

# Triangular Cooperation

European Union  
Latin America and the Caribbean

2021-2027



Fostering triangular partnerships  
for innovative initiatives  
with a strong impact on the 2030 Agenda

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In 2015, the European Union launched ADELANTE, a programme with a special focus on Triangular Cooperation as a modality, aimed at promoting horizontal, flexible and innovative partnerships.

During the first phase (2015-2020), ADELANTE co-financed eight triangular projects involving 93 organisations from 22 countries in Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. Based on the lessons learnt during the first phase, the European Union launched in 2021 ADELANTE 2 (2021-2027), an innovative programme that aims to contribute to reaching the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean through Triangular Cooperation initiatives.

*Triangular Cooperation is a horizontal and partnership-centred modality, in which the complementary knowledge and expertise of the different partners and their resources are leveraged to jointly create solutions that address development challenges.*

## Triangular Cooperation Partnerships

### BENEFICIARIES

Entities that want to address a development challenge linked to any SDG.



### FIRST PROVIDERS

Entities that have knowledge and expertise in responding to the same development challenge or similar, and want to offer or make such knowledge available to the Beneficiary.

### SECOND PROVIDERS

Entities that have knowledge and expertise in responding to the same development challenge or similar, and want to offer or make such knowledge available to the Beneficiary.

ADELANTE 2 is structured around three components:

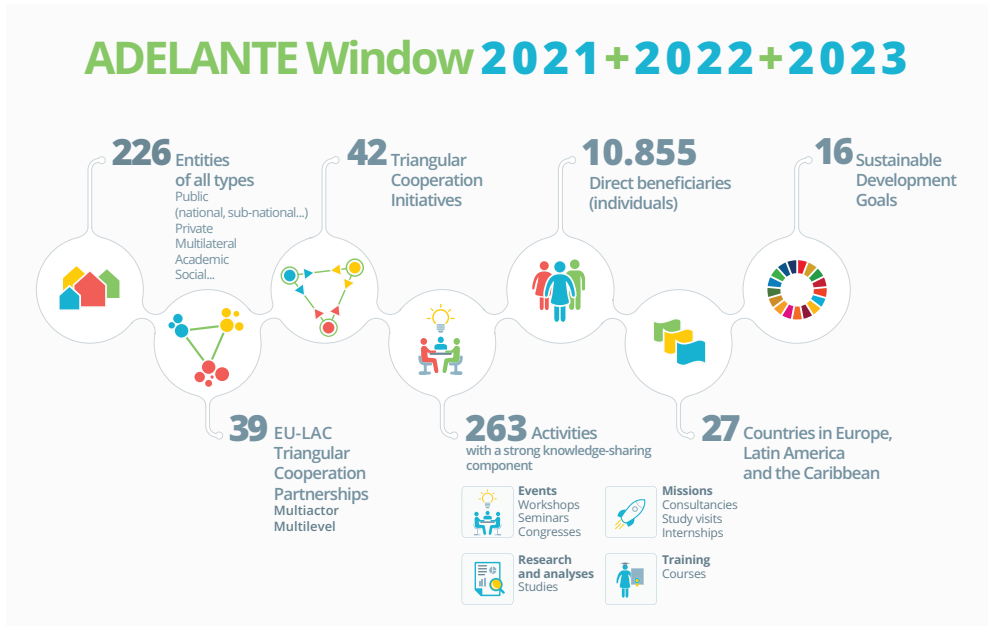
## Operational support component

The **ADELANTE Window**, with an overall indicative budget of **5,000,000 euro from the European Union**, is a co-financing instrument that seeks to mobilise and channel resources towards partnerships or alliances between entities in Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean that comply with the Triangular Cooperation modality, with the ultimate goal of fulfilling the 2030 Agenda and achieving more inclusive and sustainable development. It is demand-driven and aims to be agile and flexible ('rapid response' approach).

**Triangular Cooperation Partnerships** formed by European, Latin American and Caribbean entities of all types can be submitted to the ADELANTE Window, with each entity fulfilling one of the Triangular Cooperation roles. It is open to **Triangular Cooperation Initiatives** that address the SDGs and is comprised of activities aimed at knowledge triangulation.

This approach has enabled the creation and consolidation of powerful, high-profile **multi-stakeholder and multi-level partnerships** with a significant impact on development.

It has a duration of four years, and is coordinated through 'annual windows'.



The ADELANTE Window 2024 is scheduled to open during the first quarter of next year.

## Analytical support component

With a contribution of **500,000 euro from the European Union**, this component aims to develop **analyses and studies** of public policies in order to assess the impact of the European Union's Triangular Cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean, and to determine how to increase its added value. To this end, the EU joined efforts with SEGIB, a strategic partner in the LAC region.

## Institutional support component

With a contribution of **5,000,000 euro from the European Union**, this component consists of **six Triangular Cooperation funds** that seek to promote Triangular Cooperation projects between actors in Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean, providing innovative responses to development challenges in the region. This component aims to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and meet the SDGs.

In a 'Team Europe' approach, Germany and Spain support the EU in implementing four of these funds.

### **1 - Trilateral Cooperation Instrument Brazil - European Union - Germany**

Brazilian Cooperation Agency - ABC

German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) - GmbH

### **2 - Joint Triangular Cooperation Fund Chile - European Union**

Chilean Agency for International Development Cooperation (AGCID)

### **3 - Triangular Cooperation Mechanism Colombia - European Union - Germany**

Colombian Presidential Agency of International Cooperation - APC

German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) - GmbH

### **4 - Triangular Cooperation fund Costa Rica - European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship

Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation - AECID

### **5 - Triangular Cooperation fund European Union - Cuba - Latin America and the Caribbean**

Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment - MINCEX

Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation - AECID

### **6 - Triangular Cooperation Fund Uruguay - European Union**

Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation - AUCI