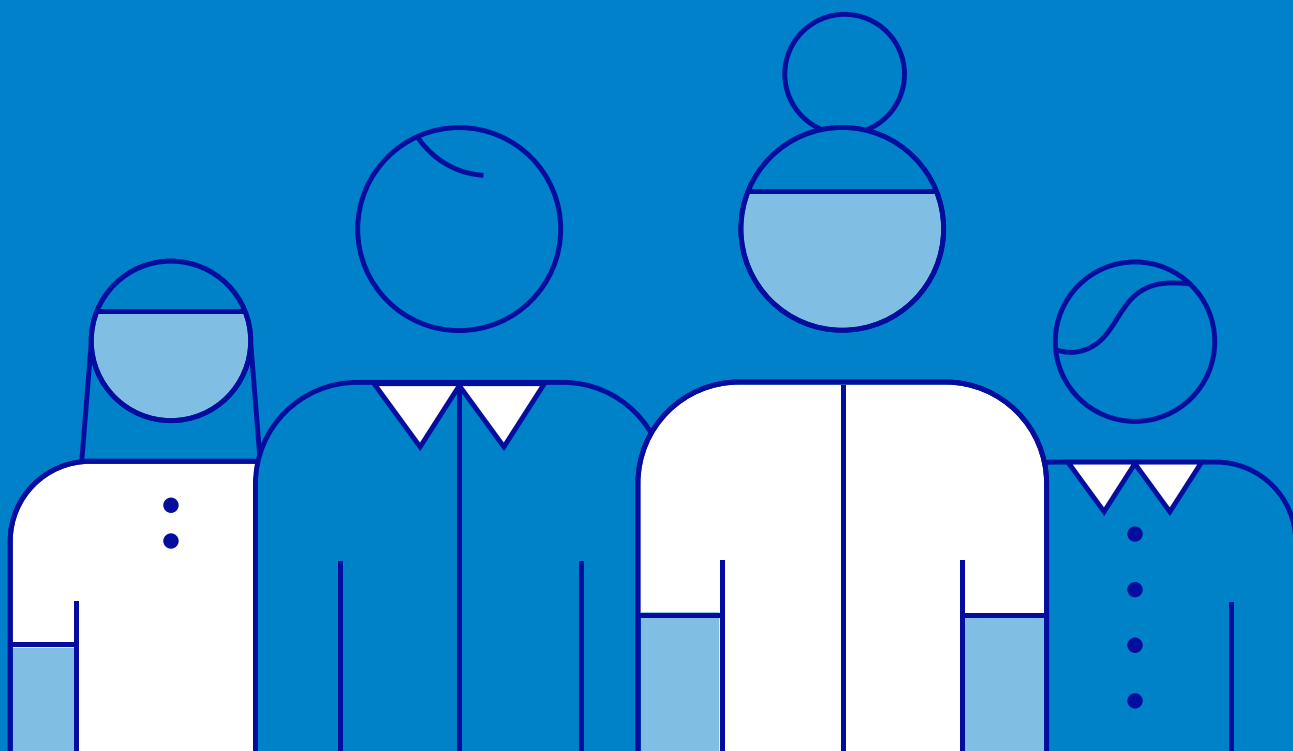


Joint Implementation Projects

WORKING BETTER TOGETHER



Practitioners' Network
for European Development Cooperation

01. Introduction



A joint implementation project is a mechanism developed in the European Union as part of the EU Global Strategy 2016. It is designed to strengthen Europe's contribution to implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda through greater synergies, coordination and coherence.

