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EDITORIAL



Dear Reader,

a warm welcome and thank you for your time and interest in our first issue of ENRICH Monthly in 2021.

We have exciting news to share with you. The last years were a major success for ENRICH in Brazil. We provided networking events and meeting opportunities, high-level executive training sessions, guidance on funding, matchmaking with international businesses and created a network of institutions that are leading the innovation discussions in Europe and Brazil.

Based on this success, the European Commission launched the follow-up project ENRICH in LAC to extend our network to Latin America and the Caribbean. **ENRICH in Brazil is now ENRICH in LAC!**

Our European Network of Research and Innovation Centres and Hubs will include Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay in the first step of expansion. In the second step we will expand to further Latin American Countries as well as the Caribbean.

The ENRICH monthly newsletter will from now on keep you informed about STI and business news between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. In the following few months, each edition will feature a country profile of either Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia or Uruguay. This month, we will provide an overview of the trade relationship between Argentina and the EU.

Pleasant reading!

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EU Commission published report on Industry 5.0

The report recognizes that industry has enough weight to achieve societal goals that go beyond jobs and growth and become a resilient promoter of prosperity. The report describes the most important building blocks of the Industry 5.0 approach, sets out the advantages for employees as well as for the industry itself and offers an overview of ongoing and completed research and innovation projects that are relevant for Industry 5.0. More information: [EC's Full Report](#)

Report on the 8th round of negotiations between the EU and Chile for the modernisation of the trade part of the EU Chile Association Agreement

There was good progress in a significant number of chapters, including parts of Rules of Origin, Technical Barriers to Trade, Trade and Sustainable Development and some IPR provisions during the eighth round of negotiations for the modernisation of the Trade part of the EU-Chile Association Agreement. Thanks to the constructive discussion during the round, chapters such as Transparency, Good Regulatory Practices, and Anti-Corruption are close to conclusion. The chapters on Trade in Goods, Subsidies and the institutional provisions have also reached a high level of maturity. Remaining divergences can, however, only be solved once the overall negotiation process is more advanced, due to interlinkages with other areas. More information: [EC's Full Report](#)

Strategic Roadmap for the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and EU-CELAC Action Plan on Science, Technology and Innovation (2021-2023)

The Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the EU have been working jointly on research and innovation collaboration since 2010, when the Joint Initiative on Research and Innovation was established to help advance the bi-regional dialogue. Addressed by Commissioner Gabriel and by Marcelo Ebrard, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the 2020 Senior Officials Meeting came at a time when the implementation of ambitious transformative policies is being challenged by the worst global health crisis in recent history. Relaunching the bi-regional dialogue on issues of global significance, like health, green transition, digital transformation or innovation, is expected to lead to more specific cooperation initiatives in the next years. More information: [EC's Full Report](#)

EU starts joint European hydrogen project

The EU member states and Norway signed a declaration of intent to support the development of a European value chain for hydrogen. Accordingly, investments in the billions are to be made, especially in green hydrogen. Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Peter Altmaier said: "Hydrogen is a strategically important forward-looking technology on the path to attaining the EU's climate targets and is a central tool for the reduction of carbon emissions in the industrial and transport sectors. More information: [The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy](#)

Joint Communiqué: EU27 - Latin America and Caribbean informal ministerial meeting

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the countries of the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) had a virtual informal Ministerial Meeting in December Of the last year. Ministers affirmed the intention to step up high-level bi-regional political dialogue and agreed to work towards a bi-regional Summit. They sent a signal of solidarity and reflected the high importance attached by the countries of both regions to their long-standing partnership, based on common interests and shared values such as the respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, democracy, sustainable development, human rights and the rule of law. The [video blog](#) of the European Commission's High Representative / Vice-President Josep Borrell Fontelles explains the goal and objective of the meeting.

