



# EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days

The European Union (EU) - Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Digital Alliance Days are held in Cartagena, Colombia, on 27-29 November 2023, hosted by the European Union and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) and co-facilitated by the Digital for Development (D4D) Hub and key partners of the EU-LAC Digital Alliance.

The EU-LAC Digital Alliance is the partnership between the EU and LAC countries aimed at championing a human-centric approach to digital transformation. Launched in March 2023 as part of the [Global Gateway](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway_en) ([https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway_en)) strategy and with an initial contribution of €145 million from the European Union and its Member States, its goal is to foster the development of secure and resilient digital infrastructures based on a shared values-based framework.

In July 2023, leaders from both regions signed the Joint Declaration on a Digital Alliance, outlining its core principles, values, and implementation priorities. The Declaration also mandated the EU-LAC Digital Alliance to provide a forum for regular bi-regional dialogue and cooperation on digital matters for the benefit of citizens from both regions.

In this context, the EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days are the first follow-up high-level policy dialogue between the EU and LAC. Taking place at the Training Centre of the Spanish Cooperation in Cartagena, Colombia, the event's objective is to create an agenda and priority areas in the lead-up to the EU-CELAC Summit to be held in 2025.

The Digital Alliance Days will gather government representatives from both regions, as well as multiple stakeholders representing the private sector, civil society, and academia. Participants will discuss five overarching themes: data governance, e-governance, cybersecurity, connectivity, and AI. The purpose will be to jointly identify common goals for each of the themes and agree on actions of shared interest.

[Some of the sessions will be live-streamed \(https://d4dhub.eu/events/eu-lac-digital-alliance-days\)](https://d4dhub.eu/events/eu-lac-digital-alliance-days)

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