The definition of joint implementation for the Practitioners' Network, as per Views and Suggestions # 4, May 2017, is:

“Joint Implementation refers to the combined effort of the European Commission, EU Delegations, Member States and other European countries, including their respective agencies and development financial institutions, to address sustainable development challenges and to achieve joint objectives in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It brings together, when appropriate and with those willing to participate, resources and capacities to meet the objectives and the results jointly agreed on a case-by-case basis, taking account of the comparative advantages of European partners. It contributes to the enhancement of an effective, coherent, coordinated and visible European aid architecture and increases the leverage of EU development cooperation as a whole”

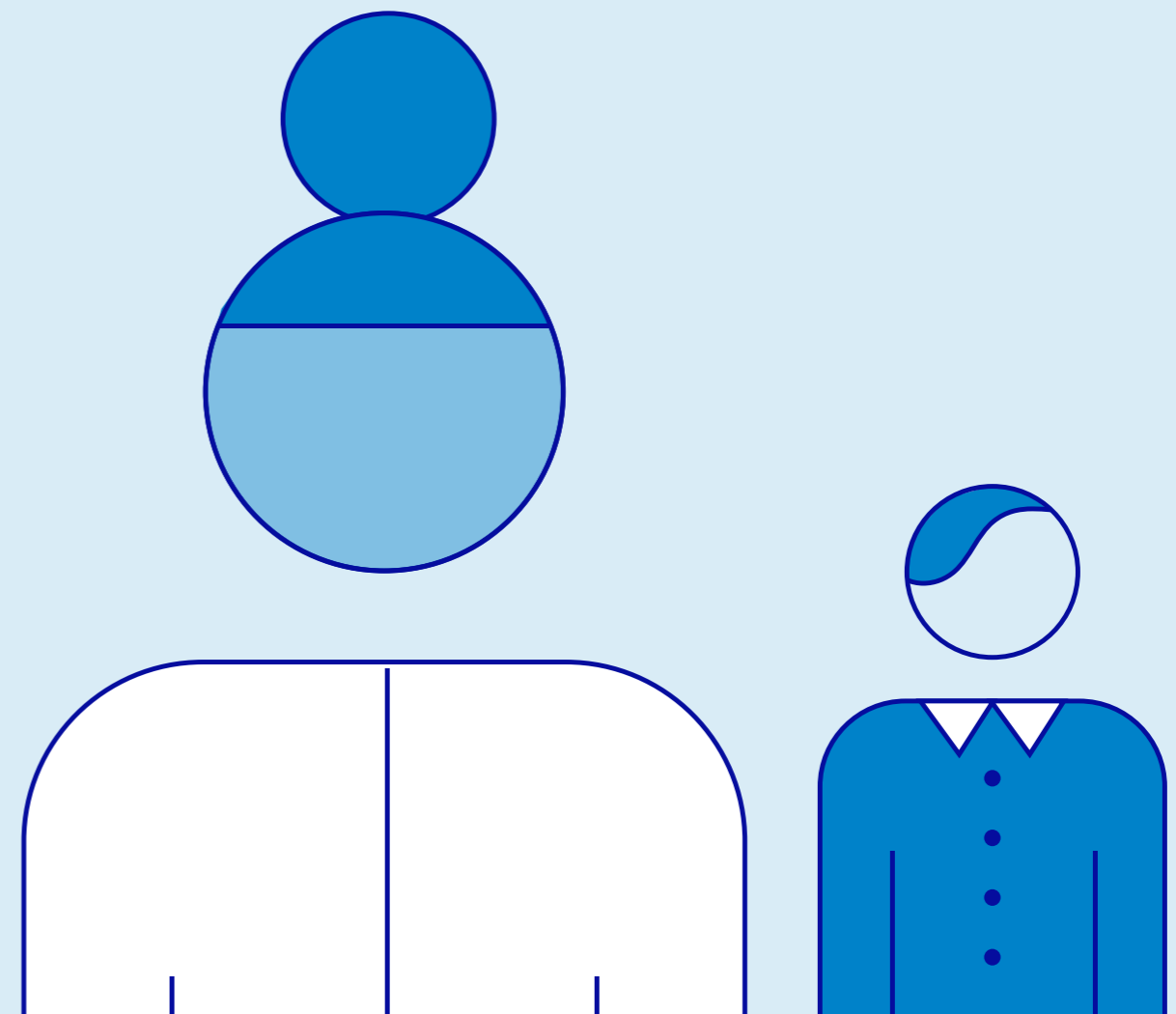
The principles of joint implementation projects require:

- Partner country engagement – appropriation and ownership to ensure greater impact.
- Continued policy dialogue and partner country demand.
- Political commitment fostering a partnership of trust.
- Ability to combine financial cooperation with technical cooperation and capacity strengthening.



