

EU-LAC High-Level Event on Human Development and Health - Summary Report

Brussels, March 21-22, 2024

1. Objectives

The event aimed to strengthen EU-LAC collaboration on inclusive human development and equitable access to health products. Main objectives included:

- Foster high-level exchange on enabling frameworks for health and equitable access.
- Establish a dialogue on inclusive social policies.
- Launch the Team Europe Initiative "Inclusive and Equitable Societies in LAC".

2. Key Topics Discussed

- Equitable Access to Health Products: Discussions emphasized universal access to safe, effective, and affordable medicines, including harmonization of regulatory standards across regions.
- Inclusive Social Policies: Strategies were explored to reduce poverty and inequality, focusing on gender, youth, and inclusive employment policies.
- Launch of Key Initiatives: Introduction of the Team Europe Initiative promoting inclusive social development aligned with SDGs.

3. Participants

The event featured high-level representatives from both regions, including PAHO officials, EU Commission staff, and health authorities from countries like Honduras and Costa Rica.

4. Outcomes and Commitments

- Funding: The EU announced EUR268 million (approx. \$290 million) to support access to basic social services and rights in LAC, aiming to mobilize up to EUR1 billion in investments.
- Regulatory Capacity Building: Launch of the 'Regulators of the Americas Learning Pathway' training program.
- Global Gateway Agenda: Event aligned with the EU's Global Gateway Investment Agenda targeting EUR45 billion mobilization for LAC by 2027.

5. Sources and Further Reading

- Main event page:
https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/events/eu-lac-high-level-event-human-development-and-health-2024-03-21_en
- Global Gateway announcement:
https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/global-gateway-eu-and-latin-america-and-caribbean-build-together-more-inclusive-and-equitable-2024-03-21_en
- PAHO coverage:
<https://www.paho.org/en/news/2-4-2024-paho-eu-lac-high-level-event-inclusive-human-development-and-equitable-access-health>
- Event agenda (PDF):
https://international-partnerships.ec.europa.eu/document/download/bbcd5f8a-98cc-41c0-816f-2b6796655c93_en?filename=eu-lac-high-level-event-human-development-agenda-2024-v5_en.pdf