

Working for

Justice

- Preparation and validation of the Strategic Plan for socio-occupational integration of women and young people aged 18-25 years in the context of incarceration.
- Introduction of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms into the Childhood and Adolescence Code.
- Support for implementation of the Community and Restorative Justice Programme.

Public finance

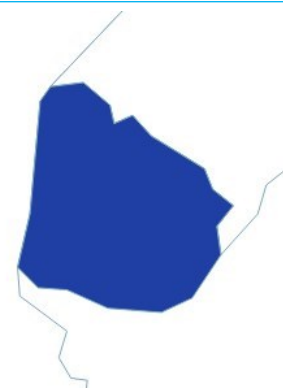
- Facilitation and simplification of the relationship between the Uruguayan tax agency (Directorate-General of Taxes) and taxpayers by i) modernisation of the Single Taxpayers Registry, ii) preparation of a manual on taxpayer assistance, and iii) an increase in the number of procedures that can be carried out through the "Empresa en el Día" [Company in a Day] programme, a service for opening new businesses.
- Improvement of civic-fiscal education for young people studying the baccalaureate in upper secondary education by preparing multimedia course materials for use in the Ceibal Plan (for social and technological inclusion).
- Institutionalisation and implementation of an evaluation system (of efficiency and impact) for budget programmes through creation of an evaluation agency in the OPP to enable more thorough analysis of the budget and of public spending policy in general.

Health

- Implementation of the Health Equity Monitoring System.
- New curriculum for distance training of medical personnel to improve the quality of care to the population in poorly served areas.
- Predictive model for human resource planning in healthcare.

Social protection

- Redesign of the main social programmes and attention to users at the territorial level.
- Professionalization of management and production of social policies through review of the training offer in higher education and adaptation to ministerial calls.
- Design of lines of action for the Programme for Assistance to Homeless People (Adults).
- Establishment of a network of state agencies for evaluating social policies.
- Review of mechanisms for providing the territorial services of the MIDES.
- Definition of service quality standards for early childhood.



Regional development

- Performance of a Regional Development Diagnosis (DDR) in Mexico (with a peer-review methodology).

Education

- Implementation of the integrated and unified information and alert system of the National Public Education System.

Citizen security

- Design of tools for inter-ministerial coordination and for coordination between the central and local levels, and curricular design for training police on prevention of violence.
- Preparation of a strengthening strategy and a system for working with local networks and social organisations linked to the Integrated Local Citizen Security Management Plan in districts 19 and 25 of Montevideo.
- Support for approval of a restorative justice law for youth violence prevention.

“Transferred” experiences; measurement of equity in health

In the “triangular” and South-South cooperation processes that arise in EUROsociAL, Uruguay has shared relevant experiences with other countries in the region.

Specifically, with regard to health, Uruguay developed, with the support of EUROsociAL, a Health Equity Monitoring System for the purpose of raising the visibility of socially-produced inequalities (which are therefore unjust and avoidable) and the context in which they are produced. This tool is intended to become the pillar of the great health system reform to support the reorientation of health policy and improve equity, in both access to services and quality of care, at the same time as its implementation is starting.

Uruguay is sharing its experience with various countries (Chile, Colombia, Peru, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Panama and Mexico) within the framework of regional meetings on equity monitoring, and it has become a regional leader in this area.

Working with...

Main participating institutions

- Ministry of Education and Culture
- Ministry of Economy and Finance, Directorate-General of Taxes
- Office of the Presidency of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay
- Judiciary
- Ministry of the Interior
- Ministry of Labour and Social Security
- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Public Health
- Office of Planning and Budget

Regional

- It participates in the Latin American Regional Development Network, which is supported by EUROsociAL, ECLAC, the OECD, the CdR of Europe and the DGRegio of the EU. Within the framework of this network, Uruguay is subjecting its regional policy, supervised by the OECD Development Centre, to a peer-to-peer review.
- It leads the working group on health equity measurement in which Peru, Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Costa Rica also take part.

In depth

Working on policies for attention to homeless people

Within the framework of social policies, Uruguay has placed particular emphasis on homeless people and their special vulnerability. In the last decade, the Programme for Assistance to Homeless Persons (PASC) of the Ministry of Social Development (MIDES) has significantly expanded its coverage capacity.

EUROsociAL supported MIDES in Uruguay in driving this programme, encouraging the establishment of an agreed methodology to cover the assistance and a theoretical framework. Implementation of this framework was helped by the launch of a department for coordination of the attention system that centralises the different actions that provide services to homeless people or people at risk of homelessness.

It also defined new working lines implemented by the department, and some significant initiatives have been launched, such as the re-establishment of the Inter-Agency Board, establishment of a registration and tracking system, and coordination with the Ministry of Housing to develop a housing-oriented strategy.

Educational video games, the CEIBAL plan



From the Fiscal Education working line in the area of Public Finances, EUROsociAL is supporting the Uruguayan Directorate-General of Taxes (DGI) in the preparation of a civic-fiscal education multimedia product. The video game is designed for young people studying for the Baccalaureate in upper middle education and for use in the Ceibal Plan to foster digital inclusion of citizens and enable more and better access to education and culture.

To create this, fourth to sixth year students at public and private secondary schools, and vocational secondary schools (UTU) were invited to participate in "JUgAT", an ideas competition, and they submitted proposals for video games featuring tax culture and civic values.

The video game will be used by 154,000 students each year in the Social and Civil Education and Citizen Education subject in which tax education is mandatory. The deliverables created in Uruguay will also have a regional version and may be used in another ten Latin American countries.

Related video: <http://goo.gl/eEwAIO>

Publications:



Guía Regional para la Defensa Pública y la Protección Integral de las Personas Privadas de Libertad [Regional Guide to Public Defence and Comprehensive Protection of Incarcerated Persons]
> <http://goo.gl/zVTWtw>

Manual de consulta para la construcción de sistemas de monitoreo de las desigualdades sociales en salud [Handbook for the construction of systems for monitoring social inequality in health]

Manual de servicios de atención al contribuyente [Manual for taxpayer assistance]
> <http://goo.gl/LDfngm>



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