Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the European Union was forced to turn its attention to some of the issues directly related to these unthinkable devastating events. While more cooperation in the fields of immigration, security, policing and information sharing have gained a higher slot on the EU agenda, the ongoing goals of deepening and widening integration on the continent and taking this message to its allies around the world has not changed. The enlargement process, the Convention on the Future of the European, employment, and energy are just some of the topics being actively addressed by EU representatives.

Another ongoing goal of the European Union has been to develop stronger ties to developing countries, especially those that are former colonies of the member states. The European Union has openly claimed that achieving deeper and more successful cooperation with these countries is facilitated when a system of integration between these countries is established and becomes stronger and more dependable. While there are many systems of integration in Latin America, Mercosur, the Andean Community, the Rio Group, to name but a few, they all operate at different levels of integration. Therefore, the following links to European Union – Latin American Relations range from relations with individual countries to those with the seemingly strongest systems of integration in the region.

The Euro-Latin American Cooperation Network (RECAL) is a network of research centers in the European Union and Latin America that cooperate to further the goals of integration between these two regions. One of the European research centers on the Executive Committee of this network is AIETI (Asociación de Investigación y Especialización sobre Temas Iberoamericanas/Association for Research and Study on Iberoamerican Issues). AIETI, in Madrid, Spain, is a private non-profit institution that promotes Iberoamerican and EU-Latin American relations through research, seminars, and publications. The European Commission’s external relations web site provides general information, speeches, press releases, etc. about the activities of the EU abroad, and also provides more detailed information about the EU’s relations with specific countries and regions such as Mexico, Central America, and Mercosur.

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