

## Building our future together

Through their Strategic Partnership the EU and Brazil intend to contribute to generate concrete benefits to their citizens as well as to those of third countries. On the basis of their shared values they will cooperate both bilaterally and within multilateral fora to tackle global challenges.

## Further reading

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# The EU and Brazil: preparing a fairer world

The EU is Brazil's main trading partner and the biggest investor in Brazil; it is also the market of choice for Brazilian companies looking to invest abroad.

The EU and Brazil have a Strategic Partnership based on shared key values, respect for democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

At global level, we are partners in promoting regional stability and prosperity, fighting poverty, protecting the environment and reforming world governance.

## Facing global challenges together

The EU and Brazil both believe that an effective multilateral system, built around the United Nations is essential if we are to tackle the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As a result of this joint conviction,

- ▶ both partners are working closely together to improve global financial regulation and to reform the international financial institutions;
- ▶ the EU and Brazil intend to help achieve a successful global agreement on greenhouse gas emissions at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen;
- ▶ Brazil and the EU support free trade and will endeavour to reach an agreement at the WTO Doha Development Round.

## The basis of a Strategic Partnership

The EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership which was agreed in 2007 reflects this conjunction of interests and our shared desire to play a stronger role in shaping world governance.

The partnership therefore explicitly commits the EU and Brazil to a number of goals. We jointly aim to:

- ▶ promote peace & human security and to improve working and living conditions for citizens in both the EU and Latin America;
- ▶ increase economic ties, trade & investment, while supporting the move towards a low-carbon economy;
- ▶ encourage the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, joining forces to help other countries in energy, education, health & agriculture through triangular cooperation;
- ▶ cooperate in science and technology, and to promote education & cultural exchange. Brazil is an active participant in *Erasmus Mundus*, a worldwide programme that aims to enhance quality in higher education and which has so far brought 867 Brazilian students to Europe, and established partnerships with 11 Brazilian higher education institutions.

## Managing the EU-Brazil relationship

The EU-Brazil Joint Action Plan is carried out through cooperation between government institutions in both partners on the policy issues that underpin our cooperation.

So far, regular dialogues have been set in over 15 areas of mutual interest such as:

- ▶ political issues & human rights;
- ▶ macroeconomic issues & financial regulation;
- ▶ environment and climate change;
- ▶ culture and education;
- ▶ maritime and air transport;
- ▶ energy.

