

## EUROPEAN UNION LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN POLICY DIALOGUE ON MULTIDIMENSIONAL INTERSECTIONAL AND SOCIAL **POVERTY INEQUALITIES INCLUSION**

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The European Union (EU) and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) are committed to tackling inequalities and poverty. This commitment is evident in the EU's Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme, which promotes fairness and equal opportunities for everyone. Similarly, the General Secretariat of the OAS is determined to address different forms of intersectional poverty and inequalities, supported by initiatives such as the Inter-American Declaration on Social Development Priorities, approved at the Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Social Development (V REMDES) that took place in 2022 in the Dominican Republic. This declaration highlights the urgent need to reduce poverty and inequality, especially in the post-COVID context.

Both the EU and the OAS member states in the Americas are adopting innovative approaches to combat poverty and inequality. Their methods go beyond financial aspects, considering gender, age, and ethnicity. Targeted actions are taken to address these complex inequalities, including measuring gender equality. This comprehensive shift aligns with regional priorities, marking a period of inclusive progress.

**Uniting for Equity:  
EU and the OAS are  
tackling inequalities  
and poverty to foster  
inclusive progress**

The Americas and the EU jointly offer insights that can reshape the way we confront multifaceted challenges. Methods of measuring different dimensions of poverty in the Americas and the EU's pioneering concept of "people at risk of poverty" hold transformative potential. Collaborative efforts across regions facilitate the exchange of practical knowledge, creating a dynamic platform for effective policymaking. This cooperative initiative paves the way for social justice and inclusion in both regions.

Join us in addressing  
poverty and inequality  
at the transformative  
EU-LAC Policy  
Dialogue

In this context, the EU and the GS/OAS join forces to organise the "EU - LAC Policy Dialogue on Multidimensional Poverty, Intersectional Inequalities, and Social Inclusion" conference in Washington, D.C., on October 19th, 2023. Amid the wide-ranging effects of COVID-19 on various aspects of poverty, inequalities, and ensuring societal inclusion, this event serves as a pivotal hub for igniting meaningful change.

Representatives from Europe and the Americas convene to share insights, experiences, and strategies, capitalising on their combined expertise to address shared challenges. Guided by the EU and the GS/OAS, the conference fosters collaboration, propelling the shared mission of forging a fairer future for both regions.

The upcoming conference offers a dynamic platform for participants to explore blending diverse ideas into policies, addressing the specific situations of population groups and the differentiated impact of global problems, and sharing strategies to ensure equitable opportunities in society. This event could reshape existing norms and stimulate new actions, nurturing more inclusive communities within the EU and the LAC region.

Ultimately, this conference demonstrates a united endeavour between the EU and the GS/OAS, underscoring a steadfast commitment to ensuring fairness for everyone across the EU and LAC. As a result of this initiative, a publication will be produced compiling exemplary practices from both regions. Together, we advance equitable futures with more rights for more people.