



# Regional Fund for Triangular Cooperation with Partners in Latin America and the Caribbean

Since 2011, the BMZ has been promoting the strengthening of triangular cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean through the Regional Fund. It has established itself as a successful model recognised by all partners thanks to the interaction between the **implementation of triangular cooperation projects, the development of management skills and the promotion of policy dialogue.**

- **Countries and projects:** So far 36 countries have participated in a total of 113 projects, either completed or ongoing, taking on the role of pivotal and soliciting partners, including countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Since 2018, the projects undergo an external evaluation upon completion.
- **Budget:** The German contribution since 2011 amounts to about 49 million euros, including co-financing of 2.5 million EUR from the European Union (EU-INTPA in 2021) and Colombia (Colombian Presidential Agency of International Cooperation, APC) as well as EU and Brazil (Brazil Cooperation Agency, ABC, in 2022).

All partners will contribute approx. 52 million EUR until 2025, demonstrating the leverage effect of the modality.

Among the Regional Fund's characteristic success factors is the fact that it is **demand-driven and not restricted to any particular sector.** The priorities of the projects in the region include sectoral issues such as climate action and environmental protection, renewable energy, urban development and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Digitalization and technology transfer** have been strengthened by the Regional Fund through the promotion of these topics starting from the project design and communication.

In line with the principle of horizontality, Germany participates as the facilitating partner, providing the same contribution as the pivotal partner, which generates a **significant leverage effect and a high degree of ownership.**

In **two annual calls for tenders** in April and October, project proposals that meet a raft of criteria can be submitted via the German embassies.





Based on DEval's evaluation of triangular cooperation (2020), the BMZ guidelines and the changing global framework, the Regional Fund aims to strengthen triangular cooperation in the Latin American and Caribbean region in support of national and global development.

Countries and multilateral partners in and with Latin America and the Caribbean play a greater role in such activities, and the Regional Fund will be more open and accessible to other partners in its aim to contribute to **strengthening alliances with partners in other regions**.

More flexibility is also envisaged regarding roles of partners. Firstly, not only countries but also regional and international organizations will be able to participate as partners and, secondly, the roles of pivotal, soliciting partner and facilitator will be more versatile, as will the number of partners involved.

For example, a dual partnership may mean that two countries are both soliciting partners and are able to pass on their own experiences, enabling knowledge sharing.



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Commissioner	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Objective	Triangular cooperation for national and global development in Latin America and the Caribbean is strengthened.
Individual projects	Since 2011, a total of 113 triangular cooperation projects, in fields such as climate action and environmental protection, renewable energy, urban development and economic recovery
Countries	36 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and some in Asia, Africa and the Middle East so far
Partners	Cooperation agencies, sectoral organisations such as governmental institutions, the private sector, civil society, academia and international organisations
Budget	2011 - 2025: German contribution: 49 million EUR including a co-financing of 2.5 Mio. EUR 2.5 million from the EU (INTPA, 2021) and Colombia as well as EU-Brazil (2022). All partners will contribute approx. 52 million EUR until 2025.

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