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EU-CELAC 2023 Summit Side-Events
EU-LAC Forum – Partners in Change
EU-LAC Business Round Table
Information Note (08.06.23)

The **EU-CELAC Summit** between the EU and Latin America and the Caribbean, will take place on 17-18 July 2023 in Brussels. It is the first summit of Heads of State and Government of the two regions in eight years. It will be an opportunity to bring together in **two side-events** ahead of the Summit, a wide range of actors, including from civil society, youth organisations, local authorities, businesses, financing institutions and government.

EU-LAC Forum – Partners in Change,

An EU-LAC Forum, including a Youth Day, will take place on **13-14 July**. It will bring together **non-state actors, youth representatives and local authorities** to discuss opportunities to build a sustainable and inclusive future for both regions.

Topics will include **social cohesion**, inequalities, education, fair work, health, culture, youth, human rights and democracy, but also **sustainable and inclusive economic development**, and the impact of the global green and digital transition. Special attention will be paid to gender equality, indigenous and disability issues. **One entire day will be devoted to youth**. Youth will be addressed in the other parts of the programme as well.

The Forum should lead to closer cooperation between non-state actors and youth organisations from EU and LAC. It should also **formulate recommendations for the Summit** and the Business Round Table on sustainable and above all inclusive, economic development.

Format and logistics

When & where	13-14 July 2023, Maison de la Poste, Tour & Taxis, Brussels
Type of event	Hybrid (online and in-person)
Participants	250 in person (by invitation only). Financial support will be available for a limited number of in-person participants for travel and subsistence. For online participation prior registration will be required
Programme	Plenary sessions and 10-12 break-out sessions and a closing ceremony. Key events, including the formal opening with key-note speakers, will take place in the afternoons to allow for online participation from LAC
Side-events	Meeting spaces, including stands, will be available to learn, meet, network, advocate and consolidate joint opportunities. A cultural event and a reception will be organised (details to follow)
Languages	English, Spanish, Portuguese and French
Organiser	European Commission (DG International Partnerships INTPA)
Co-organisers	European External Action Service (EEAS), in consultation with a dedicated EU-LAC Steering Group with civil society and local authority representatives, and a Youth Advisory Committee
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Business Round Table

Right ahead of the main Summit, the European Commission will organise a Business Round Table on **17 July** jointly with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and CAF – Development Bank of Latin America.

The **EU-LAC Business Round Table** will bring together political leaders, business CEOs, heads of development financing institutions, and industry associations to review the key strands of the **Global Gateway Investment Agenda**. Global Gateway is the EU's offer to bridge the existing investment gap in the area of fair green and digital transition, by using public financing to leverage private capital and investment for projects that deliver on key public policy objectives.

In seven round tables, participants will explore **opportunities for investments** in, amongst others, renewable energy and green hydrogen, critical raw materials, decarbonisation, and transport infrastructure projects, 5G and last-kilometre connectivity, digitalisation for public services, and sustainable finance and green bonds.

The Business Round Table will also address **social issues** related to investments opportunities, such as the promotion of decent jobs and formal employment, education and vocational training, gender equality and corporate social responsibility.

The Business Round Table will be a **small-scale, high-level event with a maximum of 150 participants, by invitation and in-person only**. It features a general opening session, seven parallel round tables and a closing event just ahead of the main Summit which should allow for key messages to feed into it.

