



SMART SPECIALISATION WORLDWIDE

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REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

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#SmartSpecialisation

- 🌐 41st largest economy in the world (WB, 2016)
- 👤 Population: 48 653 419 (WB, 2016)
- 📈 GDP: 282 463 USD million (WB, 2016)
- 🌐 Global Innovation Index 2017: 65/127 (WIPO, 2017)
- 🌐 Global Competitiveness Index 2017-2018: 66/137 (WEF, 2017-2018)
- 💡 Research and development expenditure: 0.242% of GDP (WB, 2015)



🔗 Bilateral Framework

- International cooperation agreement between the EU and Colombia on regional and urban policy
- Trade Agreement between the EU and Colombia (Andean Community)
- Collaboration between IDEAM and JRC

- ALCUE NET: Latin America, Caribbean and EU Network on Research and Innovation
- ORU FOGAR: Smart Specialisation Project in Latin America

🔗 Colombia's Experience

The EU–Colombia dialogue addresses the promotion of economic, social and territorial cohesion. The dialogue also covers policies in the field of innovation and technological development; cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation; development policies in post-conflict situations (DG REGIO).

📋 Results so far

The specialisation of the Bogotá region is an initiative inspired by the Smart Specialisation concept developed in the EU and has been engaging more than 140 actors and creating strategic dialogues with quadruple helix actors, public-private governance and an entrepreneurial forum. “Ruta N” is a public-private consortium in Medellín, developing a creative ecosystem based upon the areas of health and biotechnology, energy and advanced public services/ICT. As a result, cooperation agreements have been signed with Spain, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and 163 international companies have been established in the territory (JRC, 2017). In 2015, the Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias) invested more than two millions of USD (Convocatoria Especialización Regional Inteligente Colciencias – MinTIC) in ICT industry through associative initiatives in 7 Colombian regions (Colciencias, 2015).

📋 EU projects and activities with Colombia

- EU-CELAC Joint Initiative on Research and Innovation
- Colombian researchers are eligible for Horizon 2020 funding
- International Urban Cooperation (IUC) Project
- INNOV-AL: Promotion of decentralised innovation policies
- INNOVACT: Cross-border innovation support
- EU-CELAC Common Research Area