

CROSS-CUTTING WG

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS and THE WAY FORWARD

(Catalyzing the process...)

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Participating Countries

Mexico and Portugal

Key document

“Bases for boosting existing and new instruments to support and fund the S&T Cooperation between EU and LAC countries” (Brussels, 2012)

(Meeting of Funding Agencies):

Main message – Combine national programmes!

Multiplicity of national instruments to be used and combined – 1

- **Mobility of researchers**
- **PhD studies in cooperative context (sandwich scheme)**
- **Network activities**
- **Collaborative projects**

Multiplicity of national instruments to be used and combined – 2

- **Twinning / Clustering of existing projects**
- **Access to Infrastructures**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Opening up of National Programmes**

ERA-NET scheme as a key instrument in EU-LAC cooperation on S&T -

- **As such or as an inspiring operational tool**
- **EULANEST as a pilot experience – showing feasibility**
- **Multilateral Projects**
- **Collaborative projects**
- **Small number of projects but a significant demonstration effect**

EULANEST

- **EU countries – ESP, FR, GE, NO, PT**
- **LAC countries – AR, BR**
- **Good quality teams, good evaluation processes, good projects**
- **A model to build on?**

ERA-NET LAC

A key opportunity

- **ERANET-LAC as a powerful tool to provide more scale to the experience of coordinating research activities at EU and LAC countries building on previous experience (EULANEST)**
- **Foccurring on topics established following an in-depth analysis through:**

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ERA-NET-LAC

Is there room to go beyond ERANET-LAC?

- **Yes!**
- **Combining national programmes**
- **Joint Programming “à la carte” based on evolving mutual interests of funding agencies and national research communities**
- **The challenge is to provide coordinated responses of national programmes /schemes to the dynamics of cooperation that research institutions and researchers look for**

Opportunities for cooperation in thematic ERANETs - a

ERA-MIN – Raw Materials

- 15 European countries
- Primary resources, secondary resources/recycling and substitution (sustainable supply of Raw Materials)
- To invite LAC countries for the joint calls
- Argentina accepted recently to join the joint call
- Other could join (Australia, Canada, South Africa, other LAC ?)

Opportunities for Cooperation on thematic ERA-NET – b

M.ERA-NET - Materials

- 25 European countries
- Next joint call on materials for health, materials for energy, surfaces, coatings, nanotechnologies, composites,...?
- Openess to the participation of non European Funding agencies
- Taiwan, Russia already involved in past joint calls
- Asian country interested
- LAC countries interested?....Joint Calls

Going beyond ERA-NETs?

- **Yes!**
- **Combining national programmes**
- **From bilateral to trilateral...to multilateral**
- **No limitations...**
- **Political will to coordinate activities at multilateral level**
- **Variable geometry**

CYTED as an example of feasibility of a bi-regional multilateral Programme

- **Lessons from CYTED**
- **Colaboration with ERA-NET LAC**
- **Other ways of exploiting possibilities of orchestrate collaboration with other instruments at regional and multilateral level**
- **Pave the way for inspiring other initiatives based on multilateral cooperation?**

Vision

Towards multilateral Euro-LAC programmes running regularly in different areas?

Thank you for our attention

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