

EU-Latin America and the Caribbean: partners of choice for a changing world

As the European Union and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) met for the upcoming bi-regional Summit in Santa Marta, Colombia (9–10 November 2025), the **partnership between the two regions is stronger and more dynamic than ever.**

“Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) is an indispensable partner in today’s world”.

Kaja Kallas, EU High Representative
European Parliament speech in February 2025



The **EU-LAC partnership** is not just about shared values; **it’s about shared action and tangible results that impact people’s lives.**

Since the **2023 EU-CELAC Summit**, collaboration between both regions is guided by the EU-LAC Roadmap of Bi-Regional Initiatives and reinforced by high-level political engagement.

The EU-LAC partnership is shaping a future that is



inclusive,



sustainable,



and forward-looking.

The two regions offer a model of cooperation that prioritizes



people,



the planet,



shared prosperity.

1 Dynamic Political Agenda

Since the 2023 Summit dialogue intensified,

30+

high-level visits
to the region, meetings and
progress on various topics.

These meetings have strengthened cooperation on:



climate
action



security



human rights



interconnection



trade



digital
transformation



championing
multilateralism

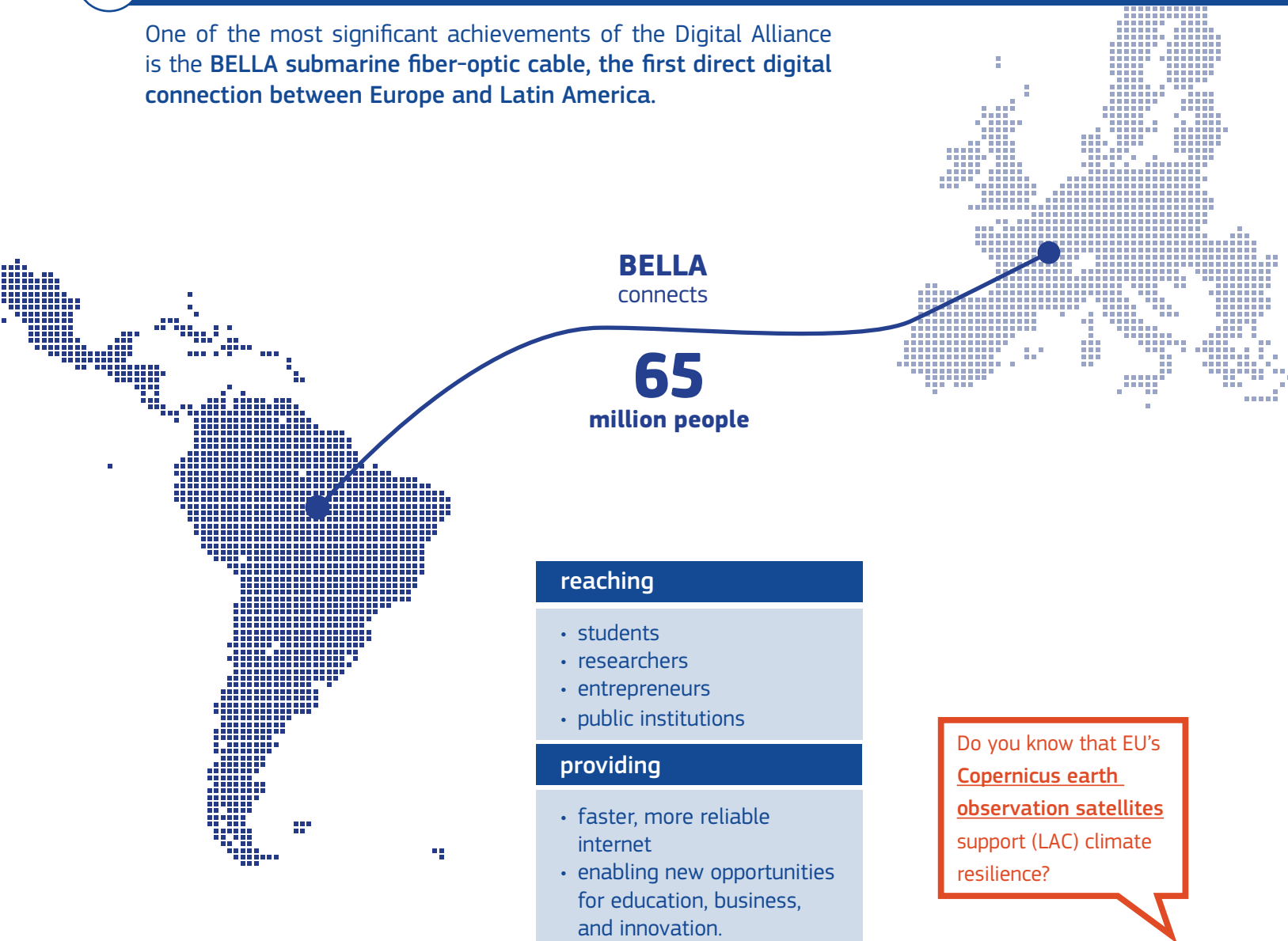


EU-LAC Global Gateway
Investment Agenda

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The EU-LAC Digital Alliance: Connecting People, Driving Innovation

One of the most significant achievements of the Digital Alliance is the **BELLA** submarine fiber-optic cable, the first direct digital connection between Europe and Latin America.



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EU – Latin America and the Caribbean: Existing and Future Agreements

Total **trade**¹

€416
billion

Total **growth** since 2014

+56%

EU investment stocks in LAC²

€811
billion
- **1st investor**
in the region

¹Goods (2024) and service (2023) imports and exports
²2023 data



Mexico*

Total **trade** **€80.86 billion**

Total **growth**
since 2015 **72%**

Total
investment **€178 billion**

Central America*

Total **trade** **€25 billion**

Total **growth**
since 2015 **94%**

Total
investment **€18 billion**

