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IV EU-LAC Journalists Forum "'The bi-regional context and the role of artificial intelligence in investigative journalism'"

RECOMENDATIONS

The recommendations are the result of discussions at the IV EU-LAC Journalists' Forum, entitled 'The bi-regional context and the role of artificial intelligence in investigative journalism', held in Bogotá, Colombia, from 25 to 27 July 2025, as part of the 13th Gabo Festival. The recommendations were based on the report of the event, prepared by Francesc Badia i Dalmases.



Press freedom and protection of journalists

- Establish a **bi-regional protection mechanism for journalists** facing judicial harassment, exile or physical threats, in accordance with existing human rights frameworks.
- **Reject the criminalisation of journalism** and promote measures to combat repressive actions against journalists.



Regulate Artificial Intelligence (AI) transparently and democratically

- **Develop a joint EU-LAC framework on AI regulation**, ensuring transparency, accountability and the protection of human rights.
- **Regulate algorithmic decision-making and misinformation** on social media platforms, holding the companies that run these platforms accountable for harmful content.
- **Promote digital sovereignty** by reducing dependence on US-based infrastructure through investment in shared computing capacity between the EU and LAC and the building of secure alliances for the use of cloud computing resources.



Innovating in storytelling and audience engagement

- Support experimental projects that **adapt investigative journalism to new formats** (films, podcasts, interactive platforms, video games).
- Encourage journalists to **adopt new communication strategies** that have an impact on social media environments, while maintaining ethical rigour.



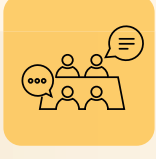
Create sustainable financing mechanisms

- Create an **EU-LAC investigative journalism fund**, financed in part by fines imposed in corruption cases and digital taxes on large technology companies.
- Allocate **public funds to support investigative journalism**, with guarantees of editorial independence.
- **Expand cross-border journalism collaboration projects**, ensuring that small and community media outlets have access to financial resources and technology.



Strengthen bi-regional collaboration

- **Encourage and accelerate collaboration between journalists** from the EU and LAC on transnational issues such as corruption, organised crime and environmental destruction.
- **Facilitate capacity-building programmes**, exchanges and joint training on AI tools and research techniques.



Defending cultural diversity and humanism

- **Monitor and counter attempts to monopolise cultural discourse** through AI-driven platforms.
- **Promote media literacy**, source verification and critical consumption of digital content through public education.
- **Reinforce the human dimension of journalism** by emphasising that truth is a process that requires interpretation, context and empathy.