

RENEWING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:

TOWARDS A JOINT AGENDA FOR MULTILATERAL AND INTERREGIONAL CHANGE?

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English

The Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second semester of 2023 has been a unique opportunity to rethink the bi-regional partnership between the European Union (EU) and the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region.

This Policy-Research Dialogue brings together practitioners and scholars of EU-LAC relations to debate key advances and challenges. Two thematic panels will provide a platform for a comprehensive discussion, exchange of insights, sharing of perspectives, and offering recommendations.

The first panel contextualises the interregional relationship in a changing global order, and the second panel zooms in on bi-regional policy cooperation.

13:30 - 14:00	Arrival and registration
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>H.E. Elena Gómez Castro Ambassador, Representative of Spain to the Political and Security Committee of the EU (PSC)</p> <p>Philippe De Lombaerde UNU-CRIS Director</p>
14:15 – 15:45	<p>Multilateralism in Crisis: What Space Exists for EU-LAC Cooperation?</p> <p>The global landscape of multilateralism is undergoing significant transformation, as key players openly contest the established system. This panel discussion will delve into the multifaceted challenges for multilateralism and explore the potential role of cooperation between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. Key topics to be addressed during this panel include international trade agreements, divisive geopolitics, and multilateral reforms.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Gustavo Gayger Muller Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Anna Ayuso Barcelona Centre for International Affairs CIDOB (Spain)</p> <p>H.E. Pedro Miguel Costa e Silva Ambassador of Brazil to the European Union</p> <p>Elena Lazarou European Parliamentary Research Service Latin America Initiative, Chatham House</p> <p>Javi López Member of the European Parliament – Chair of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly</p> <p>Detlef Nolte German Institute for Global and Area Studies (Germany)</p> <p>H.E. Simone Rudder Ambassador of Barbados to the European Union</p>

Sustainable and Effective Interregionalism: Climate, Investment and Trade in EU-LAC Relations

As the global community grapples with pressing challenges related to climate change and sustainable development, the EU and the LAC region find themselves at the intersection of environmental stewardship and economic cooperation. This panel discussion will focus on the critical aspects of sustainable and effective interregional relations in the areas of financing climate action, trade negotiations as well as overlapping regional configurations in the LAC region.

Moderator:

Inés Lloréns

Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union

15:45 – 17:15

Panellists:

Paolo Garzotti

Head of Latin America Unit - DG Trade – European Commission

Iago Gil Aguado

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Arantza Gómez Arana

University of Northumbria (UK)

H.E. Rogelio Granguillhome Morfín

Ambassador of Mexico to the European Union

Tomás Reyes

Chair of COLAC Working Group, Council of the EU

Lorena Ruano

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics - CIDE (Mexico)

Closing words

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