Andean Community*

Total **trade** **€46.5 billion**

Total **growth**
since 2015 **44%**

Total
investment **€48 billion**

Chile*

Total **trade** **€25.5 billion**

Total **growth**
since 2015 **33%**

Total
investment **€58 billion**

CARIFORUM*

Total **trade** **€38 billion**

Total **growth**
since 2015 **38%**

Total
investment **€169 billion**

Mercosur

Total **trade** **€151 billion**

Total **growth**
since 2015 **38%**

Total
investment **€379.51 billion**

This historic deal could create the
**WORLD'S LARGEST TRADE
ZONE**, covering over

 **700** 

million consumers

*Trade Agreement in place

Mercosur's
green and digital
transition



sustainable
agriculture,



renewable
energy,



and
innovation

In support to
the agreement EU
invested €1.8 billion
to facilitate mutually
beneficial actions.

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EIB Partnership in LAC



Over the last 50 years, the EIB has invested over €17 billion in LAC, financing projects that have **strengthened economies, improved infrastructure, and expanded access to essential services**. In 2025, the EIB aims to reach a record of between €1.5–2 billion in direct investments, prioritising **energy transition, sustainable transport and gender and inclusion: key drivers of competitiveness, connectivity, and climate resilience**. An additional €1 billion package will accelerate electricity integration and the energy transition in Central America, bringing the whole EIB commitment in the region for 2025 to up to \$3 billion.

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People to People



CULTURE: Cinema has the power to bring people together: **discover the EU-LAC Cinema campaign**.



SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT MEDIA: Professional journalism has a key role in the EU-LAC partnership, in the past three years: around **60 journalists from 17 LAC countries have visited EU institutions in Brussels**.



YOUTH AND ACADEMIA: Students and academic voices contribute clearly to **build bridges between EU, Latin America and the Caribbean**.

EU-LAC exchanges

EU-LAC
Foundation
Youth Days

Erasmus+

Horizon
Europe

Young Colombian activist Maria Irene Silva meets
EU HR/VP Kaja Kallas during the 2025 youth policy dialogue.



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