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## ALCUE NET Main Achievements



- ALCUE NET has contributed to enhance the cooperation between both regions.
- Its bi-regional consortium has been working to increase and coordinate this cooperation by facilitating the participation of the R&I community from both regions and by helping to overcome potential barriers and national/regional limitations for the success of such collaboration.
- The project has also been executed and planned as an important support mechanism to the EU-CELAC policy dialogue on R&I.
  - Most of the activities performed during the execution of the project have been focused on the decisions of the EU-CELAC SOM held since 2012 and on providing relevant input and recommendations to the subsequent meetings.
  - Thus, main inputs for the SOM and Thematic Working Groups have arisen from the efforts implemented under the ALCUE NET project.



## ALCUE NET major achievements 1/3

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- Creation and reinforcement of strategic **synergies** with new initiatives and related bi-regional projects as well as with the EC Directorates.
  - ERANet-LAC, EU-LAC Helath, CORDEX-LAC, CEPAL, CYTED, EUROCLIMA, ENSOCIO LA, BIODiversa, BELMONT FORUM, GACD, EEN, ELAN Network, INCONTACT 2020, RedCLARA, Latin America Liaison Offices with the EU (AR, BR, CH, MX), etc.
  - ALCUE NET thematic actions were especially benefit from the links and synergies created with all these initiatives .
- Implementation of a **Technical Secretariat** as a supporting mechanism for SOM coordination by contributing to the preparation of discussion documents and supporting material (agendas, participant list, concept notes discussion, action plans, etc).
  - 5 EU-CELAC SOM Concept Note were elaborated by ALCUE NET
- Institution of **Bi regional thematic platforms** that mobilized more than 2000 players from R&I as well as other stakeholders from the public and private sector.
- Organization of **back-to-back meetings** jointly with the SOM WGs and other related initiatives and projects to improve the use of available funds and tools (some meetings have been coordinated by VC- Red CLARA).
- Coordination of the **official nomination of WG** country representatives.





## ALCUE NET major achievements 2/3

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- Set up specific actions to identify **common thematic priorities** as input for Joint Calls and H2020. More than 45 topics were identified among the four thematic areas.
- Preparation of the 7 **Thematic Reports** jointly with the thematic SOM WG in each area (28 thematic reports elaborated in total).
- Build up and expand the **LAC National Contact Points Network**.
- Support the **nomination of representatives** in countries without NCP structure to expand the NCP network in LAC. Senior Officials from 18 LAC countries have signed a Letter of Interest which aims at achieving sustainability and continuous strengthening for the LAC NCP Network
- Reinforcement of the **trainings and extension** of the LAC NCP Network through the organization of NCP annual workshops, technical assistance and dissemination activities: 9 video conferences with the participation of 808 stakeholders from LAC countries and 20 Training Workshops in 15 LAC countries with 1744 stakeholders from the region.
- Improvement of LAC **participation in the Horizon 2020** and other related programmes.
- Promotion of **consortium building** .
- Development of a **mapping** of current and past bilateral and bi-regional thematic projects, institutions and researchers.





## ALCUE NET major achievements 3/3

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- Elaboration of a **foresight study** to develop a vision and scenarios for bi-regional cooperation towards 2030 (commissioned by Senior Officials).
- Collection of **impact stories** to promote outcomes and impact of the project.
- Formulation of a **Bi regional co-publication analysis** as background paper for SOM.
- Design of 3 **travel grants schemes**
  - for non-partners countries with the aim of improving bi regional participation in the project. More than 40 experts were mobilized.
  - to facilitate participation of Senior Officials from non EU- CELAC partner's countries in the SOM
  - for LAC NCPs with or without NCP structure. More than 30 experts were mobilizing to participate on project LAC NCP annual meetings.
- Set up a **website** as a support mechanism for EU-CELAC dialogue focusing in each thematic area covered, NCP platform, networks and HORIZON 2020 programme promotion.
- Establishment of an **External Review Panel (8 experts in the 4 thematic areas)**
- **Dissemination** of knowledge about the project on partner countries and events organized by other initiatives.





## ALCUE NET major impacts

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- The impact of the project so far is to have contributed to the STI policy dialogue between both regions.
- ALCUE NET has also created a community of R&D stakeholders who now participate actively on project activities.
- The impact to the international social and economic challenges so far could be expressed through the capacity of the project to be not only an intermediary in STI policy dialogue between both regions, but also to broadly expand international cooperation opportunities in H2020 and other EU Programs.
- It is also important to mention that the project acted as a centralized mechanism to further disseminate and identify organizations and key actors interested in developing joint new projects and initiatives.



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*The effort results undertaken by the ALCUE NET project consortium and the support given to other EU-funded projects and related initiatives and to the SOM and JIRI Working Groups, reinforced the Policy Dialogue process towards the Common Research Area.*



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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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