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Background: The EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue

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- Building on existing cooperation between the EU and CELAC countries, the **EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)** was adopted by the VI Madrid Summit in 2010, aimed to deliver greater benefits from scientific cooperation between the two regions.
- **Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)** with EU-CELAC representatives was established as a regular bi-regional dialogue on STI to implement the JIRI through biannual Action Plans, focus on 5 thematic areas (Working Groups- WGs):
 - Bioeconomy (Argentina + France)
 - ICT for meeting societal challenges (Chile + Finland)
 - Biodiversity and climate change (Colombia + France)
 - Renewable Energies (Mexico + Spain)
 - Health (Spain + Brazil)
 - + Cross-Cutting “Good practices and funding mechanisms” and “Careers Development” (Mexico + Portugal/ Chile + Finland)
- **SOM Thematic WGs** defines specific issues and objectives and prepares an implementation plan that will be reported annually to the SOM



- As a SOM recommendation **ALCUE NET** will support the EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue & the work implemented under the Joint Initiative
 - Follow up and implementation of suggestions and recommendations from SOM thematic WGs



- Bi regional FP7 support project: 19 EU-CELAC partners
- Coordinated by MINCYT
- 5 years (2013-2017) – Budget: 4M Euros

Objectives

- To **support EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue** (Senior-Level Meetings) **& the JIRI implementation** by reflecting the suggestions and recommendations of the SOM Thematic WGs (**Energy; ICT; Bioeconomy; Biodiversity and CC; Health; Cross Cutting**)
- To **establish a bi regional platform** bringing together players from R&I and funding, as well as other stakeholders from the **public and private sector and the civil society**



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MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA E INNOVACIÓN PRODUCTIVA (COORD)	MINCyT	Argentina
ZENTRUM FUER SOZIALE INNOVATION	ZSI	Austria
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MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA , TECNOLOGIA Y TELECOMUNICACIONES DE COSTA RICA	MICITT	Costa Rica
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CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA - CONACYT	CONACYT	Mexico
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MINISTÉRIO DA CIÊNCIA, TECNOLOGIA E INOVAÇÃO / INSTITUTO BRASILEIRO DE INFORMAÇÃO EM CIÊNCIA E TECNOLOGIA	MCTI/IBICT	Brazil
INSTITUT DE RECHERCHE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT	IRD	France





The project focuses on

A. Achieving progress towards joint improvement of key aspects of societal challenges

- Support coordination of EU research policies and programs with the LAC Region
- Strengthen complementarities between HORIZON 2020 with other policies/programs
- Promote synergies between initiatives/projects supported by EU & national programs
- Design & implement initiatives to bridging the gap between public and private actors
- Support cooperation on issues related to framework conditions for R&I (IPR)

B. Supporting Policy Dialogue at all relevant levels

- Providing up to date analytical evidence (key players, priorities, gaps, niches)
- Monitoring & analyzing progress and results of cooperation in R&D, incl. FP7, H2020 and bilateral programmes
- Supporting the implementation of the dialogue recommendations
- Make progress on the implementation of the JIRI

C. Strengthening cooperation

- Encourage R&I actors to use FPs as platform for mutual cooperation (+ Innovation)
- Support participation in events to facilitate the preparation of collaborative activities
- Support the training and extension of the network of NCP in the region

D. Increasing effectiveness and impact

- Define a communication and dissemination plan of projects' results

Coordination and Management

Information management, monitoring, evaluation and quality control

Policy Dialogue on Research and Innovation

Energy

ICT

Bioeconomy

Biodiversity

Capacity strengthening and networking



Implementation processes

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WP1: Bi-regional EU-LAC Policy Dialogue on Research and Innovation: will provide support to SOM process & JIRI implementation activities in 4 priority themes by contributing to the building-up of the bi-regional knowledge and innovation area

WP2 to WP5: Addressing Societal Challenges through action in the 4 thematic priorities of the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI): will develop concrete R&I activities leading up to JIRI implementation. WPs will eventually evolve into biregional cooperation platforms involving relevant stakeholders & undertaking support activities (agenda setting, joint instrument implementation, ...)

WP6: Capacity strengthening and networking: will provide support for the extension of the NCP network in LAC, building up on the capacities of the 4 Liaison Offices (AR, BR, CL, MX)

WP7: Information management, monitoring, evaluation and quality control: will concentrate all information management & diffusion activities, incl. monitoring & evaluation. (inputs from the four JIRI WPs)

WP8: Coordination and Management: will manage the project's resources, coordinate partners, committees & platforms, monitor progress and outputs and acts legally, administratively and financially, with the Commission, on behalf of the Consortium



- Support mechanism for bi regional policy dialogue:
 - Technical Secretariat for SOM: Concept Note + Action Plan + background docs
 - Support the participation of Senior Officials
 - Support the implementation of thematic activities by recommendation of SOM WG
 - Raise awareness on SOM WG activities
 - Elaboration of thematic reports back to back SOM Thematic WGs
 - Recommendation for SOM & Implementation of JIRI through SOM decisions
- Main thematic activities
 - Definition of common priorities and elaboration of topic profiles
 - Implementation of observatories + mappings
 - Elaboration of proposals for capacity building + awareness raising
- Foresight study on strategic Vision to strengthen bi regional cooperation
- Thematic experts platforms (community of stakeholders)



- Organization of workshops/conferences mobilizing stakeholders
- External Review Panel
- NCPs Implementation plan for Capacity strengthening and networking activities
 - Expand the LAC NCP Network by supporting the nomination of representatives in countries without NCP structure (NCP platform)
 - Improve LAC participation in Horizon 2020 (Infodays, Virtual Conferences)
- Synergies with related initiatives (JPI's, Thematic projects, ERANet, Bilats, Inconet, JRC, EEN, CYTED, CORDEX, European Bioeconomy Observatory, BIODiversa, etc)
- ALCUE NET presentation in international events (strategic meetings)



3 Travel Grant Schemes

- To facilitate participation of **stakeholders** from **non EU- CELAC partner's countries in the project activities**
- To facilitate participation of **Senior Officials** from **non EU- CELAC partner's countries in the SOM**
- To facilitate participation of **NCPs of LAC countries** or **LAC countries without NCP** to build up their own NCP and **to develop the LAC NCP Platform**

Technical Support to the EU- CELAC SOM Presidencies

- The Project acts as **Technical Secretariat** of the SOM to provide technical and logistical support to institutional Bi-regional Policy Dialogue

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News! H2020 Training in El Salvador
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The Network

ALCUE NET supports the European Union and Latin American and Caribbean Policy Dialogue process on Science, Technology and Innovation, while fostering partnership and capacity building to jointly address social challenges.

The Network establishes a bi regional platform for policy makers, research institutions and the private sector, which aid to design and implement policy and cooperation frameworks for mutual development.

Work addresses bi regional common priorities, including energy, information and communications technology, bioeconomy, biodiversity and climate change.

ALCUE NET also strengthen and expand the National Contact Points in Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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