

EL PAcCTO: A TEAM EUROPE INITIATIVE

EL PAcCTO (Europe Latin America
Technical Assistance Programme against
Transnational Organized Crime) is an
international cooperation programme

funded by European Union

that seeks to

**contribute to security and
justice in Latin America**

**by supporting the fight
against transnational
organised crime.**

**EL PAcCTO is implemented by international
cooperation institutions from 4 EU countries**

– namely FIIAPP (Spain), Expertise France (France),
IILA (Italy) and Camões (Portugal).

PROMOTION OF EU PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES TO FIGHT ORGANISED CRIME



EL PACtO
contributes to

4 of the 8

sectors of the EU International
Cooperation and Development
Results Framework:



Within the Digital Transition
sector, it addresses

Cibersecurity



Within the Governance
sector, it promotes

Justice Sector Reform



Within the Peace and Security
sectors, it works on issues related to

**Security Sector Reform
and Resilience, Conflict
Sensitivity and Peace**



Within the Gender Equality sector, it
contributes to the

**EU Action Plan on Women,
Peace and Security (WPS)
2019-2024**



The Program
also advances

**key priority/cross-cutting
issues for the European Union**

in the fight against
transnational organised
crime in Latin America:

- **Human Rights**
- **Anti-Money Laundering**
- **Environment**
- **Fight against Corruption**

SECURITY COOPERATION



EL PACtO is currently promoting the creation of

a Latin American Interior Security Committee

(CLASI - Comité Latinoamericano de Seguridad Interior) inspired by the

Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security

(COSI) of the European Union.

To support the creation of CLASI, the Program has developed a

Threat Documentation and Assessment Tool

(IDEAL – Instrumento de Documentación y Evaluación de la Amenaza en Latinoamérica) to identify regional security priorities

based on an adaptation of the Serious and Organised Crime Threat Assessment

(SOCTA) implemented by EUROPOL within the EU.

JUDICIAL COOPERATION



EL PACtO also organised the

first high-level meeting between justice institutions in Latin America and the European Union

in September, 2020. This has been the first of a series of high-level meetings to promote bi-regional judicial cooperation to fight organised crime.

COORDINATION AND COMPLEMENTARITY WITH EU AND MEMBER STATE INSTITUTIONS

Consultations
to inform and
coordinate
programming:

EU institutions

Other EU Programs

EUROSociAL+, COPOLAD II, ICRIME,
EUROFRONT, CyberNet, Cyber4Dev, GLACY+,
Global Facility AML/CTF and the EU law
enforcement support for the fight against drugs
and organized crime in Peru, amongst others.

EU member States

Participation
in Program
activities



194

people that participated in EL PACCTO
activities during 2020 were from:

39

institutions of

6

EU member
States

6

EU agencies
and networks

6

EU
Programs

COORDINATION AND COMPLEMENTARITY WITH EU AND MEMBER STATE INSTITUTIONS



Provision of European
expertise to Latin
American partners

56

**European
experts**

provided and shared
their expertise with
Latin American
institutions through
EL PAcCTO in 2020
from:

15

**institutions
of**

4

**EU member
states**

7

**EU agencies
and networks**

Participation in
bi-regional specialised
networks in the fight
against organised crime:

12

**institutions
from**

10

**EU member
States
participate in the**

5

**networks
promoted by EL
PAcCTO**

EL PAcCTO is
also working on
the creation of

2

**additional
bi-regional
networks of
Penitentiary
Academies**

and to coordinate
the fight against
cybercrime.

SUPPORT TO BI-REGIONAL OPERATIONS AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME- 2020



Operation ELIPSIA

operation coordinated within the framework of the ELIPSIA network (Europe-Latin America Initiative for the Protection and Safety of Children and Adolescents) promoted by EL PAcCTO. Since 2018, more than 30 searches have been carried out, 10 objectives identified, more than 20 people have been arrested and paedophile material and a large number of storage elements and devices have been seized in countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, Spain, Mexico and Uruguay.



Operation Retrovirus

operation led by EUROPOL which involved thirty countries, including the European Commission's Directorate-General for the Environment, the EnviCrime Network, Frontex, INTERPOL and The European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL) and the JAGUAR network against environmental crimes promoted by EL PAcCTO.



Operation Spencer

operation led by the Spanish Nature Protection Service (SEPRONA) which involved EUROPOL, the Administrative Authority of the United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, several European countries such as Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Sweden, and Latin American countries such as Argentina, Ecuador and México which participated through the JAGUAR network against environmental crimes promoted by EL PAcCTO.

COVID-19



EL PACCTO created a COVID-19 channel through which more than

830

**representatives of police,
justice and penitentiary
institutions from Europe
and Latin America**

have been able to exchange
information and lessons from
fighting crime during the pandemic in
different areas such as:

Cybercrime

particularly crimes against
minors online,

Penitentiary policy

with the introduction of healthcare
protocols and the implementation
of alternative measures to the
deprivation of liberty,

Corruption

in public procurement and
distribution of vaccines,

Management and traffic of medical waste