Within the Practitioners' Network, the European Development Agencies work together to exchange knowledge, best practices and lesson learned so they can jointly run joint implementation projects.

We have identified some **key joint implementation projects** that demonstrate to the public the experience and impact of Working Better Together and the Team Europe Approach.



02. Joint Implementation Projects



EUROCLIMA+

DEVCO Priority
Green Deal

Agencies Involved
GIZ, FIIAPP, AECID, AFD,
EF, UNEP and ECLAC

Total Budget
€144 million with co-
funding from the French,
German (BMZ) and
Spanish governments

Countries
18 Latin American partner
countries: Argentina,
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile,
Colombia, Costa Rica,
Cuba, Ecuador, El
Salvador, Guatemala,
Honduras, Mexico,
Nicaragua, Panama,
Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay
and Venezuela

Duration of the Project
2010/2017-2022

More information
<http://www.euroclimaplus.org/en/>

<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/articles/euroclima-combatting-climate-change-latin-america>

Objectives

To reduce the impact of climate change and its effects in Latin America by promoting climate change mitigation and adaptation, resilience and investment. How? By implementing actions where European cooperation can bring added value.

Description

In the current programming period (2020-2022), EUROCLIMA+ supports national-level actions based on country dialogues, as well as regional and multi-country actions based on a common approach.

The programme works under 6 lines of actions:

1. Plans and policies
2. Climate financing
3. Transparency
4. Intersectoral, multi-level and multi-stakeholder coordination
5. Action for climate empowerment
6. Gender and vulnerable groups

The programme targets 6 key sectors:

1. Forests, biodiversity and ecosystems
2. Energy efficiency
3. Urban water management
4. Disaster risk reduction and management
5. Urban mobility
6. Resilient food production

The programme supports the process of developing and strengthening climate policies through different instruments: technical assistance, capacity building, exchange of best practices/lessons learned, studies, events/seminars/workshops, peer exchanges and pilot projects.

EUROCLIMA+ is the EU's flagship programme on environmental sustainability and climate change with Latin America.

Videos:

YouTube channel:

[Programa EUROCLIMA+](#)



[EUROCLIMA+: voces from Latin America - YouTube](#)



[Sector temático: Bosques, Biodiversidad y Ecosistemas - YouTube](#)



[Día mundial de las mujeres rurales, 2020 - YouTube](#)

Life/Personal Testimony:

Videos:

[YouTube / EUROCLIMA+](#)

[YouTube / Fortalecimiento de sistemas indígenas de producción sostenible de alimentos](#)

[YouTube / Mujeres en bici en Costa Rica](#)

[YouTube / #EuroclimaplusBosques - Entrevista a Katia Chacón](#)

[YouTube / Gustavo Máñez, ONU Ambiente “La vacuna contra el CC son los planes de recuperación post-COVID”](#)

[YouTube / Fabiola Muñoz, ministra del Ambiente del Perú: hacia la sostenibilidad ambiental](#)

Photos:

[Flickr / https://www.flickr.com/photos/151665002@N06/albums/page1](https://www.flickr.com/photos/151665002@N06/albums/page1)

Interviews:

[YouTube / From crisis to green recovery, EUROCLIMA+ and its potential in the COVID-19 crisis](#)

[YouTube / Por una metrópoli donde habiten todos los trayectos](#)



ICR

Investment Climate Reform Facility



DEVCO Priority

Private Sector
Development / EU External
Investment Plan (Third
Pillar Investment Climate)

Beneficiaries

Public and private
stakeholders in African,
Caribbean and Pacific
(ACP) countries

Agencies Involved

GIZ, British Council,
Expertise France and SNV

Total Budget

€11,625 million

Countries

Members of the
Organisation of African,
Caribbean and Pacific
States (OACPS)

Duration of the Project

12/2019-08/2022

More information

www.icr-facility.eu

LinkedIn /

Investment Climate Reform
Facility

YouTube /

Investment Climate Reform
Facility

Objectives

The ICR Facility helps public and private stakeholders in ACP countries to improve their investment climate and business environment. In a conducive, sustainable and inclusive business environment, local and international businesses increase their Sustainable Development Goals-related investments. This generates decent jobs and improves livelihoods in ACP countries.

