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“Social cohesion is an attribute of societies which implies equality of opportunities so that the population can exercise its fundamental rights and ensure its well-being without discrimination of any type and attending to diversity. From an individual perspective, it involves the existence of people who feel part of a community, participate in decision taking and can exercise active citizenship. It also involves the development of public policies and mechanisms of solidarity between individuals, groups, territories and generations.”

EUROsociAL

FIAPP's objective is to help strengthen social cohesion as the central and all-embracing element of political dialogue, commercial relations and development cooperation between the European Union and Latin America and to become the Euro-Latin American contribution to governance.



**Fight against poverty
and inequalities**



During the last years, the European Commission has been promoting two important and specific cooperation programmes with Latin America that approach social cohesion from an inter-regional perspective: EUROsociAL and URB-AL III, both coordinated from FIIAPP.

Through these programmes, the Foundation has a crucial role in placing social question in the public agenda of Latin America.



Social cohesion is one of the pillars in the relations between the European Union and Latin America

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The Regional Programme for Social Cohesion in Latin America, EUROSociAL (2005-2010), is an initiative of the European Commission for technical cooperation. It aims to reduce inequalities in the region by promoting and strengthening public policies in five key sectors: education, employment, taxation, justice and health.

EUROSociAL is coordinated by the FIIAPP and managed by a joint committee that includes the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL), as well as the European Commission.

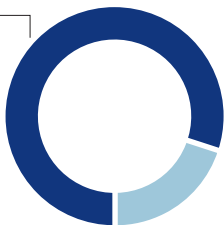
The FIIAPP also coordinates the EUROSociAL Justice consortium which helps to improve access to justice for disadvantaged groups. It trains institutional heads to formulate, approve and manage judicial public policies. It involves the exchange of experiences in areas such as the promotion of special anti-corruption crime units, the investigation of crimes involving child pornography, the promotion of laws against gender violence and the reform of criminal and civil procedures aimed at getting the courts to work faster.



EUROsocial

80%

EUROPEAN
COMMISSION



20%

OTHERS

400 ACTIVITIES

2,000 INSTITUTIONS

160 PUBLIC POLICIES

36 MILLION EUROS

URB-AL III

78%

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COMMISSION



22%

OTHERS

20 PROJECTS

71 TERRITORIES

170 INSTITUTIONS

64 MILLION EUROS

URB-AL III

The aim of the third phase of the URB-AL Programme (2009-2012) is to help local and regional governments in Latin America to increase their degree of social and territorial cohesion. It promotes processes and policies that could become reference models and that show possible ways of political action for these governments.

Twenty projects were launched, which will have a direct impact on 71 Latin American territories. These projects concern local governance, cross-border cooperation, migration, waste management, citizen security, women's employment, urban development and land management.

The forming of the Coordination and Orientation Office (OCO) was adjudicated by the European Commission to a consortium led by the Barcelona Provincial Council (Spain), the physical headquarters of the OCO, and in which the FIAPP participates.



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