

# LAC4 General Assembly 2024 - Taking Stock on the Past Year's Achievements

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## 1. Context

The 2nd Ordinary General Assembly of the Latin America and Caribbean Cyber Competence Centre (LAC4) met on 7 November 2024 in Santiago, Chile, on the margins of the EU-LAC Digital Alliance High-Level Dialogues on Secure Connectivity & Artificial Intelligence and the 9th Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## 2. Objectives

- Review LAC4 performance from September 2023 to August 2024.
- Elect Board members and welcome new participant nations and partners.
- Agree priorities and the operational budget for 2025.
- Strengthen bi-regional cooperation and align capacity-building activities with EU-LAC Digital Alliance goals.

## 3. Key Figures & Achievements (2023-2024)

- 51 cybersecurity capacity-building activities delivered (+63 % YoY).
- >2 500 professionals directly engaged across Latin America & the Caribbean.
- 8 new members admitted: Antigua & Barbuda, Ecuador, Estonia, Guatemala, Honduras, Uruguay, RedCLARA, CYBER 4.0.
- Total membership rises to 12 entities.

## 4. Highlights of the Assembly

- Opening remarks by **Guido Gómez Mazara** (President, INDOTEL) and **Félix Fernández-Shaw** (Director for LAC, DG INTPA, European Commission) stressing LAC4's role as a practical arm of the EU-LAC Digital Alliance.
- Emphasis on a multi-stakeholder approach, cooperation with academia and cyber-diplomacy support.
- **Mauricio Papaleo** (AGESIC, Uruguay) elected to the LAC4 Board of Directors for 2025.
- Members endorsed continued assistance for drafting & implementing national cybersecurity strategies.

## 5. Outcomes & Commitments

- Approval of the 2025 work plan and operating budget.
- Mandate to expand training offers and peer-exchange formats, targeting a 70 % activity increase by 2026.
- Decision to launch a regional study on cyber-diplomacy readiness in LAC by Q3 2025.

## 6. Next Steps

- Publication of the 2025 activity calendar (Q1 2025).
- Presentation of Assembly conclusions at the EU-LAC Digital Alliance Connectivity Dialogue (Chile, Nov 2024) and at the EU-CELAC Summit 2025.

## 7. Sources & Further Reading

<https://www.lac4.eu/lac4-general-assembly-taking-stock-on-the-past-years-achievements>

- Event page: <https://www.lac4.eu/event/lac4-general-assembly/>

- LAC4 Governance overview: <https://www.lac4.eu/governance/>