COUNTRY BRIEFING

## EUROsociAL PROGRAMME FOR SOCIAL COHESION IN LATIN AMERICA

April 2015





# Working for

## Public finance

- Implementation of a Diploma in Fiscal Education and Transparency for vocational high school teachers through a partnership between the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, and the Transparency and Anti-Corruption Under-Secretariat.
- Creation of Accounting and Tax Support Centres (NAF) at three universities.
- Signature of inter-agency convention between the Ministries of Finance and Education to establish fiscal education as a state policy.
- Evaluation of the fiscal education programme.
- First comprehensive audits with emphasis on transfer prices. •
- Creation of the Tax Intelligence Committee in the Directorate-General of Taxes (DGI).
- Support to El Salvador in its process of joining the Global Forum on Transparency and Information Exchange.

## lustice

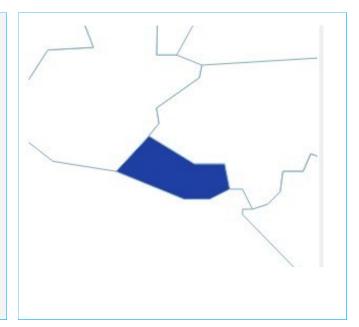
- Support to the Directorate-General of Penitentiaries in the creation of a new productive and business management model in prisons.
- Preparation of an initial training module and a continuous training module on the subject of social-labour reintegration aimed at prison employees.

#### Social protection

- Redesign of the Solidarity Communities programme.
- Review of the new draft Law on the Elderly.

## Democratic governance

- Support to the Under-Secretariat for Transparency and Anti-Corruption for institutional strengthening and consolidation and to promote implementation of the Access to Public Information Law.
- Support in the design and implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Institute for Access to Public Information.



#### Employment Ľ.

• Structuring of the strategic programme for youth employment and employability within the framework of the Five-Year Plan.

## **Citizen security**

- Effective inter-agency coordination mechanisms within the framework of the National Strategy for Prevention of Social Violence.
- Strengthening of capacities for implementation of the National Strategy for Prevention of Social Violence.

# Health

EXPERTISE FRANCE

• Support in the design of a programme for rational use of medicines and of the National Centre for independent information.



**Co-ordinating Partners** 





With the participation of more than 80 Operating Partners and Collaborators from Europe and Latin America

Enap

El Salvador

## "Transferred" experiences

In the "triangular" and "south-south" cooperation processes that arise in EUROsociAL, El Salvador has shared relevant experiences with other countries in the region. Among others, the following initiatives are worth mentioning:

- The Salvadoran Ministry of Finance is the operational partner and is managing the Tax Education Action. It transferred its experience on the subject to various countries in the region: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.
- El Salvador shared its experience in providing assistance and legal guidance to women victims of gender-based violence with Honduras.
- El Salvador shared its successful experiences in the municipality of Santa Tecla regarding prevention of social violence with Panama.

## Working with ...

### Main participating institutions

- Economic and Social Council
- Ministry of Finance
- Office of the Presidency of the Republic
- Ministry of Justice and Public Security
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour and Social Security
- Social Investment Fund for Local Development
- Technical and Planning Secretariat of the Office of the President
- State Secretariat of Social Inclusion
- Ministry of Health
- Institute of Access to Public Information

## Regional

- El Salvador is a member of the Latin American Regional Development Network and of the Economic and Social Councils Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (CESALC).
- El Salvador is the main driving force behind the Latin American Tax Education Network.

# In depth

El Salvador, a leader in fiscal education



The Salvadoran Ministry of Finance is the operational partner and economic administrator for the Fiscal Education Action. The programme, which received significant support during the first phase of EUROsociAL, won the National Award for Quality and Best Practices granted by the Office of the Presidency in 2011. It has now become an international leader in this area. In the framework of the second phase of EUROsociAL, it is sharing its expertise with other countries in the region with notable results:

In 2014, thanks to the support of their counterparts in El Salvador, the Costa Rican Ministries of Finance and Education supported the inclusion of fiscal education in secondary school curricula in the area of "Daily Life" and in sixth grade social studies in primary education, which will be taught to over 100,000 pupils each year. In addition, a guide to support secondary school teachers was prepared. In 2015 El Salvador is collaborating with Costa Rica to create a course for secondary school teachers.

El Salvador adapted its "Memotest de bienes públicos y privados" [Memory test of public and private assets] and "Somos Equipo" [We're a Team] video games for primary education to the reality of Mexico, Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Bolivia, Uruguay, and Honduras.

The Central-American country helped to adapt its "Recrehacienda!" recreational-teaching space for tax education for children aged 7-13 to the reality of Bolivia, and this implementation of this initiative in Honduras is anticipated in 2015.

El Salvador also drove formalisation of the tax education network based on an exchange visit to the country in which representatives of the ministries of finance and fiscal education of ten countries signed an international letter of intent on the subject.

## **Publications:**



Guía Didáctica de Educación Fiscal de Costa Rica [Teaching Guide for Tax Education in Costa Rica]

>http://goo.gl/YGssdb



www.eurosocial-ii.eu