



## COUNTRY DOSSIER

### ACTION BY THE EUROsociAL+ PROGRAMME

#### IN SYNERGY WITH FOCAL POINTS



EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION

The EU supports Ecuador's priorities in the areas of human rights, education, innovation, the environment and climate change, and the fight against drugs.



#### PROMOTING COUNTRY DIALOGUE

Within the framework of the identification mission carried out in Ecuador in 2017, the country submitted a total of 55 requests to the EUROsociAL+ Programme for support in its public policies (actions). In March and June, a virtual pre-round table dialogue was held to identify demand and consolidate on-going actions.

#### COUNTRY PLANNING

EUROsociAL+ complements some of the goals in the National Development Plan 2017-2021, which has three main themes:

- 1) Rights for all
- 2) Economy at the service of society
- 3) More society, better State

#### WE WORK WITH:

- ▶ Council of the Judiciary
- ▶ National Electoral Council
- ▶ National Council for Gender Equality
- ▶ Office of the General State Attorney
- ▶ Ministry of Education
- ▶ Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion (MIES)
- ▶ Ministry of Public Health
- ▶ Ministry of Labour
- ▶ National Secretariat for Planning and Development (SENPLADES)
- ▶ Technical Secretariat for the Lifetime Plan

### TO SUPPORT SOCIAL COHESION WITH



Country actions by life cycle:  
**DIALOGUE: 3**  
**FINISHED: 2**  
**ONGOING: 9**

THAT CONTRIBUTE WITH THE





## Area: Gender Equality Policies

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

Within the framework of COVID-19, we are supporting the Judicial Council in measures to guarantee access to services for victims of gender violence.

The Judiciary is supported in implementing standards of care for victims of violence against women and members of the family core

We are providing assistance to construct the methodology for indicators in the National Survey on Gender Violence by the National Secretariat of Planning and Development. The objective is to obtain statistical data on the prevalence, incidence and magnitude of the different types of gender violence to report on indicators relating to the PND and SDGs.

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

We are contributing to the implementation and decentralisation of the National Gender Equality Agenda of the National Council for Gender Equality, to enforce the principle of equality and avoid discrimination on the basis of gender in Ecuador.

The objective of the action is to incorporate gender equality policies into public sector plans, programmes and projects, by defining vertical mechanisms for coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation towards all the territories. Likewise, to encourage participation by women and LGBTI people in the construction and territorial implementation of the ANI.



## Area: Democratic Governance Policies

### Line of Action: Regional Development

Support in consolidating the decentralisation processes and appropriate financing models, through tax optimisation at the subnational level. Also in elaborating the Intersectoral Agenda on the Sea (AIM) and in strengthening cross-border territorial development capacities.

### Line of Action: Access to justice

Progress is being made in designing and implementing the Restorative Juvenile Justice System. The aim is to optimise the Restorative Juvenile Justice System to deal with criminal offences committed by adolescents in Ecuador. This project ranges from the diagnosis of the system to the formation of a training group for restorative juvenile justice trainers.

### Line of Action: Good governance

Technical collaboration with the Ecuadorian National Electoral Council (NEC) in reforming the country's electoral code which was approved by the National Assembly on January 22, 2020, is entitled Organic Law reforming the Organic Law on Elections and Political Organizations, Code of Democracy. The main incorporation has been the improvement of electoral proportionality by changing the formula for allocating seats.



## Area: Social Policies

### Line of Action: Care policies

We are supporting the strengthening of the care policy from the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion (MIES). The objective is to build a National Care System with a public policy proposal that seeks to recognise and guarantee unpaid human care work as productive work; recognise and guarantee the rights of people who need care; and structure the coordination, functioning and competencies of public sector organisations.

### Line of Action: Policies relating to youth, adolescence and childhood

Coordination and targeting strategy related to the Youth Impulse Mission policy in the Technical Secretariat's Lifetime Plan. It is supported by the elaboration of a coordination strategy for the existing policies focused on young people in extreme poverty, to generate and expand their employability opportunities, for both urban and rural youth. The strategy will be approached with a gender focus, to ensure that the policy promotes equal opportunities between men and women.

## Publications

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- Land use planning in Latin America
- Good practice for the development of Tax and Accounting Assistance Hubs (NAFs, in their Spanish acronym)
- Good practices in investigation and criminal prosecution with a gender perspective at the Latin American level
- The redistributive impact of Latin American tax systems and their comparison with the European Union

## REGIONAL ACTIONS

- ▶ OAS: Support to the drafting of version 2.0 of the Inter-American Framework Law on access to public information.
- ▶ Association of Electoral Magistrates of the Americas: strengthening of the AMEA Regional Observatory on Parity Democracy, Harassment and Violence.
- ▶ With the EU-LAC Foundation, participation in the study of links between the ETP and FP with the productive world.
- ▶ Creation of a network and legal assistance model for migrants within the framework of the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF).
- ▶ Updating and implementation of the Santiago Guidelines on the protection of victims and witnesses. Ibero-American Association of Public Prosecutor's Offices (AIAMP).
- ▶ Latin America Tax Education Network, to implement the Tax and Accounting Assistance Hubs (NAF).
- ▶ International Taxation Network at the Inter-American Tax Administrations Centre (CIAT).
- ▶ Implementation of the New Brasilia Rules at the Latin American level and improvement of access to justice for vulnerable populations in the Ibero-American Region and alignments and implementation of the gender equality perspective through the Ibero-American Judicial Summit (CJI).
- ▶ Collaborative implementation of the Document Management and Transparency Model and access to information on vulnerable groups of the Network of Transparency and Access to Information (RTA).
- ▶ In addition to consolidating a regional measurement system regarding the right to access to information.