More information: [The French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs](#)

Italy advocates strengthening European Union-Latin America relations

The Italian Deputy Foreign Minister Marina Sereni on January 22nd expressed that Italy has always supported the strengthening and consolidation of relations between the European Union and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. She recalled the 10th Italy-Latin America and Caribbean Conference, to be held in Rome on October 25 and 26 this year. In that regard, Sereni pointed out that the meeting will take place shortly before the G20 summit, chaired this year by Italy. Sereni concluded that 'Our goal is also to address at that event the foundational issues of the G20: People, Planet, Prosperity, with emphasis on Latin America and the Caribbean, and the purpose of identifying fruitful areas for dialogue and collaboration. More information: [Agencia Informativa Latinoamericana Prensa Latina](#)

Successful end to new round of negotiations to modernize the agreement of the European Free Trade Association

The third round of negotiations between Chile and the member states of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) to modernize the existing trade agreement between Chile and the EFTA countries consisting of Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein successfully came to an end. Substantial progress was achieved on diverse matters of interest for both parties, such as access to commodity markets, rules of origin, trade facilitation, regulatory matters, financial services, sustainable business and development, public procurement and intellectual property. More information: [Chile Reports](#)

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Telefónica deploys Open RAN-based network in Argentina

Telefónica, one of the more bullish of the operators advocating disaggregated network architectures, has deployed an Open RAN proof-of-concept network covering 81,000 inhabitants in the city of Puerto Madryn in Argentina. Telefónica is a Spanish multinational telecommunications headquartered in Madrid, Spain. Telefónica, one of the signatories to The Implementation of Open RAN Based Networks In Europe Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), plans to deploy Open RAN architectures in multiple markets across Europe and Latin America in the coming years. "In the period of 2022 to 2025, up to 50% of the total 5G deployment capabilities will be done using this technology, at least," said Enrique Blanco, the CTIO of Telefónica. More information: [Telecom TV](#)

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The 2021 training for Uruguayan diplomats on the European Union comes to an end

Under the title "Functioning of the EU and its relations with Uruguay: understanding the EU, its institutions and its foreign action", the EU Delegation to Uruguay in collaboration with the College of Europe organized a training that took place within the framework of the Public Diplomacy programme of the Artigas Institute of the Uruguayan Foreign Service. The course aimed to internalize and familiarize young diplomats with the complex world of the EU and to strengthen bilateral relations between the EU and Uruguay, taking into account the specificities of the Uruguayan diplomatic academy. More information: [The Delegation of the European Union to Uruguay](#)

Chile signs green hydrogen export MoU with Europe's largest port

Energy and Mining Minister Juan Carlos Jobet announced new progress in the implementation of the National Green Hydrogen Strategy, which will allow Chile to position itself as a global leader in what is known as the energy of the future. Together with officials from the Port of Rotterdam, he signed a historic initial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the exportation and importation of green hydrogen. The agreement will be key for the development of this new hub in Chile as Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe and handles approximately 13% of the continent's total energy demand.

The agreement will allow for the establishment of an international supply chain for Chilean green hydrogen and joint efforts to study regulatory, trade, technological, labor and other issues. More information: [Chile Reports](#)

Colombia promotes dialogue between Europe and Latin America for territories to meet the SDGs

Land Management policies, both in Europe and Latin America, are key to consolidating the objectives of the 2030 Agenda. For this reason, and with the aim of sharing experiences that allow the addressing of policies to reduce the territorial divide within countries, the National Planning Department of Colombia, the Latin American Network of Public Policies for Regional Development and the European Union's EUROsociAL+ programme have organised the "Bi-regional Dialogue: Territorial Planning Policies Europe and Latin America", where lessons have been exchanged regarding the challenges of sustainable development and economic and social recovery from a national, subregional and cross-border perspective.

The event is based on an analysis of the institutional systems of land management and regional planning of ten Latin American countries developed by the European Union programme, EUROsociAL+ in collaboration with the Latin American Network of Public Policies for Regional Development. The subject is of great importance since land use planning is a planning and management instrument that enables the correction of territorial imbalances, considering the territories' social, economic and environmental factors. More information: [EUROsociAL+](#)

The European Union Delegation in Brazil promoted the initiative "Promotion of Trade and Sustainable Agenda in Brazil and in the European Union - Mercosur Trade Agreement"

The initiative sought to foster an informed debate between the EU and Brazilian civil society (non-governmental organizations, business organizations, foundations, academia, trade unions, social movements, etc.) and to give visibility to the socio-environmental commitments brought in the Chapter, as well as to encourage organizations companies and become active actors in the implementation and monitoring of the Agreement. More information: [Delegation of the European Union to Brazil](#)



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EU Solutions in Low Carbon Technologies and Circular Economy for Markets in America

The Low Carbon and Circular Economy Business Action is an EU funded initiative that aims to facilitate the commercialisation of green low-carbon technologies of European small and medium-sized enterprises and small enterprises in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia and Mexico, in sectors of high sustainable impact.

