



# 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 107 projects, either completed or ongoing, taking on the role of pivotal partners and beneficiaries, 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 (INTPA, 2021) and Colombia (APC) and Brazil (ABC, 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 confined 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** – issues of relevance to development cooperation in the future – have been strengthened by the Regional Fund in recent years, especially in 2020 and 2021.

In line with the principle of horizontality, Germany is almost always 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 rounds of 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 new global framework conditions, the Fund aims to strengthen triangular cooperation in the Latin American and Caribbean region in support of national and global development.

The idea is that countries and multilateral partners in and with Latin America and the Caribbean will play a greater role in such activities, and that the Fund will be more open and flexible in its focus on **strengthening alliances with partners in other regions**.

More flexibility is also envisaged with regard to the possible roles of the partners. Firstly, not only countries but also regional and international organizations will be able to participate as partners and, secondly, the roles of pivotal partner, beneficiary partner and facilitator will be more flexible, as will

the number of partners involved. For example, a dual partnership may mean that two countries are both beneficiary partners and are able to pass on their own experiences and knowledge.



Project	
Commissioned by	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 107 triangular cooperation projects, 33 of which are ongoing, 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 million EUR from the EU (INTPA, 2021) and Colombia and Brazil (2022). Together, pivotal and beneficiary partners will contribute approx. 52 million EUR until 2025.

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