

Cooperación
Española

COORDINATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPACT

KEY ASPECTS OF EU FUNDING DELEGATED TO SPAIN



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The European Union is the world's largest development cooperation donor. The wide-ranging and diverse challenges presented by international circumstances, and the Agenda for Sustainable Development assumed by the international community and – therefore – by the European Union (EU) and its Member States, call for coordinated and effective cooperation, with real impact, in order to attain the specific development outcomes that are sought.

One way of achieving this is through entities, such as the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), certified by the European Commission to manage such development funds.

Since 2010, AECID has managed development cooperation initiatives funded by other Member States, as well as by the EU itself.

The management of funds delegated to AECID, **621 million euros in total**, has increased the

Spain ranks third, after Germany and France, in the volume of EU delegated cooperation funds managed

effectiveness of Spanish Cooperation, improved **coordination and harmonization** between donors, and reduced **transaction costs**.

WHAT IS IT, THE DELEGATED COOPERATION?

Delegated Cooperation is a means of providing **Official Development Assistance (ODA)**. In it one or several agencies ("silent donors") entrust another (a "lead donor") with undertaking all or part of the activities of the aid.

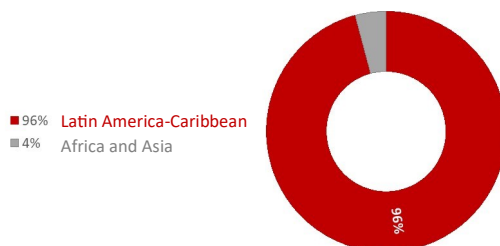
WHERE DO WE COOPERATE

Initially AECID's management of delegated funds was initially focused on **Latin America** – region that continues to present the highest accumulated total of delegated funding. However, the creation of the EU Regional Trust Fund, in Response to the Syrian Crisis (“the Madad Fund”) in 2014, and of the European Union Emergency Trust Fund for stability and for addressing the root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa in 2015, raised the profile of **Africa and Asia**.

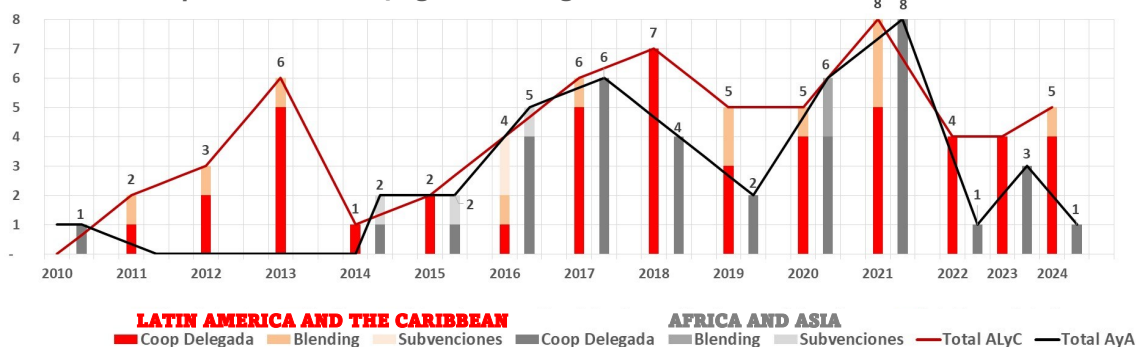
In 2024 **6 agreements** per a total of **36 million euros** were signed:

- Latin America: 5 contribution agreements, **34.5 millions**
- Africa and Asia: 1 contribution agreement, **1.5 millions**

Graphic 2. Geographic distribution of delegated funds in 2024 (in Millions of euros).



Graphic 1. Number of agreements signed to date.



