



**GOAL 1.1  
MATCHING TOOLS AND  
PRACTICES WITH USERS' NEEDS**

**PROGRAMME MANAGER**

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**TIMELINE**

September 2017 to August 2021

**INVESTMENT**

EUR 6 000 000

**STAFF INVOLVED**

12 FTEs

**MOST IMPACTED CAPITAL<sup>1</sup>**

Relational

**MOST IMPACTED STAKEHOLDER**

Institutions

<sup>1</sup> As part of an integrated thinking approach, in 2016 the Office adopted the five capitals value creation model (human, organisational, relational, economic & environmental).

**IP KEY LATIN AMERICA**

The Office has consolidated a **close cooperation with the European Commission to improve IP systems in non-EU countries/regions**. EU-funded projects are currently of two types, those funded under the EU's [Partnership Instrument](#) (such as the [IP Key](#) ones) and those funded under the [cooperation and development Instruments-DCI/EDF/ENI](#) (for instance: [ARISE + IPR](#)).

Under the **IP Key projects**, the Office signed **three cooperation agreements with the European Commission** (DG TRADE and the FPI) designed to **support EU interests** and elevate the playing field for EU businesses by helping third countries to address specific challenges **in the area of IP**.

[IP Key LA](#) (Latin America) supports **increased IP protection and enforcement across the Latin American region, from Mexico to Chile**. Its aim is to support international firms, namely EU enterprises and EU SMEs, doing business in the region.

**EXPECTED BENEFITS**

- Increased awareness of the benefits of IP as a key to growth and job creation
- Improved IP systems in Latin America in line with EU standards
- Availability of effective IPR enforcement mechanisms