Description

The ICR Facility provides specific, complementary and targeted technical assistance of up to 90 expert days to improve the business environment and investment climate in ACP countries. Eligible public and private stakeholders can submit requests for technical assistance for their business environment and investment climate improvement initiatives. The requests must be part of a wider strategy, reform process or public-private dialogue mechanism.

The ICR Facility also supports six national or sub-regional development finance institutions (DFIs) with tailor-made technical assistance, and an even greater number of DFIs through the dissemination of good practices and lessons learned.

Good practices and lessons learned are mainstreamed via knowledge products, interactive communication and peer-to-peer learning.

The ICR Facility is co-funded by the EU, the OACPS under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the British Council.

Videos



[Explanatory video
of the ICR Facility](#)



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EUROSOCIAL+



DEVCO Priority Governance

Beneficiaries

Public administrations (public systems) related to social cohesion public policies at national and subregional level; existing national and intraregional networks; citizens

Agencies Involved

FIAPP, Expertise France, IILA, SISCA (Secretariat of Central American Social Integration) and SICA (Central American Integration System)

Total Budget

€32 million (+ contribution from the Dominican Republic to EUROsociAL+ 2019-2021 due to participation – €700 000)

Countries

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic^[1], Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela

Duration of the Project

2016-2021

More information

<https://eurosociAL.eu/>

Objectives

This joint implementation project contributes to reducing inequality, improving levels of social cohesion and strengthening the institutions of 19 Latin American countries. It provides support to the process of designing, reforming and implementing public policy, focusing its action on gender equality, democratic governance and social policy.

Description

This programme is funded by the European Commission which, since 2005, has been providing a space for peer-to-peer learning and experience exchange between counterpart institutions from the two regions, favouring the use of a broad catalogue of tools relevant to each process.

The new phase of the programme will focus on three priority areas of action:

1. Social policies
2. Good governance policies
3. Gender equality policies

This joint implementation project has been running for almost 20 years, with a consortium involving different organisations and promoting social cohesion. The programme extended its geographical coverage to include the Dominican Republic, the only country in the region of Central America which was not already a partner (since it does not benefit from the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)). By coordinating aims, alignments, stakeholders and procedures, EUROsociAL+ now has a key partner in the Dominican Republic which has shown great interest in applying policy first as a principle and therefore using policy dialogue as a vehicle for sustainable development.

[1] The participation of the Dominican Republic in EUROsociAL+ was formalised by the signing of a Contribution Agreement financed by the European Development Fund budget decentralised on the EUD in the country.





BRIDGING THE GAP

DEVCO Priority

Human Rights, Global Public Goods

Beneficiaries

National institutions in charge of the inclusion of persons with disabilities and/or of sectoral policies; Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs); Development Cooperation Practitioners.

Agencies Involved

FIIAPP, ADA, AECID and AICS

Total Budget

€6.9 million

Countries

Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan

Duration of the Project

04/2017-08/2021

Objectives

The overall objective is to promote the socio-economic inclusion of persons with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries.

Expected Results

- Strengthening of disability mainstreaming in development cooperation;
- Reinforcement of the capacity of public institutions in delivering inclusive and accessible public services and policies;
- Reinforcement of the capacity of OPDs to advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Description

Bridging the Gap is a project funded by the EU under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI), Thematic Programme “Global Public Goods and Challenges”. The project carries out actions aimed at increasing the inclusion of persons with disabilities at both the international and country level.

The project is a targeted thematic response to the requirement to make development cooperation accessible to and inclusive of persons with disabilities, which is an obligation for the EU and Member States as parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and which can have a significant impact on improving social inclusion and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities.