This initiative will benefit companies from the 27 EU Member states and six partner countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia and Mexico) that propose solutions in low carbon technologies and circular economy, in sectors such as: Renewable energy, Energy management and efficiency, Waste to energy, Green infrastructure, Environmental technologies, Mobility and green transportation, Information and communication technologies applied to sustainable solutions, Agriculture and forestry, Biomass, biogas and biomethane, Biofuels, Hydrogen technologies.

For more information click [Low Carbon and Circular Economy Business Action](#).

The Action will be open to interested organisations from January 2021 until September 2023.

Call 2021 for joint Innovation projects in Brazil and Switzerland

Innosuisse and the Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa e Inovação Industrial (EMBRAPPI) work together to support international innovation projects implemented by partners from Switzerland and Brazil. Research institutions and companies have the opportunity to submit funding applications in regular calls for proposals. This partnership boosts knowledge and technology transfer and makes both countries more competitive.

Participants from Brazil and Switzerland are invited to submit joint project proposals in the research and development of innovative products and applications with a strong market potential.

The call is open for all topics. However, projects in following topics are particularly appreciated:

- Biotech and medtech
- Agriculture and food production
- Industry 4.0
- Advanced materials
- Information and communication technologies
- Clean energy & water
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Innovation and creativity (social, technical, cultural) und digitalization

For more information click [Innosuisse](#).

Deadline: 30.04.2021



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Funding of projects on scientific and technological cooperation between Germany and Colombia

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) announced a funding measure designed to support research cooperation with Colombia and promote joint research projects of mutual interest.

The funding guideline aims to intensify bilateral cooperation between researchers in Colombia and Germany and relates to the exchange of personnel, the coordination of bilateral cooperation and the organisation of events. The planned measures are intended to accompany research projects that are funded from other sources. Research work itself is not funded through the funding guideline.

Funding is provided for projects in the following thematic priority areas:-

- Biotechnology
- Biodiversity
- Health research
- Marine research
- Earth sciences

For more information click [BMBF](#).

The funding guideline lasts at least until 2024.

Green Talents Forum 2021 now open for applications

"Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development" invites you to apply for this year's programme. Share your innovative ideas and lay the foundation for long-lasting collaborations with German research institutions and international researchers. Make your contributions count!

The Green Talents Award 2021 includes:

- Invitation to a 7-day Virtual Science Forum in October 2021:
 - "Science Sessions" with leading German sustainability facilities, institutions and companies, which will virtually provide exclusive insights into their leading-edge research and projects,
 - Virtual appointments with German experts of your choice to discuss possibilities for upcoming joint research and cooperation efforts,
 - A wide range of workshops dedicated to the SDGs and advancing your scientific career,
 - Networking opportunities with other Green Talents, participating Green Talents alumni and researchers,
 - Formal Virtual Award Ceremony with your fellow Green Talents and special guests
- A fully funded on-site research stay of up to three months at an institution of your choice in Germany in 2022,
- Exclusive access to the distinguished Green Talents alumni network.

For more information click [Green Talents](#).

Deadline: 19.05. 2021, 14:00 CEST.

ENRICH STUDIES

EU-Brazil Post-COVID-19 Toolkit: Innovation for Sustainability Foresight

The COVID-19 pandemic that has ravaged Europe and the rest of the world has posed unprecedented challenges to all sectors.

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting societies and economies in European Union countries, making the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals more urgent. Responses have been taken to reduce the impact of COVID-19 pandemic at Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental and Legal (PESTEL) levels with a focus on the future.

ENRICH in LAC prepared a policy brief that provides European best practices on responsiveness to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a foresight perspective on post-pandemic scenarios, including recommendations for the Brazilian context.

To read the full policy brief click [here](#).

