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# **MINUTES**

**of the meeting of 19 April 2023, 15.00-17.00**

**Strasbourg**

The meeting opened on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 15.06, with Javi López (Chair) presiding.

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

OJ – PE624.876v01-00

The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of minutes of:**

- 2 February 2023

PV – PE624.875v01-00

The minutes were approved.

**3. Chair's announcements**

The President announced that on 9 March 2023 the Conference of Presidents had given its formal approval for the holding of the 15th EuroLat session in Madrid, Spain, from 24 to 27 July 2023, to be held in the Senate building.

He also reported that a meeting of the EuroLat Bureau had been scheduled for 3 July 2023 by videoconference to finalise the message to be sent to the EU-CELAC summit.

**4. Exchange of views on the Global Gateway Agenda – perspectives from the European Commission**

- Felix Fernández-Shaw, Director, DG INTPA, European Commission (*via videoconference*)

**Felix Fernández-Shaw, Director of DG INTPA at the Commission**, stressed the Commission's commitment to strengthening links with Latin America and the Caribbean by means of the Global Gateway programme. An investment agenda for the region was currently being prepared and would be presented at the next EU-CELAC summit. Mr Fernandez-Shaw highlighted collaboration with Latin American governments, financial institutions and the European private sector as key elements for strengthening shared interests and values. Latin America was noteworthy because of its well-established investment agenda and shared the EU's desire for a green, digital and just transition, with a focus on making progress in the electrification of public transport. Acknowledging the crucial role of the private sector, Mr Fernandez-Shaw highlighted the EU's close collaboration with private companies, as private investment played a greater role than in other regions. He also praised Latin America's progress in expanding its renewable energy matrix and highlighted the immense potential that investment in green hydrogen represented. The EU's investment priorities in the region comprised the digital transformation, renewable energy, connectivity, sustainable forest management, sustainable finance and issuing green bonds. At the EU-CELAC summit, Mr Fernandez-Shaw stated that the Commission would present country-specific ideas, priorities and projects to maintain and consolidate the European Union's position as the region's leading foreign investor and provider of foreign employment.

*Speakers: Inma Rodríguez-Piñero (S&D, Spain), Pierre Karleskind (Renew, France), Jordi Solé (Verts/ALE, Spain), Mónica Silvana González (S&D, Spain), Samira Rafaela (Renew, Netherlands), Javi López (S&D, Spain)*

## **5. Exchange of views on the Global Gateway Agenda and on Macro-economic perspectives, investments and financial access of the Latin American and Caribbean countries,**

**with the participation of:**

- Ricardo Mourinho Félix, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

**Ricardo Mourinho Félix, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB)**, stressed the crucial importance of the partnership between Latin America and Europe and acknowledged Europe's essential role in solving problems in the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region. At the same time, however, he pointed out several points which complicated the implementation of initiatives focusing on human rights and sustainability, as well as the challenge of putting a lid on inflation and increasing social and political stability, especially in the aftermath of COVID-19. Mr Mourinho Félix said that the EIB has invested EUR 13 billion in Latin America and the Caribbean over the past three decades, with a project portfolio valued at EUR 3 billion. In 2022, the EIB provided a contribution of EUR 1.7 billion to LAC (out of a total of EUR 19 billion in global financing). He stated that climate action, women's rights and social rights projects were priorities for the EIB, with 50% of financing earmarked for climate projects. With a view to stepping up collaboration with the region, the EIB would open a new office in Brazil. Mr Mourinho Félix stressed the EIB's commitment to fostering resilient, inclusive and sustainable development in Latin America, and agreed on the fundamental importance of the EU-CELAC summit for future cooperation.

- Ignacio Corlazzoli, Manager for Europe, Asia and Middle East, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

**Ignacio Corlazzoli, Manager for Europe, Asia and Middle East at the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)**, spoke about the challenges facing LAC, which included low productivity, high inequality, low social cohesion and a vulnerable middle class owing to institutional weaknesses and problems affecting the energy transition. Mr Corlazzoli explained that CAF afforded priority to full digitalisation and developing infrastructure, which ran to a total estimated cost of USD 50-300 billion for the region. CAF was focusing on inclusive and secure connectivity, industries 4.0, global financial diplomacy, and digitisation and inclusion. LAC had the greenest and cleanest energy matrix in the world, investing USD 1.50 in renewable energy for every dollar invested in fossil fuels. CAF aimed to push this number up to USD 9 by 2030. In his opinion, the region harboured a considerable amount of critical minerals needed for the transition to sustainability - representing approximately four times current levels - required by 2040. Mr Corlazzoli paid tribute to the EU's Global Gateway initiative, while stressing the need for further collaboration in the areas of digitalisation, climate resilience, sustainable transport, health, education and research in LAC. CAF planned to propose infrastructure projects and collaborate with the EIB and IDB. Some LAC countries, particularly in Mercosur, had expressed concerns about the EU's Border Carbon Adjustment Mechanism and its possible use for protectionist purposes. Lastly, Mr Corlazzoli said that CAF hoped to achieve significant progress during the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

- Fazia Pusterla, representative in Europe of the IDB Group - Office of Outreach and Partnerships, Inter-American Development Bank

**Fazia Pusterla, IDB Group Representative in Europe at the Inter-American Development Bank's Office of Strategic Partnerships**, said that the IDB focused on improving social, fiscal, growth and cross-cutting issues aggravated by the pandemic in LAC. About 30% of the region's population lived on less than USD 5 a day. With a view to achieving sustainable growth, the IDB afforded priority to income distribution and managing cyclical fluctuations. Ms Pusterla stated the IDB was working with LAC governments to implement short, medium and long-term policies for low inflation, effective monetary policy, an independent central bank, effective fiscal reforms and improvements in the labour market. Creating a favourable climate for the private sector was also key. As for financing, Ms Pusterla stated that the IDB was allocating funds to various sectors: 50% for energy, water, transport and sanitation infrastructure; 20% to social services; another 20% for strengthening development institutions and 10% for sustainability and climate change resilience. Partnerships, especially with the European Union (EU), were vital. She stressed that the IDB Group received EUR 431 million in grants from the EU between 2012 and 2023. In addition, between 2020 and 2023, Global Gateway partners had provided USD 3.3 billion in cofinancing and provided USD 191.2 million in grants. Ongoing initiatives were increasing the IDB's contribution to the fight against exclusion and the fostering of equality, climate change mitigation, sustainable infrastructure development and digitalisation.

The Chair stressed that the Global Gateway programme aimed to mobilise EUR 300 billion in investments by 2027 and that it was above all a geopolitical project. The Members expressed their interest in the details of the investments and their impact on reducing poverty and fostering gender equality. They also asked about Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) governments' perception of the Global Gateway, as well as the strategies to generate synergies between European and LAC investments. The Members appreciated the opportunity to learn about the vision of financial institutions.

**Speakers:** José Manuel Fernandes (PPE, Portugal), César Luena (S&D, Spain), Jordi Cañas (Renew, Spain), Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (The Left, Spain), Samira Rafaela (Renew, Netherlands)

**6. Any other business**

None.

**7. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting would take place in the last week of June, with the exact date still to be confirmed. The main topic will be the recent summit of the Ibero-American General Secretariat, which would be discussed jointly with its Secretary-General, Mr Andrés Allamand.

The meeting closed at 17.09.

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