Videos



YouTube:
[BtG project - YouTube](#)



Multimedia on website:
<https://bridgingthegap-project.eu/multimedia/>

Life/Personal Testimony



Project blog:
<https://bridgingthegap-project.eu/blog/>



Project photobook
[Photobook - Bridging the Gap \(bridgingthegap-project.eu\)](#)

The initiative consists of two mutually reinforcing parts:

BRIDGING THE GAP-I

The first component works at the global level and aims to develop tools to promote the rights, participation and inclusion of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in line with the CRPD.

This component is led by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) with support from the Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP).

BRIDGING THE GAP-II

The second component focuses on strengthening the capacities of governments, national human rights institutions and relevant organisations in five partner countries (Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Paraguay and Sudan), as well as mainstreaming disability in international cooperation, to develop, implement and monitor disability-inclusive sector policies and services in a participatory manner and in line with the CRPD, namely in relation to inclusive education, universal access to health and employment, livelihoods and social protection and data generation.

Based on country actions, the project will advance a disability-inclusive development agenda by raising awareness and strengthening the capacities of development partners and civil society, in accordance with the CRPD and the 2030 Agenda. Critical issues such as overall respect for human rights, universal accessibility, gender and social sustainable development will be meaningfully incorporated into the project's work.

Bridging the Gap-II is implemented by a consortium led by the FIIAPP, and composed of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (IADC), European Disability Forum (EDF) and International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC). The OHCHR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland also contribute to the initiative.

More information

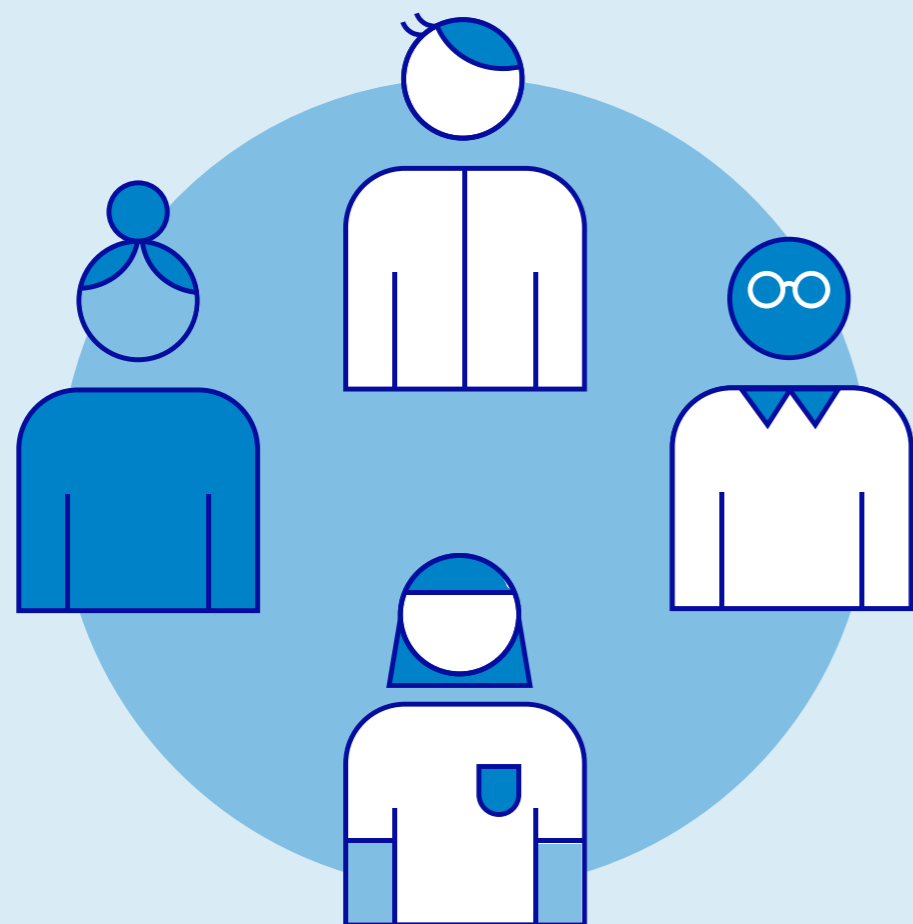
Website: [Bridging the GapAP \(bridgingthegap-project.eu\)](#)

Project's main products and outputs: [E-Library - Bridging the GapAP \(bridgingthegap-project.eu\)](#)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BridgingtheGapEUproject/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/BtG_project

* More material is also available on YouTube and/or in the Multimedia section of the website (see links above).