ENRICH has Published a Study on the Brazilian Innovation Ecosystem

ENRICH prepared a study on the Brazilian Innovation Ecosystem to make Brazilian institutional and legal environments knowledgeable and understandable to European enterprises.

The study comprises five main parts. The first part is a description and analysis of the Brazilian Governmental Funding Agencies, both at the Federal and State levels.

The second part is a description and analysis of the current situation of the Triple Helix model in Brazil.

The third part comprises a description of the Brazilian private financial system to support innovations.

The fourth part is an analysis of the main difficulties that an enterprise and a startup (Brazilian or foreigner) can face to establish in Brazil, including some advices and warnings.

The fifth and final part is a description of the current composition of the Brazilian EEN Consortium that includes, besides IBICT (Coordinator of the network), EMBRAPPII, Apex, Assintecal, the Brazilian association of leather and shoe industry, and ABDI as invitee. This section also provides insights on how the network can act to support European enterprises and start-ups in order to find Brazilian partners and establish agreements and joint ventures.

To read the entire study click [here](#).

ENRICH GLOBAL



EXPANSION OF ENRICH NETWORK TO AFRICA & INDIA

The European Commission announced the official launch of ENRICH in Africa (EiA) and EU-India InnoCenter. Both projects are funded through the EU Horizon 2020 programme. ENRICH in Africa is coordinated by Steinbeis2i from Germany and the EU-India InnoCenter is coordinated by Civitta from Lithuania. Besides, on 1st January 2021 the non-for-profit member-driven association ENRICH GLOBAL was launched. The objective of ENRICH GLOBAL is to contribute to the development of European scientific, technological and innovation excellence, reinforce innovation competitiveness and internationalisation and take European innovation global (and vice versa). The association thus functions on a superordinate level of the single ENRICH initiatives.

ENRICH IN AFRICA

The ENRICH in Africa initiative aims to create a relevant and valuable innovation network that will strengthen and enhance innovation in and between Europe and Africa. ENRICH in Africa (EiA) is conducting an online survey to gather feedback from stakeholders, in order to help them develop relevant products and services. If you would like to co-design their future services, you take part in the survey by clicking [here](#). Follow the EiA on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

EU-INDIA INNOCENTER

The EU-India InnoCenter supports European startups and innovators to launch and expand their business in India, and has the goal to impact more than 360,000 entrepreneurs and revolutionize both Indian and European startup scenes. It is offering a completely free-of-charge "Internationalisation Crash Course". The course is for European Tech companies that have ambition to grow internationally. In the course, the participants will learn the most important aspects about international expansion. Check out the [EU-India InnoCenter website](#) for more information.

ENRICH IN THE USA

ENRICH in the USA acts as a central contact point for European research and innovation actors seeking to grow, reinforce collaboration, as well as find commercialization paths across the Atlantic. The initiative announced the winners of SXSW Online 2021 Funding Summit. A total of 24 global start-ups participated following a strict selection process. The featured pitch categories included Tech for Entertainment; Tech for Health/Tech for Good; and Tech for City/Tech for Biz. Follow the ENRICH in USA on [Twitter](#) or visit their [website](#) to read more.

THE AMBITIOUS 24-MONTH “VOICE OF THE OCEANS”

EXPEDITION OF THE FAMILY SCHURMANN

The Schurmann family – the first Latin American family who circumnavigated the world on a sailboat – will hoist their next sails on August 8th, 2021. Departing for a 24-month “Voices of the Ocean” voyage from Brazil to the oceans of the world. The expedition starts from Itajai, Brazil and ends in New Zealand encompassing in total 40 stopovers. This [video](#) presents the whole idea behind the project and detailed goals and objective of the expedition.

The initiative, supported by UNEP, will witness and record, from the family’s sailboat, what they see in the oceans and in remote parts of the world – looking specifically to document plastic pollution. The expedition aims to identify potential solutions to marine pollution, to mobilize governments, the private sector and the public to take action to clean oceans, and to inspire innovation around how to free the seas from plastics.

