

## 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

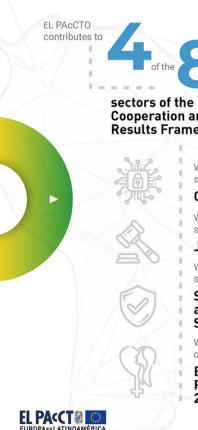
contribute to security and justice in Latin America by supporting the fight against transnational organised crime.

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

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



# TEGIE CRIMI EU



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** 



EL PAcCTO 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.



EL PAcCTO 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



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

39

institutions of

EU member States

EU agencies and networks

EU Programs



## COORDINATION AND COMPLEMENTARITY WITH EU AND MEMBER STATE INSTITUTIONS

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

institutions from

EU member States

participate in the

networks promoted by EL PACCTO



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: institutions of

15

EU member states

EU agencies and networks EL PAcCTO is also working on the creation of

additional bi-regional networks of Penitentiary Academies

> and to coordinate the fight against cybercrime.





#### **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.





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

