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# Strengthening AI Regulatory Frameworks: The EU-LAC Digital Alliance Statement

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## Executive Summary

On November 16, 2023, during the AI Alliance Assembly in Madrid, representatives from the EU and several Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries reaffirmed their commitment to the Digital Alliance, established in July 2023. This initiative aims to enhance human-centric digital cooperation and promote the convergence of digital policy and regulatory frameworks, particularly in artificial intelligence (AI). The upcoming EU Regulation on AI will set safety and rights-based requirements for AI providers, including the establishment of regulatory sandboxes for innovation. The participating states agreed to exchange best practices, implement guidelines, and maintain ongoing dialogue to ensure that AI development respects human rights while fostering innovation. This collaborative effort seeks to address the challenges posed by emerging AI technologies and ensure that they cater to diverse linguistic and cultural contexts across the regions.

## Characteristics

* Establishes a Digital Alliance between the EU and LAC countries for cooperative digital policy and AI regulation.
* Focuses on human-centric digital cooperation and convergence of regulatory frameworks.
* Promotes exchange of best practices and operational measures for AI governance.
* Encourages linguistic inclusivity in AI development, particularly in Spanish and Portuguese.
* Supports regular dialogue to align AI regulations while respecting human rights and fostering innovation. ## Actors

| Category | Actors |
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| Political Actors | EU ; Argentina ; The Bahamas ; Barbados ; Brazil ; Chile ; Colombia ; Costa Rica ; Dominican Republic ; Ecuador ; El Salvador ; Guatemala ; Honduras ; Jamaica ; Mexico ; Panama ; Paraguay ; Peru ; Suriname ; Trinidad and Tobago ; Uruguay ; Belgium ; Estonia ; Germany ; Slovenia ; Spain ; European Commission |
| Research and Innovation Actors | UNESCO |

## Main Themes

| Sub-category | Themes |
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| Digital Regulation | Digital Policy |
| Global Digital Cooperation | Digital Cooperation |
| Artificial Intelligence | AI Development |
| AI Ethics | Ethical AI |
| Tech-Driven Solutions | Innovation in AI |
| Digital Rights | Human Rights in AI |
| Digital Investment | Investment in Digital |
| Digital Governance | Best Practices in AI Regulation |

## Practical Applications

* Establishment of the Digital Alliance EU-LAC, a framework for cooperation among EU and Latin American and Caribbean countries to promote human-centric digital cooperation and convergence of digital policy and regulatory frameworks on AI.
* Commitment by Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, and Uruguay, along with Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Slovenia, and Spain, to exchange best practices on AI regulation and support implementation through guidelines, recommendations, and regulatory sandboxes.
* Creation of regulatory sandboxes under the upcoming Regulation on AI in the EU to enable the development and testing of innovative AI systems in a controlled environment.
* Implementation of a bi-regional investment package for the Digital Alliance to support the initiatives outlined in the statement.
* Regular dialogues among participating states to exchange information and foster the development of AI regulation that promotes innovation, human capital, and infrastructure while ensuring safety and human rights.

## Future Commitments

* States will promote the exchange of best practices and sharing of operational regulatory measures and guidelines under the scope of the Regulation on AI and the Coordinated Plan on AI.
* A bi-regional investment package exists for the implementation of the Digital Alliance, with states to jointly define the form of investment to be allocated.
* States will maintain a regular dialogue to exchange information with a view to converging digital policy and regulatory frameworks on AI.