Voice of the Oceans and Infinito Mare have joined forces on a global scientific initiative to investigate the different levels of impacts that the oceans are

suffering. The goal is to unite the scientific community in a disruptive approach that aims to observe, advocate, communicate and protect our oceans. The project aims to acquire scientific data using the high-quality technologies to update the information on the environmental conditions of the oceans in order to advocate for a more sustainable society, to better communicate and promote Ocean Literacy.

The Schurmann Family's boat itself is an innovation powerhouse, with companies onboard providing equipment in the likes of Brazilian electric motors WEG, engine by VOLVO, etc.

Currently in the preparation phase, the Project is open for partners and sponsors for the different parts of the initiative.

For more information contact: David Schurmann at <http://schurmann.com.br/>.

BENEFITS FOR SCIENCE AND THE WORLD

The project unites scientists in a **disruptive approach** to marine science and **ocean communication**. A **Big Data** and **Open Sharing Data environment** will concentrate information and knowledge on the oceans and promote ocean literacy and culture.

It also enables more assertive **ocean governance** aimed at **new and sustainable economy**,

Why join the Voice of the Oceans Scientific?

Voice of the Oceans Scientific is a new global reality that brings **originality** and **commitment to observe and show the damages suffered by the oceans**

It also provides the opportunity to **co-create new scientific projects** with dozen of **scientists** all over the world and better understand the complexity of the oceans

Joining the Project is an excellent opportunity **connect to organizations, institutions, NGOs, Universities and Governments** that stands for a sustainable future

Finally, and keeping in mind, the Project aims to make feasible a real costly oceanographic investigation, allowing high resolution data acquisition and **giving voice to the current conditions of the oceans**.



HOW TO

PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL

PROPOSAL IN HORIZON EUROPE



On March 24th 2021, the European Commission organized a webinar on how to prepare a successful Horizon Europe proposal.

The purpose of this event was to inform all potential applicants on how to prepare their proposals. The session addressed several key topics such as the submission and evaluation of the proposal or the model grant agreement, including time for Q&A.

You can watch the recordings of both morning and afternoon sessions of the webinar via the following YouTube-Links:

[Webinar: How to prepare a successful proposal in Horizon Europe \(Morning session\) - YouTube](#)

[Webinar: How to prepare a successful proposal in Horizon Europe \(afternoon session\) - YouTube](#)

On April 21st, the second part followed which focused on the submission and evaluation process of a proposal. More events are in preparation.

For more information [click here](#).





SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

ILKA WENDT'S EXPERIENCE WITH EU'S S4D4C ONLINE COURSE IN SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

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Global challenges such as climate change are profoundly urgent and dynamic. These issues are becoming increasingly interdependent, calling for concerted diplomatic actions, which are essential to foreign policy.

Apart from the diplomatic skills more expertise, specifically, enforced scientific knowledge is essential for aligning stakeholder interests. These expertise cannot be anticipated from or readily obtained by diplomats, even less in the today's complex structures of science and innovation. Therefore, diplomats must rely on the guidance of the scientific community. However, communication between scientists and diplomats is not always the easiest and straightforward. Moreover, models, procedures and tools are not systemically available for this kind of scientific guidance.

The EU plays a leading role in addressing global challenges. There is an opportunity to further leverage European science and science collaboration for European science diplomacy and foreign policy agendas at the EU and MS levels.

Not only can advances in science support new methodologies for scientific guidance in EU foreign policy (e.g. new climate models),

but innovative research approaches can also provide prospects for foreign policy impacts.

Science diplomacy should take advantage of these resources, which involve elements of open science, internationalization, and Responsible Research and Innovation. The needs, desires, and prospects for science diplomacy have risen in the new political and social environment. The S4D4C project funded by the EU seeks to ensure that needs are understood and opportunities are successfully communicated into EU policy to resolve potential challenges. For this purposes the S4D4C initiative offers an online course on the European science diplomacy. The course is completely free-of-charge and upon successful completion of the course participants are awarded by an official certificate. The course is comprised from eight modules (total of 15 hours) and they can be scheduled flexibly.

Our ENRICH in LAC team was curious to know first hand experience of the participants. In this context, we have interviewed Ilka Wendt, who has successfully accomplished the S4D4C European Science Diplomacy Online Course. Ms Wendt works as a scientific advisor at the DLR Project Management Agency, Germany, in the field of international



My acquired awareness of the existence of science diplomacy helps me to put certain situations in this context. As a result, I have often better understood why there were misunderstandings between two different groups of actors, why a certain approach was taken and how certain groups should be approached.



