

Working for



Regional development

- Support to the SEDATU in implementation of the National Regional Development Strategy (Regional Development Programmes for the North, Centre and South-Southeast of Mexico). Specifically with:
 - > Establishment of an Evaluation System for Regional Development Projects.
 - > Design and implementation of three programmes (operational) for regional development: Mayan World-Southern Border; Tierra Caliente; and Pacific Economic Corridors and CANAMEX.
 - > Application of the coordination conventions with federal organisations as an instrument for inter-agency coordination.
 - > Establishment of a regional development fund.
 - > Establishment of a territorial cooperation programme between Mexico and Guatemala (pilot project).



Public finance

- Support to the Tax Administration Service (SAT) in the creation of Accounting and Tax Support Centres at 58 universities and in the preparation of two tax education multimedia products for primary education.
- Implementation of the Tax Mailbox, an electronic system to allow taxpayers to communicate with the tax agency.
- Implementation of the tax reform, specifically for the introduction of special taxes.



Democratic governance

- Support to the Transparency Network, of which IFAI is a promoter and active member.
- Support in the area of parliamentary transparency and political parties in Mexico.



Citizen security

- Implementation of the National Programme for Social Prevention of Violence and Crime.
- Management tools for systematising experiences.
- Single model of community policing.



Regional

- Mexico is a member of the Latin American Regional Development Network and the Economic and Social Councils Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (CESALC).
- Mexico is also an active member of the Transparency and Public Access to Information Network (RTA) supported by EUROsociAL.
- In 2015 Mexico is chairing the Latin American Regional Development Network.

“Transferred” experiences

In the “triangular” South-South cooperation processes that arise in EUROsociAL, Mexico has shared relevant experiences with other countries in the region. Among others, the following initiatives supported by Mexico are worth mentioning:

- In terms of fiscal education, Mexico supported Chile in adaptation of the UNAM's Guide to Higher Education. Adaptation for Costa Rica is also anticipated.
- In terms of democratic institutions, Mexico has collaborated with Ecuador, El Salvador, Peru and Colombia in the area of regulating the right of access to public information through the IFAI, within the framework of the Transparency and Public Access to Information Network (RTA), supported by EUROsociAL.
- Mexico advised Ecuador in the design of the curriculum and the system for evaluating the General Unified Baccalaureate in Science and Technology for young people and adults, and Uruguay in the creation of a instrument for validating and certifying knowledge.
- Mexico supported Peru in reformulating the vocational education area.
- Mexico collaborated with Paraguay in creating its restorative justice model.
- Mexico advised Colombia in the healthcare area for implementation of the new academic curriculum and for training trainers in family medicine.
- Mexico is supporting the Costa Rican Ministry of Planning with its Regional Development Policy.
- The Attorney General's Office of the Republic advised Costa Rica and Paraguay on the improvement of investigative processes in gender violence cases.

Working with ...

Main participating institutions

- Economic and Social Council of Jalisco
- Ministry of Public Education
- Ministry of Finance and Public Credit
- Ministry of the Interior
- Secretariat of Health
- Ministry of Agricultural, Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU)
- Federal Institute for Access to Public Information and Data Protection (IFAI)

In depth

Progress in territorial cohesion policies



Mexico is making significant progress in territorial cohesion policies. The 2013-2018 National Development Plan establishes that to take the country "to its maximum potential, it is essential that opportunities and development reach all regions, all sectors and all population groups". Designing policies aimed at reducing disparities between territories is a priority on the agenda of Enrique Peña Nieto's government. One of its main achievements has been approval of the Regional Development Programmes for the North, Centre and South / South-East, signed by the President of the Republic and ratified by 14 Secretaries of State. Several decades ago, Mexico lacked instruments and regional planning for development of such magnitude which organises and coordinates, under a common vision, the strategies and actions to be developed in different spheres of government activity.

Specifically, recognising the efforts and achievements of the European Union in regional and urban development, the Mexican Government, through the SEDATU, opened a dialogue for cooperation in the area of Regional Policy with the Directorate-General for Regional Policy of the European Commission, which led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in October 2014. With this commitment, it is promoting information exchange and best practices in policies aimed at economic, social and territorial cohesion, as well as innovation and technological development.

Within this framework, it has also defined the support that EUROsociAL is providing to the SEDATU, an institution that has been granted the power to establish regional strategies and programmes, and to promote the creation of public policy instruments that foster balanced development among regions.

Publications:

Estrategias y políticas territoriales para la cohesión territorial. Estudios de caso en América Latina.
[Territorial strategies and policies for territorial cohesion. Case studies in Latin America]

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