

EURO-LATIN AMERICAN HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON GENDER EQUALITY

“TWO CONTINENTS UNITED FOR EQUALITY”

Paris, 3th - 4th MARCH 2022

The European Union's cooperation programme for social cohesion in Latin America, EUROsociAL+, has been supporting the formulation and implementation of public policies to reduce inequalities in the region for more than 15 years. Since 2016 and for its third phase, its Gender component, implemented by Expertise France, has been contributing to improving women's rights and reducing gender inequalities and promoting women's physical, socio-economic and political autonomy by strengthening public policies for gender equality and promoting gender mainstreaming.

One of the essential principles of the Gender component is the strengthening of the Institutions for the Advancement of Women to effectively support gender mainstreaming and the development of public policies that reduce inequalities. In fact, these are better able to identify women's practical and strategic needs and propose specific measures and guide and coordinate intersectoral responses.

The intervention of the EUROsociAL+ Programme contributes to strengthening the capacity to impact the national, regional, and global agendas. To this end, the Programme promotes exchanges between counterpart institutions in Latin America and Europe and, above all, between public administrations and services on both continents.

On the occasion of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Gender component of the EUROsociAL+ programme would like to create a space for Euro-Latin American dialogue between ministries, secretariats, and institutes for the promotion of women's rights, in order to share their good practices regarding the next pending challenge: women's economic autonomy.

Institutions for the Advancement of Women's Strategy to promote Women's economic autonomy

Women's economic empowerment is a major issue in both Europe and Latin America. It can cover various issues depending on the region (equal access to education, early motherhood, job insecurity, equal pay, reconciliation of family, and work-life and care). These challenges call for a cross-sectoral response (education, employment, social protection, and the private sector), which needs to intervene from a holistic approach and consider the entire life cycle of women.

In line with the commitments made in this area in the framework of the Generation Equality Forum, the Institutions for the Advancement of Women aim to guide actions that take into account these different dimensions and move towards a more equal and inclusive society.

Format: Each institution will have to answer the following question: **What is your strategy for moving towards women's economic empowerment?**

Participants: Institutions for the Advancement of Women (ministries, vice-ministries, secretariats and institutes) from the European Union and Latin America.

AGENDA:

3rd March 2022

18:30-23:30: Welcome evening for Latin American and European Union delegations

Location: Péniche Le Clipper - Paris Yacht Marina (opposite the Atelier du France)

Please note: the boat leaves at 7:30 p.m. tops, it will not be possible to join dinner afterwards. It is necessary to present your sanitarian pass.

4th March 2022

08:50 Departure by shuttle from the *Novotel Paris Centre Tour Eiffel* for the *Salon Gustave Eiffel*

Location: Salon Gustave Eiffel – on the first floor of the Eiffel Tower

Attention: It is necessary to present your sanitarian pass and an identity document. It is best not to carry oversized luggage.

09:30-9:45 Greeting of participants and going up the elevators

9:45-10:15 Opening

Minister Elisabeth Moreno, *Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, France*

Jutta Urpilainen, *European Commissioner for International Partnerships (pre-recorded video)*

Michèle Ramis, *Director for the Americas and the Caribbean, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)*

Javier Niño Perez, *Director for the Americas of the European Union External Action Service*

10:15-10:30 Group photo

10:30-11:10 First part

Exchanges of good practices on the economic autonomy of women between the Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women of the European Union and Latin America

Moderation: Javier Niño Perez, *Director for the Americas of the European Union External Action Service*

Maria Syrengela, *Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Greece*

María Inés Castillo, *Minister of Social Development, Panama*

Monica Bottero, *Director of the National Women's Institute, Uruguay*

Irene Montero, *Minister for Equality, Spain (pre-recorded video)*

Josefina Kelly Neila, *Secretary of Public Policies, Argentina*

Lorena Raquel Escobar Perez, *General Secretary, National Council for Gender Equality, Ecuador*

11:10-12:10 Second part

Moderation: Alexis Rinckenbach *Head of the European and International Affairs Office, Directorate General for Social Cohesion*

Mateja Ribič, *State Secretary for Work, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia*

Maria Lilian Lopez Aguilar, *Executive Director ISDEMU, El Salvador*

Gheidy Gallo, *Presidential Advisor for Women, Colombia*

Renee Laiviera, *Equal Opportunities Commissioner, Malta*

Elisabeth Moreno, *Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, France*

Marcela Guerrero, *Minister for Women, Costa Rica (pre-recorded video)*

Maksims Ivanovs, *Policy adviser on social questions, Latvian Permanent Representation to the EU (online participation)*

12:10-12:45 Third part

Economic autonomy as a key to creating more just, inclusive and egalitarian societies: examples and perspectives

Moderation: Juan Manuel Santomé, *director of the EUROsociAL+ program*

Radhia Oudjani, *Director of the Governance, Justice and Human Rights Department, Expertise France*

Peggy Martinello, *Director of Public Administration and Social Affairs, International and Ibero-American Foundation for Public Administration and Policy (FIIAPP)*

Antonella Cavallari, *Secretary General, International Italian-Latin American Organization (IILA)*

Anita Araceli Zetina, *General Secretary, Central American Secretariat for Social Integration (SISCA) (pre-recorded video)*

12:45-14:15 Lunch cocktail

14:15-15:00 Forth part

Exchanges of good practices on the economic autonomy of women between Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women in the European Union and Latin America

Moderation: Alejandra Mora Mora, *Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)*

Elena Bonetti, *Minister for Equal Opportunities and Family, Italy*

Ana Leticia Aguilar Theissen, *General Secretary of the State Secretariat for Women, Guatemala*

Mariana Vieira da Silva, *Secretary of State for the Presidency, Portugal*

Marta Clara Ferreyra, *General Director of the National Institute of Women, Mexico*

Anne Spiegel, *Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany (pre-recorded video)*

Liina Kanter, *Head of Equality Policies, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia*

Diana Miloslavich, *Minister of Women and vulnerable populations, Peru (pre-recorded video)*

15:00-15:40 Fifth part

Moderation: Alejandra Mora Mora, *Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)*

Liliana Elizabeth Fouz, *Vice-Minister of Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Ministry of Women, Paraguay*

Amélie Servotte, *Chief of Staff to Mrs Sarah Schlitz, Secretary of State for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity, Belgium*

Addys Claribel Then Marte, *Technical Vice-Minister of Women's Planning and Development, Dominican Republic*

Andrius Bitinas, *Deputy Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania*

Claudia Roxana Martinez, *Minister for Women of Cordoba, Argentina*

Doris Garcia Paredes, *Minister of the National Institute for Women, Honduras*

15:40-15:50 Coffee Break

15:50-16:10 Sixth part

Regional Vision on Women's Economic Empowerment in Latin America

Moderation: Ana Perez Camporeale, *Coordinator of the component on public gender equality policies of the EUROsociAL+ Program*

Alejandra Mora Mora, *Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)*

Maria Noel Vaeza, *UN Women Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean*

Nicole Bidegain, Social Affairs Officer Gender Affairs Division Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL)

Leire Pajín Iraola, President of the EU-LAC International Foundation *Germany (pre-recorded video)*

17:00-17:20 Closure

Jérémie Pellet, *Chief Executive Officer of Expertise France*

Elisabeth Moreno, *Minister Delegate for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities, France*

17:20-17:30 Group photo

16:45-17:30 Networking