The idea of this module is very interesting and practical. Usually individuals acquire very broad and deep knowledge, however, many of them struggle with the implementation of their knowledge and skills.

For Ms Wendt, the content of the module served as “instructions” for the future since she is still at the very beginning of her professional career. She considers the knowledge about the science diplomacy alone is definitely a strength that she can use in the future, but she has to still find out where her strengths and weaknesses are while walking on her career path.

Our ENRICH in LAC team agrees with Ms Wendt. Being aware of the science diplomacy and different science diplomacy strategies and instruments across countries, regions, and topics but also being able to reflect on own skills can help one identify those skills that need be improved and used effectively in science diplomacy. The knowledge acquired needs to sink in and implemented in the various situations, so that one can leverage the contents of the module.

We thank Ilka Wendt very much for sharing her valuable experience and being an “Ambassador” for increasing scientific and technological cooperation between Europe-LAC.

and European cooperation, North and South America group. Currently, she is completing the European Commission's Blue Book Traineeship Program at the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD).

Ms Wendt became aware of the S4D4C European Science Diplomacy Online Course through her employer's internal newsletter. As her occupation plays an interface role between research and policy, and since science diplomacy is an essential part and cornerstone of her daily work, Ms Wendt decided to take part in the online course and leverage the knowledge offered by the European Commission. Being a full-time employee, it is not always easy to attend trainings and workshops outside of work. Therefore, for Ms Wendt the spatiotemporal flexibility of the course was very appealing. The ability to decide when and at which speed to complete the course modules, gave her the opportunity dive-in into each subject area.

One can wonder about the quality of the course, precisely, as the course is online and deals with such a complex issue that is relatively new for the greater society. As we asked Ms Wendt, she told us that she was very pleased with the well-structured and consecutive lessons. She feels that she has received a holistic insight due to the range of topics as well as many concrete examples.

One of the eight modules focuses on the course participants in order to help them to identify their own potential and skills so that they can use their strengths in a targeted manner.

[CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSE](#)

[MORE INFORMATION AT: S4D4C](#)

COUNTRY PROFILE

ARGENTINA & EU



Bilateral relations between the EU and Argentina are governed by the Framework Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement, which entered into force in 1990. As a member of Mercosur, Argentina is also party to the EU-Mercosur Framework Co-operation Agreement signed in 1995, which includes provisions on trade cooperation. Argentina has been involved in the negotiation of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement.



Argentina is the third largest economy of Latin America and a G-20 member.

Argentina is a major producer of agricultural commodities and also has important mineral resources such as gold, copper and lithium and respectively the 2nd and the 4th largest shale gas and shale oil reserves in the world. Additionally, it has industrial production in sectors such as cars, nuclear industry, and an emerging digital service sector.

- The EU is Argentina's third trading partner (after Brazil and China), accounting for 14.1% of total Argentinean trade in 2019. In 2019, EU-Argentina bilateral trade in goods totalled EUR 14.3 billion.
- Argentina's main exports to the EU are agricultural products (58%), [petroleum-derived] chemicals (15%) and non-fuel raw materials (12%) (2019 data).
- The EU exports to Argentina mainly manufactured goods, such as machinery and transport equipment (44%) and chemical products, including pharmaceuticals, (24%) (2019 data).

- In 2019, the value of EU exports of goods to Argentina was practically the same as that of EU imports from Argentina.

In 2018, the EU imported services from Argentina of a value of EUR 2.2 billion, while it exported services worth EUR 5.3 billion.

The EU's historically strong relationship with Argentina is reflected in the level of Foreign Direct Investment by EU companies, which held stocks worth EUR 43 billion in Argentina in 2018.

For more details visit the website of the [European Commission](#).

In terms of Argentina's participation in Horizon 2020 programmes, 231 organisations were involved in H2020 projects, with project participants receiving a total of €9.28 million in funding.

More information and dashboards about Argentina's involvement in Horizon 2020 can be found here: [H2020 Country Profile](#)