

## **S&D Latin America Days**

**Fringe panel discussions organised by FEPS  
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# ***EU-LAC Strategic Partnerships in Trade and Development***

**16 October 2025**

**09:00 - 12:00**

**European Parliament, room Spinelli A3G3**

**Interpretation: EN, ES, PT, DE, FR, and IT**

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### **BACKGROUND**

The S&D Latin America Days seek to strengthen cooperation between progressive forces in Latin America and Europe by creating spaces for dialogue on shared values and interests. The goal is to advance a common social, democratic, and environmental agenda while working together to tackle global challenges.

The urgent climate crisis, the current shift in the geopolitical dynamics, and the renewed focus on clean industrialisation and economic security present a critical opportunity for the two regions to redesign their relationship. Now, it is the ideal moment for Latin America and Europe to advance our shared model of partnerships: a strong and forward-looking relationship that produces added value on both sides. Together, both regions are uniquely positioned to defend the need for stronger international cooperation and trade relations grounded in mutual benefit, fairness, and shared ownership, and focused on sustainable development, social and environmental protection. The forthcoming EU-CELAC Summit represents a crucial occasion for this new approach.

This fringe event will examine how deeper EU-LAC cooperation in trade and development can drive sustainable growth, advance digital and green transitions, and contribute to building more resilient, fair, and inclusive economies across both regions.

## GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What common priorities should define the next phase of EU-LAC strategic partnerships in trade and development? (Panel 1)
- What are the most significant opportunities and benefits of deepening EU-LAC trade and development partnerships? (Panel 1)
- How can both regions ensure that trade agreements foster inclusive growth and align with sustainable development goals (SDGs)? (Panel 2)
- In what ways can EU-LAC cooperation contribute to a fairer and more rules-based global trade system? (Panel 2)

## AGENDA

Time	Duration	Session	Speaker
09:00 – 09:30	30'	Welcome coffee (also available during the event)	
09:30 – 09:40	10'	Welcome remarks	<b>Philipp Goldberg</b> , Deputy Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU & Global Dialogue, Brussels Office
09:40 – 10:20	40'	Panel 1  <i><b>Shaping the Future of EU-LAC Partnerships: Opportunities and Common Priorities</b></i>	Moderated by <b>Barbara Caracciolo</b> , International Cooperation & Sustainable Development Coordinator, Solidar  Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Luis Blandón</b>, President, UNAMOS</li> <li>• <b>Martín Clavijo</b>, Executive Director, Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation</li> <li>• <b>Hana Jalloul</b>, MEP S&amp;D Group, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs</li> </ul>
10:20 – 10:40	20'	Q&A session	
10:40 – 10:50	10'	Coffee break	

10:50 – 11:30	40'	<p>Panel 2</p> <p><b><i>A new EU-LAC Cooperation for Trade &amp; Sustainable Development</i></b></p>	<p>Moderated by <b>Barbara Caracciolo</b>, International Cooperation &amp; Sustainable Development Coordinator, Solidar</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elena Crasta</b>, Senior Advisor on External Relations and Latin America, ETUC</li> <li>• <b>Marita González</b>, Member of International Relations Secretary, CGT Argentina (General Confederation of Labour); Coordinator of the Mercosur Economic and Social Consultative Forum from Argentina</li> <li>• <b>Aloizio Mercadante</b>, President, Brazilian Development Bank</li> <li>• <b>Kathleen Van Brempt</b>, MEP S&amp;D Group, S&amp;D Vice-President and Vice-Chair of the Committee on International Trade</li> </ul>
11:30 – 11:50	20'	Q&A session	
11:50 – 12:00	10'	Closing remarks	<b>Maria João Rodrigues</b> , President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)