PROCULTURA

Employment promotion in income-generating activities in the cultural sector in PALOP and East Timor

DEVCO Priority
Africa-EU Partnership

Agencies Involved
Camões – Instituto da Cooperação e da Língua, I.P, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) and EU National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC)

Total Budget
€19.04 million

Countries
PALOP-TL: Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Sao Tome e Principe and East Timor

Duration of the Project
63 months (01/04/2019-30/06/2024)

More information

Website: www.futuroscriativos.org/procultura/

Facebook: [procultura.paloptl](https://www.facebook.com/procultura.paloptl)

Instagram: [@procultura.paloptl](https://www.instagram.com/procultura.paloptl)

Objectives

The primary objective is to strengthen employment opportunities and income-generation potential in the PALOP-TL cultural sector.

Description

PROCULTURA seeks to enhance the creative and cultural economy in PALOP and East Timor and encourage the transformation of the cultural sector into a dynamic driver of economic growth, employment and social inclusion.

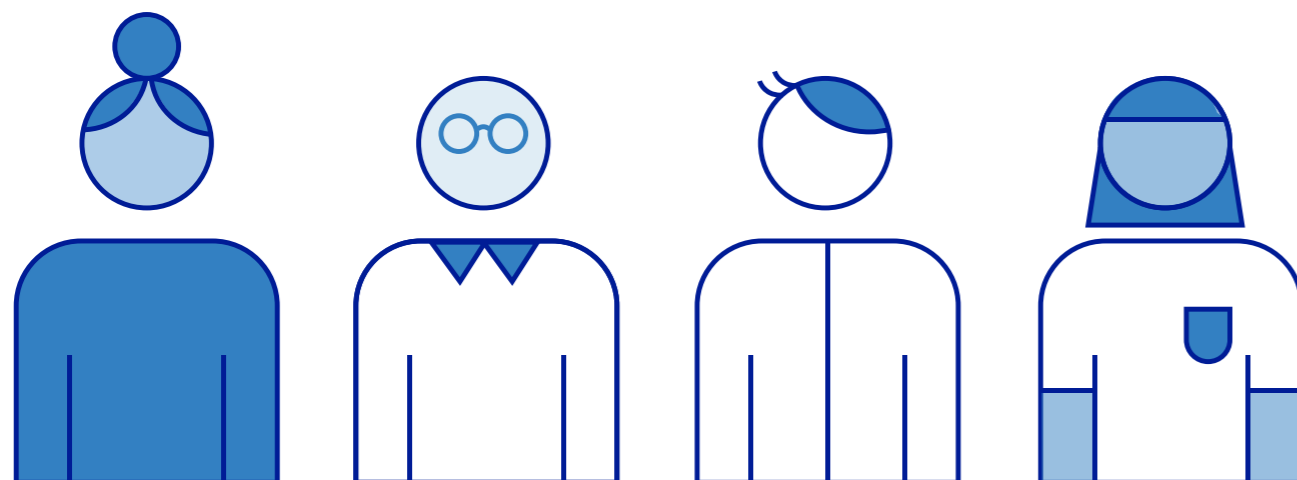
It is based on the role of culture as a source of self-esteem and social cohesion, which favours perceptions of perpetuity, belonging and identity, and as a vehicle for mutual understanding, inducing social values such as diversity, freedom of expression and intercultural dialogue, providing an enabling environment for sustainable development.

Camões, I.P. and AECID joined together in implementing activities to promote the component on the sector's human development, by training and streamlining artistic, technical and management skills (and strengthening technical education and training systems for their replication).

The EUNIC institutes operating in the six countries joined together to launch and evaluate applications for the DIVERSITY call, offering grants to extend cultural diversity and inclusion through culture.

The project includes a regional call for proposals to allocate grants of up to €1 million for public and private sector employment and value creation through innovative products and services in the areas of music, performing arts and literature, requiring benefits that encompass multiple countries.