Format and logistics

When & where	17 July 2023, from 09.00-15.00, European Commission, Berlaymont, Brussels
Type of event	In person only
Participants	150 in person (by invitation only)
Programme	Plenary session and 7 break-out sessions and a closing ceremony, latter open to the press
Side-events	Meeting rooms for bilaterals will be available. A reception will be organised on 16.07.23 in the evening (details to be confirmed)
Languages	English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French
Organiser	European Commission (DG International Partnerships INTPA)
Co-organisers	Interamerican Development Bank, IDB, and CAF, Development Bank of Latin America
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EU-LAC Forum – Partners in Change

Youth, Civil Society and Local Authorities

Draft programme overview

08:00-09:00	Welcome and Registration			
09:00-09:30	Welcome to Participants and Official Opening of the Youth Day			
09:30-10:15	Youth Day session 1: State of play of youth in LAC			<i>Opening of the stands dedicated to youth civil society, local authorities and other relevant thematic partners in a Team Europe approach.</i>
10:30-12:30	Youth Day session 2a: World Café <i>Partnerships to Engage – “Youth engagement in the EU and LAC”</i>	Youth Day session 2b: World Café <i>Partnerships to Empower – “Empowering youth for reducing inequalities “</i>	Youth Day session 2c: World Café <i>Partnerships to Connect – “Building bridges between youth from LAC and EU”</i>	<i>Space for exhibitions in the stands, as well as side meetings and side events.</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch for all participants			
14:00-14:45	Youth Day session 3: Feedback from the World Café sessions and wrap up <i>Space to build the final draft of the youth recommendations to be presented in the conclusions, involving online participation via slido/remote/previous contributions.</i>			Open Space for Civil Society <i>Space for side meetings and side events possible.</i>
14:45-15:30	Youth Day “Tête-à-Tête” of Youth Participants with Ms. Jutta URPILAINEN, European Commissioner for International Partnerships <i>Panel with youth representatives to recapitulate on main conclusions of the previous sessions of the EU-LAC Youth Day. It could be a closed doors session or otherwise an open session to share youth views with all civil society and local authorities’ participants.</i>			Open Space for Local Authorities <i>“Good Governance and Decentralisation Processes”</i>

15:30-16:30	Official Opening of the EU-LAC Forum: Plenary Session and Thematic Dialogues (I) Keynote speaker: Ms. Jutta URPIAINEN, European Commissioner for International Partnerships			
16:45–17:45	Open Space for Youth <i>Youth stand and space for side meetings and side events with a focus on youth, with youth organisations and key partners.</i>	TD1: Education and Skills Development	TD2: Health, Care Societies and Gender Equality	TD3: Civic Space, Human Rights and Democracy
18:00-19:00		TD4: People-to-People, Diversity and Culture	TD5: Migration and Displacements	TD6: Peace, Human Security, Social Justice, and Fight against Organised Crime
19:00-20:30	Cultural Events with a focus on Youth			
	Networking Cocktail / Standing Dinner for All Participants			

FRIDAY, 14 JULY 2023

08:30-09:00	Welcome and Registration	
09:00-10:00	Plenary Session and Thematic Dialogues (II) High level participation Speakers: International Organisation/ CSO Representative /ALA Representative/Youth representative	
10:00-11:00	TD7: Social Cohesion and Fight Against Inequalities	<i>Space for exhibitions in the stands, as well as side meetings and side events.</i>
11:00-12:00	TD8: Inclusive Digital Transformation	
12:00-13:00	TD9: Just Green Transitions	
13:00-14:30	Lunch for all participants	
14:30-15:30	TD 10: Global Gateway for Sustainable and Inclusive Economies	<i>Space for exhibitions in the stands, as well as side meetings and side events.</i>

15:30-17:30	<p align="center">TD 11: Partnerships and Multi- Stakeholders' Engagements</p>	<p align="center"><i>Space for exhibitions in the stands, as well as side meetings and side events.</i></p>
	<p align="center">Break</p>	

17:30-18:30	<p align="center">Plenary Session: Conclusions and Closing remarks</p> <p align="center">High level participation</p> <p align="center"><i>Final session to present the conclusions of the EU-LAC Forum. This would be the moment to present the main recommendations proposed by the representatives of youth, civil society organisations and associations of local authorities. Leaders and high-level government representatives are cordially invited to attend the session.</i></p>	
	<p align="center">Standing Dinner for All Participants</p> <p align="center">Space for the follow up of the discussions (optional)</p>	