COUNTRY BRIEFING



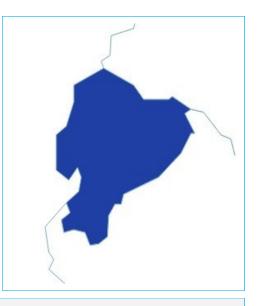
Ecuador



Working for

Public finance

- Support to the Internal Revenue Service (RI) in the creation of Accounting and Tax Support Centres (NAF) at the Catholic University and another two universities.
- Improvement of budgetary structures and programmes. Introduction of multi-year budgeting. Regulation of the Organic Code on Planning and Public Finance.
- Creation of a mixed commission between the Ministries of Planning and Finance.
- Preparation of the White Paper on Reform of the Tax Code.
- Legal reforms and methodologies to reach Anticipated Price Agreements in the area of transfer prices.
- Methodology for implementation of mandatory electronic notification (+60% of documents notified in 2014).
- New methodologies for standardisation and harmonisation of tax figures.
- Control and evaluation mechanisms to improve the revenues of government bodies through the sale of goods and services.
- Law for systematisation and rationalisation of tax incentives.





- Preparation of draft regulations to govern labour and training activities for incarcerated persons in prisons.
- Creation of a unit for the sentence enforcement phase in the Public Defender's Office and implementation of a regional guide.
- Creation of pilot project in the Guayas Regional Penitentiary (Guayaquil) in the area of productive activities.
- Development, introduction implementation recommendations on investigation of crimes involving genderbased violence integrated through internal instructions of the Public Prosecutor's Office.
- Development, introduction and implementation of an interagency coordination protocol on gender-based violence.

Social protection

- Draft public policy on the 'Social Protection Floor', which includes universal insurance and a modality for incorporation into the new Social Security Law of semi-contributory and non-contributory insurance (2014).
- Implementation of a pilot project to apply the Basaglia method of social and occupational integration of persons with mental disorders.
- Review and validation of the social inclusion services, methodologies and mechanisms envisaged in public policies for assistance to persons with disabilities.
- Design of tools of the Social and Solidarity Economy Institute for development of this economic sector.



Employment

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Education

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Democratic governance

- Creation of a corruption whistleblower protection system and a system for monitoring compliance with the Law on Public Access to Information.
- Implementation of a regional archive management model.



Citizen security

• Inter-agency coordination for the implementation of a Comprehensive Security Plan.

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"Transferred" experiences

In the "triangular" cooperation processes that arise in EUROsociAL, Ecuador has shared relevant experiences with other countries in the region. The following initiatives are noteworthy:

- Ecuador shared its experience in intercultural justice and coordination between ordinary and indigenous justice systems with Peru.
- Ecuador shared its experience in environmental mediation with Paraguay.

Working with...

Main participating institutions

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Finance
- Citizen Participation and Social Control Council
- Ombudsman's Office
- National Secretariat of Public Administration
- Judiciary
- Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Religious Affairs
- Ministry for Coordinating Knowledge and Talent
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour Relations
- Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion
- Ministry of Public Health
- Ministry of the Interior
- Ministry for Coordinating Social Development
- National Institute for the Social and Solidarity Economy

Regional

Ecuador also participates in the Latin American Regional Development Network, which is supported by EUROsociAL, ECLAC and the OECD Development Centre.

In depth

Combating incomplete schooling with the baccalaureate for young people and adults

The situation of young people and adults with incomplete schooling continues to be a serious problem in Ecuador, which has been taking public policy measures to reduce its magnitude: 50% of the population of Ecuador over age 18 has not managed to finish school, whether this be at the basic or the baccalaureate level. In this respect, the Ministry of Education is designing a range of study programmes that meet the specific requirements of youth and adult populations that were unable to complete their educations at the time. EUROsociAL is supporting the introduction of the General Unified Baccalaureate in Science and Technology for young people and adults which, thanks to fast-track courses, helps reintegrate students into the educational system. In this context, EUROsociAL has facilitated the collaboration of the Ministry of Education of Argentina (Plan for Completion of Primary and Secondary Studies (FinEs) and the Mexican National Institute for Adult Education (INEA).



Working to improve the taxation system

Among the challenges facing Ecuador with regard to public finances is the need to increase the tax burden in order to maintain current public spending and continue with its social programme. Meanwhile, the Chilean tax reform approved in 2014 will make it possible to collect significantly more revenue in order to cover improvements in the education and healthcare policy.

EUROsociAL facilitated exchanges between Ecuador and Chile regarding special tax reforms. This experience enabled Ecuadorian civil servants to attain an in-depth understanding of the tax reform carried out in Chile, with particular interest in special taxes and tax incentives implemented to encourage investment and production, among other issues.

Publications:





Protocolo para la eliminación de barreras acceso a justicia para población en condiciones de movilidad y refugio [Protocol for the elimination of barriers to justice to migrants and refugees] > http://goo.gl/HuvCQP

Presupuesto por programas en un marco de resultados con enfoque de planificación. El caso de Ecuador [Budget for programmes in a results-oriented framework with a focus on planning [The Case of Ecuador]

>http://goo.gl/sO8ug6





