

Call for Proposals

Global Gateway “EU-LAC Social Accelerator” Programme

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Within the framework of the Inclusive Societies Programme in Latin America and the Caribbean, the [EU-LAC Social Accelerator Programme](#) is being implemented. It is led by a multi-actor consortium coordinated by the Santa Cruz Chamber of Industry, Commerce, Services and Tourism (CAINCO) and composed by the Caribbean Export Development Agency (CARIBBEAN EXPORT), the Brazilian Confederation of Trade Associations (CACB), the Centre for Technological Research and Development (TECNALIA), the International Trade Centre (ITC), and the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (ITESM).

The **overall objective** (impact) of the EU-LAC Social Accelerator is to promote social innovation, strengthen the resilience of social systems, and support a fair, inclusive, and socially responsible green and digital transition in the region. Complementarily, its **specific objective** (outcome) is to strengthen social innovation ecosystems through collaboration among the public, private, academic sectors and civil society, establishing effective mechanisms to reduce inequalities and improve social cohesion (particularly for women, young people, and vulnerable groups), in line with the Global Gateway Investment Agenda.

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This Call for Proposals aims to **contribute to the reduction of structural inequalities by supporting social innovation initiatives focused on reducing poverty and social exclusion, and on strengthening social cohesion within and between LAC countries.**

The initiatives must be **aligned with the projects of the EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda**, from their social dimension and contributing to its objective of promoting a green, digital, fair, and inclusive transition towards more equitable and sustainable development in the region.

The actions will prioritise women, young people, and vulnerable groups, promoting transformative solutions that foster inclusion, equity, and sustainable development in the region. Likewise, the call focuses on supporting **social innovation initiatives with a demonstrative effect** that are in the acceleration stage or in the implementation phase, with proven evidence of social impact in reducing structural inequalities, but which require strategic support to reach new levels of scale and impact.

In all cases, special priority will be given to entities that mainstream intersectional approaches to gender equality, youth, and the reduction of inequalities in their intervention and support models. Priority will also be given to proposals led by or jointly implemented with women, young people, and vulnerable groups¹, as well as those that ensure their meaningful participation in all phases of the project.

a) Sectors and Topics

Within this framework, proposals may address one or more of the following thematic axes, considered priority but not exclusive, always from a perspective of social cohesion and inequality reduction, incorporating a transversal intersectional approach:

- Gender equality and youth empowerment;
- Care societies, including the care economy;
- Health resilience and equitable access to health products and services;
- Education and skills development for the labour inclusion of disadvantaged groups;

¹ Vulnerable groups will be considered those populations that face structural or systemic barriers to the full exercise of their rights, such as migrants, displaced persons, Indigenous peoples, people of African descent, rural communities, persons with disabilities, or those belonging to the 40% of households with the lowest incomes, among others, recognising the diversity of contexts in Latin America and the Caribbean.

- Decent employment, labour formalization, labour rights, employability, and social inclusion;
- Private sector and human rights;
- Social innovation for inclusion.

b) Funding and Duration:

- The maximum budget for the call is **EUR 1.8 million**.
- The maximum grant amount for each project is:
 - EUR 100.000 as the minimum grant per project.
 - EUR 250.000 as the maximum grant per project.
- Project duration: **18 to 24 months**.

c) Eligibility criteria:

- Proposed projects must be aligned with the projects of the **EU-LAC Global Gateway Investment Agenda** ([list of EU-LAC GGIA projects](#)).
- Proposals must be submitted by a consortium (applicants and co-applicants), promoting partnerships among actors from different sectors and countries.
- Applicant and co-applicant entities must meet the following requirements:
 - Have legal personality.
 - Be non-profit entities.
 - Being legally established in one of the member states of the European Union or in one of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. The Consortium must include at least one applicant entity established in LAC.
 - Beneficiaries must belong to one of the following categories:
 - Civil society organisations: NGOs, sectoral associations (women, youth, professionals, etc.), cooperatives and social enterprises, innovation centres, etc.
 - Public bodies: local authorities or subnational public entities, research centres, universities, or academic networks whose main functions or objectives include inclusion, social cohesion, and/or community strengthening.
 - Non-profit private entities: chambers of commerce and business organisations with a public-interest function or belonging to the social economy.
- It is not possible to participate in more than one application, either as an applicant or as a co-applicant

d) Indicative Calendar:

- Launch date of the Call for Proposals: 19/01/2026 at 09:00 (Bolivia Time) / 14:00 (CET)
- Information session (ES): 28/01/2026 at 09:00 (Bolivia Time) / 14:00 (CET)
- Information session (EN): 28/01/2026 at 10:00 (Bolivia Time) / 15:00 (CET)
- Indicative implementation start date: 01/07/2026

Applications must be submitted online through the calls system accessible from the CAINCO website <https://www.cainco.org.bo> following the user manual instructions available on the website.

For any clarification regarding this call for proposals, you may contact the following email address: socialaccelerator@cainco.org.bo.

