**Faithfulness Score**: 0/100 - Poor

# Recap: EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days in Colombia - Joint Collaboration Areas Agreed

**Date**: 2025-05-08

**Location**: Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

## Executive Summary

The EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days in Cartagena, Colombia (Nov 27-29, 2023) convened over 150 representatives from the EU, LAC, and other sectors to identify concrete areas for digital cooperation. Co-organized by the European Commission, AECID, and D4D Hub, the event focused on a human-centric digital transformation.

Dialogues on AI, data governance, digital government, connectivity, and cybersecurity resulted in agreement on joint collaboration areas: aligning cybersecurity frameworks, enhancing inclusive connectivity, developing interoperable digital identity, improving data flows, and managing AI risks/opportunities.

This event marked a key step following the July 2023 Joint Declaration, reinforcing commitment towards the 2025 EU-CELAC Summit in Colombia. Thematic co-leading partnerships were established, with follow-up dialogues planned for 2024, starting with cybersecurity in February. The Alliance is a critical part of the Global Gateway initiative in LAC.

## Characteristics

* + Held Nov 27-29, 2023, in Cartagena, Colombia, gathering over 150 EU/LAC reps.
  + Aimed to identify concrete areas for EU-LAC digital cooperation.
  + Featured dialogues on AI, data governance, digital government, connectivity, and cybersecurity.
  + Emphasized a human-centric approach to digital transformation.
  + Marked a milestone towards strengthening the bi-regional digital partnership for the 2025 Summit.

## Actors

| Category | Subcategory |
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| Political Actors | European Commission; senior government representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC); European Union (EU); EU Member States; Félix Férnandez-Shaw; Saul Kattan; Miguel González Gullón; LAC countries; Dominican Republic; German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) |
| Research and Innovation Actors | Spanish Agency for International Development (AECID); Digital for Development (D4D) Hub; EU-LAC Digital Alliance; academia |
| Civil Society Actors | civil society |
| Economic Actors | private sector |

### Main Actors Descriptions

Here are the key actors and stakeholders mentioned in the text, categorized according to the provided taxonomy:

* **European Commission**: Political Actors
* **Spanish Agency for International Development (AECID)**: Research and Innovation Actors
* **Digital for Development (D4D) Hub**: Research and Innovation Actors
* **Key partners of the EU-LAC Digital Alliance**: Research and Innovation Actors (General category encompassing specific partners mentioned)
* **Senior government representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)**: Political Actors
* **Senior government representatives from the European Union (EU)**: Political Actors
* **Senior government representatives from EU Member States**: Political Actors
* **Civil society**: Civil Society Actors
* **Academia**: Research and Innovation Actors
* **Private sector**: Economic Actors
* **Félix Férnandez-Shaw**: Political Actors (Director for Latin America, the Caribbean and Relations with all Overseas Countries and Territories of the European Commission’s DG-INTPA)
* **Saul Kattan**: Political Actors (Presidential Adviser on Digital Transformation in Colombia)
* **Miguel González Gullón**: Political Actors (Head of the AECID Training Center in Cartagena)
* **EU-LAC Digital Alliance**: Research and Innovation Actors
* **Dominican Republic**: Political Actors (Mentioned as hosting a follow-up dialogue)
* **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**: Political Actors

## Main Themes

| Category | Subcategory |
| --- | --- |
| Digital Transformation & Strategy | Digital Agenda; Digital Infrastructure; Digital Policy; Digital Ecosystem; Digital Regulation; Digital Transitions |
| Technology & Innovation | Artificial Intelligence; AI Ethics; Tech-Driven Solutions; ICT Innovation; Technology Regulations; Innovation in Computing |
| Data & Governance | Data Governance; Digital Rights; Digital Governance; Data Protection; Cybersecurity; Cyber Risk Management; Data Privacy; Digital Access; Digital Identity Management; Digital Ethics; E-Governance |
| Inclusion & Social Development | Digital Inclusion; Connectivity |
| Regional & International Cooperation | EU-LAC Digital Alliance; Bi-regional Cooperation; Global Digital Cooperation; Multilateralism; EU-CELAC Digital Partnership; Digital & Technological Partnerships |

### Main Themes Description

Here are the main themes discussed in the text:

* **Advancing EU-LAC Digital Cooperation:**
  + The EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days event (Cartagena, Nov 2023) aimed to identify concrete areas for digital cooperation between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).
  + The event gathered over 150 senior representatives from government, civil society, academia, and the private sector.
* **Human-Centric Digital Transformation:**
  + A core guiding principle highlighted is that technology should serve people.
  + Efforts are focused on fostering a human-centric digital transformation in both regions.
* **Key Thematic Areas and Joint Collaboration:**
  + High-level policy dialogues were held on Artificial Intelligence (AI), data governance, digital government, inclusive connectivity, and cybersecurity.
  + Joint areas for collaboration were identified, including aligning cybersecurity frameworks, implementing inclusive/secure connectivity policies, developing interoperable digital identity, improving data flows, and adopting AI strategies.
  + Co-leading partnerships between the EU, Member States, and LAC countries were determined for these thematic areas.
* **Political Commitment and Future Milestones:**
  + The event underlined the political determination of partners to collaborate closely on digital matters.
  + It marked an important milestone towards the 2025 EU-CELAC Summit in Colombia, building on the 2023 Joint Declaration.
  + Specific follow-up dialogues on the thematic areas are planned for 2024.
* **Strategic Context within EU Initiatives:**
  + The EU-LAC Digital Alliance is a critical component of the Global Gateway initiative in Latin America and the Caribbean.
  + It is part of the EU’s offer to build trusted and sustainable connections with partner countries.
  + The policy dialogue component is co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

## Practical Applications

* + The policy dialogue component of the TEI (likely related to the EU-LAC Digital Alliance) is co-financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

## Commitments

* No specific commitments identified.