PERU. GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: STRENGTHENING PREVENTION



This operation was launched in 2021 with a budget of 3,406,900 euros, co-financed by the EU, Germany and Spanish Cooperation, with two components: the first, by GIZ, which seeks to strengthen the National Specialised Justice System with the help of the Judiciary; and the second, by AECID, focuses on implementing a national prevention policy by the Ministry of Women. The main milestone of the project was the approval, by the government, of the first **National Strategy for the Prevention of Gender Violence against Women** that includes a package of 57 services from different entities.



This program promotes entrepreneurship and job creation in the field of new technologies and outsourcing among more than 300 university students and graduates in the governorate of Luxor (Upper Egypt). It is also committed to the implementation of sustainable agricultural solutions aimed at reducing the economic vulnerability of 400 women and their families in rural areas of Aswan governorate. In parallel and in order to address the structural gender gap, the project also strengthens national mechanisms to raise awareness of women's rights and combat violence against women in Egypt.



TEAM EUROPE APPROACH

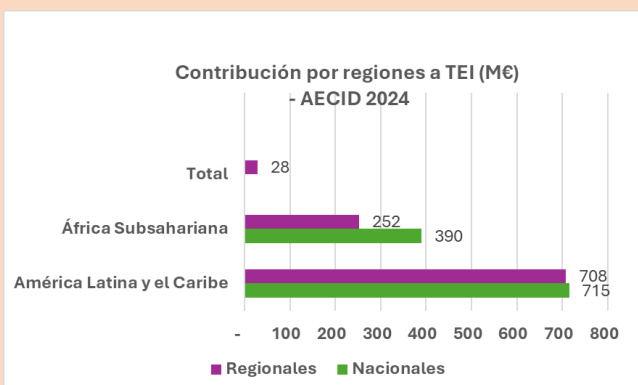
2024 has seen the consolidation of the Team Europe Approach, that seeks to define **synergies in the strategic interests of its members so that the resources donated in order to achieve a sustainable impact** in a country or region are optimized. In 2024 a total of 169 Team Europe Initiatives (TEI) were defined: 132 national, 33 regional and 4 global.

In 2024, AECID has mobilized 2,095M€ in 61 TEI, distributed as follows:

TOTAL	61 TEI (43 national, 16 regional, 2 global)	2,095M€
Latin America and Caribbean	24 TEI (18 nat, 6 reg)	1,424M€
Africa and Asia	35 TEI (25 nat, 10 reg)	643M€
Global	2 TEI	28M€

GLOBAL GATEWAY

2024 has been the year of the consolidation of the new European strategy Global Gateway has been launched. It seeks to promote smart, clean and safe investments in quality infrastructure that sustainably connect people, goods and services around the world. It aims to reduce the global investment gap around the world (G7 Leaders commitment, June 2021), acting in 5 key areas: digital, climate and energy, transport, health, and education and research.



To this end, an investment of 300,000 million euros is planned for the period 2021-2027.

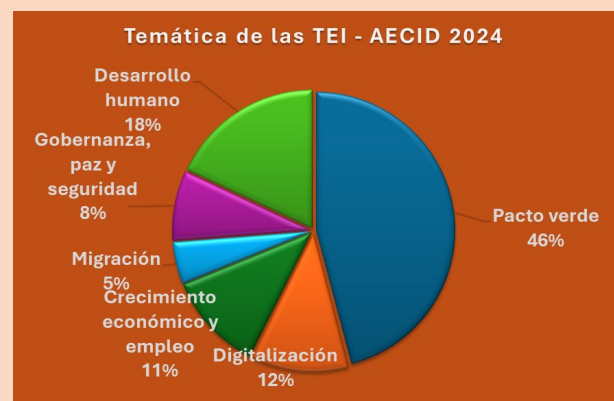
AECID contributes to some of the Global Gateway's flagship projects through infrastructure programs financed with FONPRODE funds.

They also include social initiatives and the development of public policies, which are essential for the sustainability of the actions.



