offices (AIAMP), the Network of International Taxation of the Inter-American Centre for Tax Administrations participates in actions 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 and in updating and implementing the Santiago Guidelines on the protection of victims and witnesses.
- Implementation of the New Brasilia Rules and improvement of access to justice for vulnerable populations at 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).
- Latin American Network of Public Policies for Regional Development with the establishment of territorial planning instruments that allow multilevel governance to be improved.
- 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), preparation of a comprehensive social policy and the Recovery, Social Reconstruction and Resilience Plan for the SISCA countries within the framework of COVID-19.