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It was initially a four-year project that started in 2019 and ended in December 2022. Following its success and results, it has been extended for a transitional phase launched in January 2023. A second multi-year phase will start in July 2024.

Below are some highlights of the activities carried out by the OECD during the first phase of the RBC-LAC project in collaboration with LAC Governments, businesses, and other stakeholders, and which led to the development and reinforcement of responsible business practices in the region. These activities included research and analysis, data gathering, technical assistance, peer-learning, capacity-building and training, among others.

**+ 220 events:**

**+ 26,000 participants:**

- Civil society: 6710
- Business: 11871
- Government: 8049

- High level meetings: 60
- Group events: 94
- Trainings: 74

- 80 knowledge-based products

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**Key insights of the OECD’s activities during the first phase of the RBC-LAC Project**

**RBC-LAC at a glance**

- Funded by the European Union
- Jointly implemented in nine countries:
  - Brazil
  - Argentina
  - Chile
  - Mexico
  - Peru
  - Colombia
  - Venezuela
  - Guatemala
  - Costa Rica

**By:**

- International Labour Organization
- United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner

**Project mission:**

*To drive smart, sustainable, and inclusive growth in the EU, Latin America, and the Caribbean by advocating for responsible business conduct aligned with UN, ILO, and OECD standards.*
Enhanced coherence of government policies that promote RBC

2019: Only two countries had a National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights/RBC

2022: Eight countries adopting or progressing towards NAPs aligned with OECD RBC instruments

LAC National Contact Points for RBC strengthened

Regional approach

Technical advice and peer learning to strengthening capacities of NCPs

Local approach

Tailored needs assessments and Roadmaps

Heightened business capacity for effective due diligence implementation

>60% indicate need for training

6 programmes in key industry sectors

Data set on RBC from >500 businesses across the region

>20 sectoral guidance and resources translated into Spanish and Portuguese

Regional sectoral reports and country spotlights on RBC

MORE INFORMATION

OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct:
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