# EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days 2023: Advancing Digital Cooperation in Cartagena, Colombia

**Date**: 2023-11-27

**Location**: Cartagena, Colombia

## Executive Summary

The EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days will take place in Cartagena, Colombia, from November 27-29, 2023. This event, hosted by the European Union and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation, marks the first high-level policy dialogue following the Joint Declaration on a Digital Alliance signed in July 2023. The initiative aims to promote a human-centric digital transformation through secure and resilient infrastructures, with an initial EU investment of €145 million. Participants, including government representatives, private sector, civil society, and academia, will focus on five key themes: data governance, e-governance, cybersecurity, connectivity, and AI. The discussions aim to establish common goals and actions in preparation for the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit in 2025. Some sessions will be live-streamed for broader engagement.

## Characteristics

* The EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days are scheduled for November 27-29, 2023, in Cartagena, Colombia, focusing on digital transformation.
* The event is hosted by the EU and AECID, aiming to foster secure digital infrastructures based on shared values.
* It follows the Joint Declaration on a Digital Alliance signed in July 2023, promoting bi-regional dialogue on digital issues.
* Key themes include data governance, e-governance, cybersecurity, connectivity, and AI, with participation from government, private sector, civil society, and academia.
* The outcomes will inform the agenda for the upcoming EU-CELAC Summit in 2025.

## Actors

| Category | Actor |
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| Political Actors | European Union; Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID); EU-LAC Digital Alliance |
| Research and Innovation Actors | Digital for Development Hub |

## Main Themes

| Category | Subcategory |
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| Regional & International Cooperation | EU-LAC Digital Alliance |
| Data & Governance | Data Governance; E-Governance; Cybersecurity; Digital Access |
| Technology & Innovation | Artificial Intelligence |

## Practical Applications

* The EU-LAC Digital Alliance was launched in March 2023 with an initial contribution of €145 million from the European Union and its Member States to foster the development of secure and resilient digital infrastructures.
* A Joint Declaration on a Digital Alliance was signed in July 2023, outlining core principles, values, and implementation priorities for bi-regional dialogue and cooperation on digital matters.
* The EU-LAC Digital Alliance Days, held from 27-29 November 2023 in Cartagena, Colombia, serve as a high-level policy dialogue to create an agenda and priority areas leading up to the EU-CELAC Summit in 2025.
* The event focuses on five themes: data governance, e-governance, cybersecurity, connectivity, and AI, with the aim of identifying common goals and agreeing on actions of shared interest among participants from both regions.

## Commitments

* Initial contribution of €145 million from the European Union and its Member States for the EU-LAC Digital Alliance.
* The EU-CELAC Summit is scheduled to be held in 2025.