



EU-Panama partnership

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Energy Transition

- Extending access to sustainable electricity for thousands of households in the **Ngäbe-Buglé** indigenous region
- Supporting feasibility studies for projects like the cable car system in **San Miguelito** and a railway line connecting **Panama City** and **Chiriquí**
- Contributing to Panama's green hydrogen strategy and regulatory framework development
- Strengthening power generation, distribution, and transmission systems

Environment

- Promoting climate finance and sustainable development practices
- Supporting marine conservation in the Gulf of Chiriquí

Digital

Panama is becoming a digital hub for Central America with EU support:

- Hosting the **regional CopernicusLAC Centre**, building capacity in Earth observation and environmental data use
- Supporting infrastructure and inclusive digital ecosystems under the **BELLA II** programme
- Supporting digital rights and online freedoms through local civil society initiatives



Governance, Security & Migration *

The EU is working with Panama to strengthen the rule of law, citizen security and regional cooperation on migration:

- Supporting efforts to combat transnational crime, human trafficking and migrant smuggling
- Strengthening judicial transparency and legislative capacity through civil society partnerships and parliamentary support
- Enhancing democratic governance and access to justice, particularly for women

Decarbonisation of the Panama Canal

To support climate resilience and reduce emissions in the Canal and surrounding areas, the EU is:

- Supporting watershed management and adaptation measures in the **Panama Canal basin**
- Promoting green shipping corridors and energy efficiency in ports, including support to regional maritime initiatives

* This domain is outside Global Gateway but complementing engagement under it.

These outputs provide an overview of the main domains of actions of the EU in the partner country, pursuing a Team Europe approach.

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