In 2024, AECID **flagship projects** in the INTPA list are:

- Mauritania: "Improving access to regionally integrated, climate-resilient and inclusive infrastructure and services in selected border communities in the Senegal River Valley".
- Bolivia: Urban Areas Integral Water Management, Programme and Water and sanitation program for rural communities, medium and small cities
- Senegal: Irrigation program PARIIS; and rural development program PADAER II
- Paraguay: Water and Sanitation Program in the Metropolitan Area of Asuncion – Lambare Basin.
- Honduras: Rural development and productivity
- Dominican Rep.: Solid waste management - La Duquesa Dump. Coastal sanitation Boca Chica La Caleta
- Brazil: Project Paulo Freire II - Development of capacities for overcoming rural hunger and extreme poverty
- Ecuador. Potable Water and Sewerage Program for Quito y Potable Water and Sewerage Program of Portoviejo Municipality.



GLOBAL DATA

Today, the **management of delegated funds** is a key instrument for AECID. In December 2024 AECID had **50 ongoing agreements with a total of 297.5 million euros**. In addition, 54 programmes have already been closed for a total of 323.7 million. Most of the projects – 100 out of 104 – are **development initiatives formalized with the European Union, with AECID managing 615.8 million euros**.

TYPES OF DELEGATED COOPERATION

Delegated funds are articulated through the signing of agreements between the European Union or the donor Member State and AECID. They can take the form of delegated cooperation, blended cooperation – combined funding – or grants.

COVENANT OF MAYORS.

The European Union launched the Covenant of Mayors for Europe in 2008 as a "bottom-up"

initiative that promotes energy and climate action at the local level, promoting the

commitment of cities in the fight against climate change. This proposal was later extended to the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), where the Sub-Saharan African Covenant of Mayors (CoM SSA), at this geographical area, aims to strengthen the resilience of sub-Saharan cities to climate change and rapid urbanization. The first two phases of support for the initiative, funded by the

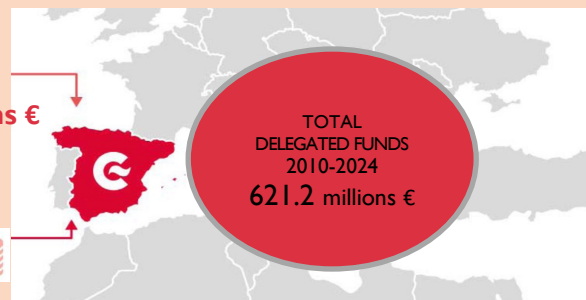


EU, focused on the creation of the network of CoM SSA cities, pioneers in climate action. Phase III sought to expand the impact of the initiative, to execute projects and activities, to expand and consolidate the network of cities, as well as to guarantee the sustainability of its actions. By 2024, 367 sub-Saharan cities (with 137 million people) had joined the initiative. AECID supported different municipalities in 4 countries: Mauritania (Nouakchott Region), Senegal (Dakar and Pikine), Cape Verde (Ribeira Grande de Santiago and Praia) and Mozambique (Matola, Boane and Maputo)

Phase IV of the Covenant of Mayors will be carried out between 2025 and 2029, maintaining a similar structure to that of phase III and building on its achievements.

 **EU FUNDS**
615.8 millions €

OTHER MMEE FUNDS
5.4 millions € 



Grants from “silent donors” or direct awards of funds through a “call for proposals” represent the management model that to date has received the lowest volume of funds, with the **6 operations agreed** accounting for a total of **9.4 million euros** delegated to AECID, i.e., **1,5% of the funds delegated** to the Spanish institution.

DELEGATED COOPERATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

The **2030 Agenda** for Sustainable Development requires effective instruments that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that it proposes. In this new universal agenda, donor countries play a crucial role in ensuring that the most vulnerable countries can meet the goals considered for global sustainable development.

The role of new financing instruments, such as those relating to delegated funds, is key to achieving this development through coordinated and effective actions with the greatest possible impact.

The suitability of this modality is reinforced by its inclusion in **SDG 17, which seeks to revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**.