

## EUROCLIMA+ opens its regional meeting in Argentina

*October 8, Buenos Aires, Argentina.* **EUROCLIMA+, the European Union's flagship programme on climate change, which promotes exchanges between Europe and 18 Latin American countries, began its annual meeting in Argentina today. Reviewing the progress on its projects and analysing the actions that are being implemented in the region, toward meeting the commitments acquired by the countries under the Paris Agreement, are some of the objectives of this meeting.**

More than a hundred participants will attend the event, including senior government officials of Latin America as well as representatives of the European Union and the Programme's implementing agencies.

"We are proud to see how, through actions carried out with the support of the Programme, spaces for dialogue are being strengthened to support public policies and strategies for climate change in Latin America," said the Ambassador of the European Union in Argentina at the opening, Aude Maio-Coliche.

The regional meeting, which will continue until Wednesday, October 10, is taking place at the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center, where the XXI Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America will also be held from October 9 to 12.

"Programmes like EUROCLIMA+ contribute to increasing the ambition of our region in pursuit of the fulfilment of the Paris Agreement with a common purpose. They allow countries to design and implement actions to mitigate climate change, adapt to it and strengthen national capacities by intensifying cooperation from a regional perspective," said the Secretary of Government of the Secretariat of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina, Rabbi Sergio Bergman.

In the next few days, work will be done to improve public policies related to climate change in Latin America and information will be shared on the activities, results and challenges of the Programme. "The challenges associated with climate change are very broad and require a combination of long and short-term actions, taking into account the development needs of our partner countries, and fostering investment opportunities in the field of green technologies and energy", Bergman added.

To date, EUROCLIMA+ has funding of 88 million euros (about 100 million US dollars) provided by the European Union (EU) for the execution of climate actions in six topics prioritized by the Latin American countries, in addition to a cross-cutting topic for improving Climate Governance. These topics are: Risk Reduction and Management; Forests, Biodiversity and Ecosystems; Urban Mobility; Energy Efficiency; Resilient Food Production and Water Management with an Urban Resilience Perspective.

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### More information about EUROCLIMA+

EUROCLIMA+ is a programme funded by the European Union to promote environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient development in 18 Latin American countries, particularly for the benefit of the most vulnerable populations. The Programme is implemented under the synergistic work of seven agencies: Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), French Development Agency (AFD), Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC), Expertise France (EF), International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP), German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), and UN Environment.

During the first nine months of 2018, the different components of the programme have experienced significant progress in their project selection processes. A total of 32 have been selected in the areas of Urban Mobility (19), Forests, Biodiversity and Ecosystems (8), and Risk Reduction and Management (5), for approximately 25 million euros. This process is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2019, to reach a total of approximately 57 projects. In addition, the Climate governance component is carrying out regional actions and initiatives in 14 different countries.

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