



About WOMEN AND CORRUPTION

“Women and Corruption” is an action of the European Union Cooperation Programme with Latin America for Social Cohesion and EUROsociAL+. This initiative was implemented in 2018 from its Democratic Governance Area, coordinated by the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policies (FIIAPP). It aims to promote the fight against the different impact corruption has on women and girls from Latin America, who more frequently and in specific ways suffer from corrupt practices due to their gender and vulnerability.

Two priority areas of action were identified: the fight against corruption that facilitates trafficking in persons and 'sextortion', that is, the request for sexual favours from women as a bargaining chip to access public services.

Regarding 'sextortion', the modalities of cases include, among others, judicial officials or police officers who demand sexual favours from women in exchange for helping them or their relatives in procedures carried out in offices under their charge, as well as, for example, university professors who ask their students for sexual exchanges if they want a pass grade.

The forms of corruption associated with human trafficking show cases of police, judges, prosecutors or immigration officials paid with money or sexual favours by criminal networks so they look the other way or even actively collaborate. In addition, prison guards who allow girls and women to be brought in to be exploited sexually by the leaders of a criminal organisation

These differentiated effects must be identified, made visible, measured, prevented and combated. To do this, EUROsociAL+ promotes, through dialogue and the exchange of multi-stakeholder experiences, gender mainstreaming in public policies and the inclusion of specific actions in national plans through the exchange of experiences. Likewise, it promotes inter-institutional cooperation and coordination, as well as tools that reinforce the work of justice workers, with a special emphasis on prosecutors in alliance with the Ibero-American Network of Prosecutors against Corruption and the Network of Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants of AIAMP.

Finally, the “Women and Corruption” initiative promotes the work of public institutions with civil society, in order to encourage reporting and the protection of whistleblowers and to raise awareness about this problem.

These actions are intended to link Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, on achieving peace, justice and strong institutions, and SDG number 5, on gender equality and female empowerment, with SDG 17, an alliance to achieve such objectives.

Challenges and next steps

The project will consolidate several of its actions in 2021. These include the launch of a practical guide on corruption and gender for prosecutors, which will integrate good practices on issues such as complaint mechanisms, support and protection for complainants and inter-institutional coordination mechanisms. Likewise, educational campaigns and an online course will be designed for justice operators and civil society, while progress is made on the launch of an observatory based on the capacity4dev community of practice “Women and Corruption”.

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Reference documents and spaces

- Women and Corruption Practice Community in Capacity4dev.
<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/woman-and-corrupti-n-in-latin-am-rica-and-the-caribbean>
- Regional assessment (only in Spanish) Gender and Corruption available at
<https://eurosocial.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/OK-5-Mujer-y-corrupcion-EUROSOCIAL.pdf>
- Being a woman or girl in Latin America increases the risk of experiencing corrupt practices by public officials available at: <https://eurosocial.eu/en/bitacora/being-a-woman-or-girl-in-latin-america-increases-the-risk-of-experiencing-corrupt-practices-by-public-officials/>
- Corrupt officials, an essential link in human trafficking. Available at:
<https://eurosocial.eu/en/bitacora/funcionarios-corruptos-un-eslabon-imprescindible-en-la-trata-de-personas/>
- Two Viewpoints. A Comparative Analysis of Corruption Facilitating Human Trafficking in Latin America, available at: <https://eurosocial.eu/en/bitacora/two-views-a-comparative-analysis-of-the-corruption-facilitating-the-trafficking-of-persons-in-latin-america/>
- Women suffer twice as much from corruption in Latin America available at
<https://eurosocial.eu/en/bitacora/women-suffer-twice-as-much-from-corruption-in-latin-america/>
- Vulnerability, corruption and human trafficking, links in the same criminal chain available at:
<https://eurosocial.eu/en/bitacora/vulnerability-corruption-and-human-trafficking-links-in-the-same-criminal-chain/>
- Joint statement between the Ibero-American Network of Prosecutors against Corruption and the AIAMP Network on Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling available at:
<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/mujer-y-corrupci-n-los-impactos-diferenciados-de-la-corrupci-n-en-am-rica-latina-y-el-caribe/documents/joint-statement-between-ibero-american-network-prosecutors-against-corruption-and-aiamp>

Videos on EUROsociAL TV about gender and corruption

- [Vulnerabilidad, trata y corrupción: eslabones de una misma cadena criminal](#)
- [Ana Linda Solano, experta en género y corrupción](#)
- [Sandra Paola Hitcher Angulo](#), Fiscal Provincial de la Fiscalía especializada en delitos de trata de personas de Loreto, del Ministerio Público de Perú.
- [Samuel Rotta Castilla](#), Director de Proética, capítulo peruano de Transparencia Internacional
- [Rosario Susana Lopez Wong](#), Fiscal Superior especializada en delitos de trata de personas en Lima
- [Jhinna Pinchi](#), superviviente de trata y activista peruana
- [Andrónika Zans](#), Fiscal Provincial de Cusco especializada en delitos de trata de personas