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## **INFORMATION**

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17 July 2023

### Concept Note

The **EU-CELAC Summit** between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean, will take place on 17-18 July 2023 in Brussels. It is the first summit of Heads of State and Government of the two regions in eight years. It will be an opportunity to advance the **Global Gateway Investment Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean**. Global Gateway is the EU's offer to bridge the existing investment gap in the area of fair green and digital transition, by using public financing to leverage private capital and investment for projects that deliver on key public policy objectives.

Right ahead of the main Summit, the European Commission will organise at its main **Berlaymont building in Brussels, on 17 July from 09.00-15.00**, a Business Round Table jointly with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and CAF – Development Bank of Latin America.

## Business Round Table Objective

The **EU-LAC Business Round Table** will bring together political leaders, business CEOs, heads of development financing institutions, and industry associations to review the key strands of the Global Gateway Investment Agenda. In seven round tables, participants will explore **opportunities for investments** in, amongst others, renewable energy and green hydrogen, critical raw materials, decarbonisation, and transport infrastructure projects, 5G and last-kilometre connectivity, digitalisation for public services, and sustainable finance and green bonds. They will also focus on how investments can tackle **social issues** - creating decent jobs and formal employment, education and vocational training, gender equality, youth empowerment and corporate social responsibility.

The Business Round Table will be a **small-scale, high-level event with a maximum of 150 participants, by invitation and in-person only**. The preliminary programme (see below) features a general opening session, seven parallel round tables and a closing event ahead of the main Summit which should allow for key messages to feed into it. The Business Round Table

co-organisers will facilitate bilateral meetings along-side the programme to ensure a productive dialogue.

An **EU-LAC Civil Society and Local Authorities Forum, including a Youth Day**, will meet for two days on 13-14 July. Social topics (equality, youth, fair work, among others) highlighted during this conference and relevant to the Global Gateway Investment Agenda will be reported on during the Business Round Table.

## EU-LAC Trade and Investment Context

The EU and LAC have strong trade and investment ties. The EU has concluded association, free trade, or political cooperation agreements with 27 of the 33 countries in the region and **is the largest source of foreign direct investment in LAC** – totalling 45% of LAC FDI inflows during 2015-2019 and 36% in 2021.

**Bilateral trade between the two regions grew by 18% between 2008 and 2021.** EU exports to LAC averaged € 116 billion in the last decade, 2% of its global exports, while LAC exports to the EU averaged € 98 billion in the same period, about 10% of the region's global exports. Despite these figures, **most of the recent trade growth was concentrated in the 2008-2013 period** and in Mexico, Ecuador, and Peru, while other countries' trade stagnated or fell.

Both regions should promote inclusive employment and decent work, gender equality, corporate social responsibility, and responsible business conduct. These shared baselines should drive trade and investment, focused on cooperation around some of the world's most pressing challenges, such as the **fair green transition, sustainable mining of critical raw minerals, harnessing the power of the digital economy and food security.**

## EU-LAC Business Round Table – 17 July - Programme Overview

8:00 – 9:00	<b>Registration and <i>Petit Déjeuner</i></b>		
9:00-9:30	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Opportunities for bi-regional collaboration from the perspectives of the European Commission, the EU and LAC regions' development banks.</i>		
9:30-10:45	<i>Parallel Round Table 1</i> <b>Energy Transition in LAC: Sustainable Solutions for All</b>  <i>How can the private sector contribute to advance the fair and green energy transition in the EU and LAC?</i>	<i>Parallel Round Table 2</i> <b>Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Integration: Opportunities for Growth</b>  <i>Opportunities for inclusive growth driven by responsible trade and investment with a special focus on the integration of the Amazonian region.</i>	
11:00-12:15	<i>Parallel Round Table 3</i> <b>Bridging the Gap: Unlocking Investment Potential in the Caribbean</b>  <i>Caribbean region's investment attractiveness in sectors such as energy, tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing.</i>	<i>Parallel Round Table 4</i> <b>Critical Raw Materials and E-Mobility</b>  <i>Conditions for electric mobility, including incentives for people and businesses and sustainable supply chains of critical raw materials needed for electric batteries.</i>	
12:15-13:30	<i>Parallel Round Table 5</i> <b>Linking Up: Fair Digital Transition and Last Kilometre Connectivity</b>  <i>Reducing the digital divide and social inequalities by expanding connectivity and reinforcing physical digital infrastructure via fibre connections, mobile networks (5G) and satellite systems.</i>	<i>Parallel Round Table 6</i> <b>Sustainable Financing: Green, Social and Blue Bonds</b>  <i>Potential impact and scope for scaling up green bonds and complementary sustainable financing instruments like blue and social bonds.</i>	<i>Parallel Round Table 7</i> <b>Enhancing Health Resilience</b>  <i>Investing in pharma, biotech, and med-tech sectors to boost regional innovation and facilitate equitable access to health products: what are the key drivers for success?</i>
13:30-14:00	<b>Closing Event (open to the press)</b> <i>Key takeaways of the Round Tables and closing remarks by EU &amp; LAC high-level representatives</i>		
14:00-15:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>		

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EU	EllaLink
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EU	Sonae
EU	EDP
EU	CaetanoBus
EU	CIP (Portuguese Federation part of Business Europe)
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	EU-LAC Foundation
	Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana (SICA)
	Organisation of American States (OAS)
	Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organisation (OTCA)