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Boosting EU cooperation with countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in the fight against organised crime is a priority of the Commission¹. It is also a priority of the EU cooperation with Mexico. The EU closely monitors Mexico's security strategy and remains committed to supporting Mexico in security and drug trafficking efforts through programmes like the Europe Latin America Programme of Assistance against Transnational Organised Crime² and the Cooperation Program between Latin America, the Caribbean and the EU on drug policy³.

The Commission ensures effective fund management through strict monitoring, evaluation, and financial controls, involving the Court of Auditors and the European Anti-Fraud Office. The EU applies a constructive engagement policy while safeguarding financial interests, using the early detection and exclusion system as per Article 138 of the Financial Regulation⁴.

EU support in Mexico funds civil society organisations focused on democratic, social, and economic development. Assistance also extends to inclusive and green reforms via Member States and United Nations agencies, emphasising capacity building, best practice exchanges, and policy support. Key intervention areas include decent work, green transport, migration, health, public finance reform, in the framework of the Global Gateway strategy⁵.

Civil society plays a crucial role in Mexico's development, achieving successes in migration, human rights, transparency, and public accountability. This participatory approach strengthens reforms and the rule of law. The EU also actively cooperated with the United States and other partners in the Global Coalition to Address Synthetic Drug Threats.

¹ Action 15 of the Communication on the EU roadmap to fight drug trafficking and organised crime, COM(2023) 641 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52023DC0641>

² <https://elpaccto.eu/en/>

³ <https://copolad.eu/en/>

⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202402509

⁵ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway_en