PROCULTURA is co-funded by the EU, Camões, I.P. and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Camões, I.P. is in charge of managing PROCULTURA.



Beneficiaries

- Artists and professional leaders in the cultural sectors, with a special focus on women;
- Music, performing arts and literature operators, with a special focus on women;
- Vocational education and training (VET) institutions;
- Higher education institutions in the areas of culture;
- High school, undergraduate and graduate students with a special focus on young women;
- Educators and teachers in initial and continuous training schools.

Expected Results

- Human resources with creative and technical competences available in the cultural sectors are reinforced and employed;
- Enhanced dissemination and commercialisation of the PALOP-TL (Portuguese-speaking African Countries and East Timor) artistic offer in the music and performing arts sector, nationally, regionally and internationally;
- Enhanced PALOP-TL creation, publishing and dissemination in literature, in particular for children and youth, nationally and regionally.

Videos

[Training on Cultural Entrepreneurship and Funding Sources \(Mozambique, Cape Verde and Sao Tome e Principe \(testimonies + activity videos\)\)](#)

[Grants to music, performing arts and Children's and Youth's Literature sectors \(promotional video\)](#)

[Undergraduate and graduate scholarships \(Sao Tome e Principe, promotional video\)](#)

<https://Camoscloud.discovirtual360.pt/invitations?share=5087adaf599f42fc2aff>

Life/Personal Testimony



DIVERSIDADE (small grants fund):
<https://www.facebook.com/procultura.paloptl/posts/175660740944196>



Student mobility:
<https://www.facebook.com/procultura.paloptl/posts/163133712196899>



Artistic residence grants:
<https://www.facebook.com/procultura.paloptl/posts/122113919632212>

VET TOOLBOX

DEVCO Priority
Education & Skills

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

SDGs 4 (quality education) and 8 (decent work and economic growth)

Beneficiaries

Public and private sector; civil society organisations

Agencies Involved

British Council, Enabel, Expertise France, GIZ, LuxDev and AFD

Total Budget

Co-funded by the EU (€30 million) and the German government BMZ (€1.75 million)

Countries

Services offered in over 120 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South & East Asia and Latin America

Duration of the Project

October 2017 – September 2022 (services 1, 2 & 3, cfr. infra)
September 2020 – August 2024 (service 4, cfr. infra)

More information

<https://www.vettoolbox.eu/>

Description

VET Toolbox is a joint implementation project focusing on supporting reforms towards more inclusive and demand-driven VET and labour market systems.

Context

Employment is an important key to development and inclusive growth. A main driver of employment is vocational education and training (VET) which equips people with skills in demand on the labour market.

Many VET systems are still inadequate due to the lack of private sector involvement and labour market information, amongst other aspects. VET is also often inaccessible to disadvantaged groups, e.g. youth, women, people from rural areas and people with disabilities.

Addressing these challenges requires clear priorities and, in particular, resources, which many countries do not have or are not capable of mobilising.

Objectives

The VET Toolbox focuses on:

1. Evidence-based VET through labour market analysis
2. Stimulating private sector engagement in VET
3. Ensuring inclusion of groups at risk of exclusion
4. Increasing local benefits from European investments through skills and VET-system development

Services cover:

1. Technical assistance through request-based, short-term interventions that build VET capacities
2. Grants for 11 selected pilot projects that promote inclusion of disadvantaged groups in VET
3. Sharing knowledge and tools to stimulate learning and encourage networking and dialogue with all stakeholders
4. Providing targeted skills development and VET programmes to accompany European investments, to help improve local benefits by addressing the skills gap

This project is an example of how different European development agencies collaborate to promote more coherent, effective and coordinated support based on shared objectives, reflecting the principles of the EU.

