



## COUNTRY DOSSIER

### ACTION BY THE EUROsocial+ PROGRAMME

#### IN SYNERGY WITH 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 support provided by the Programme would be in line with the reform and public policy agenda, contributing to the 2030 Agenda. In 2020, a virtual national exploratory meeting was held due to the pandemic, to coordinate actions. In 2021, the accompaniment of the country continues.

#### COUNTRY PLANNING

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

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Ministry of Finance
- ▶ Ministry of Justice
- ▶ Ministry of Women
- ▶ Ministry of Children and Adolescents
- ▶ Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security
- ▶ Department of Social Action
- ▶ Undersecretariat of State for Taxation
- ▶ Social Cabinet Technical Unit
- ▶ Ministry of Public Defence

### TO SUPPORT SOCIAL COHESION WITH



Country actions by life cycle:

**DIALOGUE: 5**  
**FINISHED: 5**  
**ONGOING: 4**

THAT CONTRIBUTE WITH THE





## Area: Gender equality policies

### Line of action: Economic autonomy and care

- ▶ We are supporting the construction of indicators on people management and development with a gender perspective in the Paraguayan Secretariat of Social Action. The diagnosis was undertaken using a participative approach to construct indicators and proposals for their use in people management and development processes, with implementation through 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.
- ▶ We are contributing to the mainstreaming of the gender approach in the administration of justice with a methodology that allows the judiciary to take legal decisions incorporating 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.
- ▶ The country is currently reviewing the entire budget structure in order to improve programme design. It has mechanisms in place that allow for criteria-based monitoring and the evaluation of effectiveness, efficiency, relevance and targeting. EUROsocial+ support is based on providing knowledge exchange to contribute to improving budget allocation and the quality of spending in Paraguay, through implementing a spending review in specific budget programmes aimed at women. Work continued in 2020 on the methodologies and information sources that foster expenditure evaluation.
- ▶ A regional dimension is included with the cooperation of the Ministry of Finance 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.
- ▶ As a result of this action, another initiative was implemented to design the Social Protection System in Paraguay, through the structuring of the Social Cabinet as the system's governing entity.
- ▶ 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, whose members are the Paraguayan Ministries of Education and Culture and Work, Employment and Social Security. The aim is to create favourable conditions to be able to advance in implementing 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 coordinated action.



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Rendición de cuentas y transparencia  
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de junio de 2020 10:00hs



### Launch of the 2030 Congress platform of Paraguay for the legislative monitoring of...

22 June 2020

The European Union supports this pioneering initiative in Latin America which focuses on locating the parliamentary information that contributes to the goals of the 2030 Agenda

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## REGIONAL ACTIONS

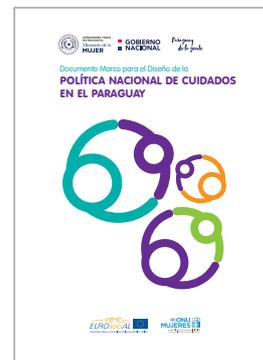
- ▶ In association with the Conference of Ministers of Justice of the Ibero-American Countries, it participates in drawing up the Regional Strategy for Access to Justice.
- ▶ We are supporting the drafting of version 2.0 of the Inter-American Framework Law on access to public information with the OAS.
- ▶ The creation of a Winter School in the MERCOSUR Social Institute is being promoted, while 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.
- ▶ It participates in strengthening the AIAMP Network of Prosecutors against Corruption with the Ibero-American Association of Public Ministries as well as in the regional protocol for the referral of cases to practices of restorative juvenile justice.
- ▶ Collaborative implementation of the Document Management Template as well as in action relating to transparency and access to information for groups in vulnerable situations. Promotion of open legislation in Latin America and the consolidation of a regional measurement system regarding the right of access to information from the Transparency and Access to Information Network
- ▶ 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 and in improving access to justice for vulnerable populations in the Ibero-American Region.
- ▶ 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.

## Publications

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We are supporting the construction of indicators on people management and development with a gender perspective in the Paraguayan Secretariat of Social Action



Framework Document for the Design of the National Care Policy in Paraguay

## MORE INFORMATION



Preparation and consensual adoption of an Action Plan to strengthen the National Qualifications System

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Support for the government policy on comprehensive social protection (Paraguay)

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