Videos



“VET Toolbox YEAR 2”:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FpwNEGR3hj8>

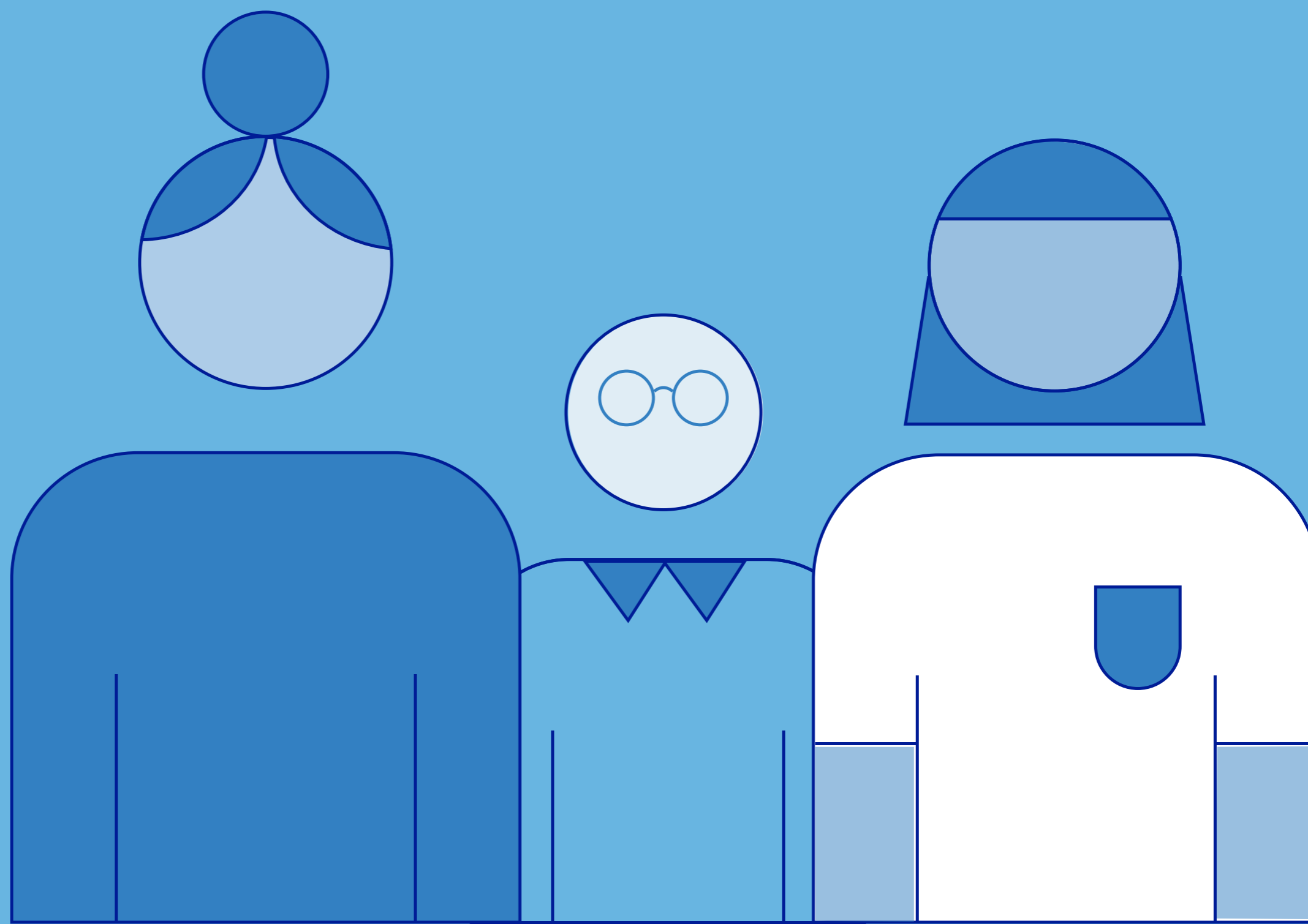


“Get the VET Toolbox support!”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTlIQ64yE3s&t=62s&ab_channel=VETToolbox

Life/Personal Testimony

“Job training was a new concept in Uganda, now it is a priority in the tourism sector!” – Herbert Byaruhanga:

<https://www.vettoolbox.eu/en/stories/job-training-was-new-concept-uganda-now-its-priority-tourism-sector>



The aim of this brochure is to learn from each other by showcasing and sharing information on our joint implementation projects.

