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## EU-CELAC cooperation dialogue on S&T



## 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.
  - Framework to implement the EU-CELAC Knowledge Area
- **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 4 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 on funding and good practice (Mexico + Portugal)
- **SOM Thematic WGs** defines specific issues and objectives and prepares an implementation plan that will be reported annually to the SOM



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## EU-CELAC Summits

- ...Madrid 2010; Santiago 2013; Brussels 2015...
- Joint Biregional Declarations; Action Plan
- **EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)**

## Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)

- ...Brussels 2011; Concepcion 2012; Brussels 2013; **Costa Rica 2014...**
- Biannual Work Plan (Roadmap)

## JIRI Working Groups

- Bioeconomy/ ICT/ Biodiversity + CC/ Energy/ Health/ Cross Cutting...
- Implementation plans: ALCUE NET + EULAC Health + ERA NET Lac + EUCARINET+ Thematic Biregional Projects...



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- The SOM was organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica (MICITT)
- 75 EU-CELAC representatives from 30 countries
  - 16 Latin American
  - 5 Caribbean
  - 9 European Union
- ALCUE NET, as SOM Technical Secretariat, elaborated the following documents:
  - EU-CELAC Concept Note for discussion based on biregional Thematic Reports
  - EU- CELAC Action Plan 2014/2015
  - Articulates thematic reports from the SOM WGs.
- ***Next V SOM in Brussels, 2015 (June tbc)***



- **Scene setter:**
  - CELAC STI Policy; Summits and Action Plan; Overview of the EU-CELAC cooperation dialogue on STI; Bilateral and bi-regional cooperation
- **Exchange of information. Activities of capacity building and partnership:**
  - European development programmes; LAC STI Policies: IDB
- **Exchange of information. Links to on-going initiatives:**
  - EUCARINET ; ENLACE; ERA-Net-LAC; CELAC-EU Academic Summit; EU-LAC Health; Ensocio-LA; Leadership; ALCUE NET
- **Presentations reflecting progress in the thematic WGs:**
  - Bioeconomy; Renewable energies; Biodiversity and CC; ICT ; Health & Good practice and funding
- **Way forward**
  - Report from the concept group on Researchers' Careers
  - Calls by ERANet-LAC
- *Horizon 2020 'Open to the World' Launch Event*



### 1. Topics for Joint Calls

- Joint work articulated between ALCUE NET + ERA NET Lac + EULAC HEALTH + ENSOCIO projects
- 20 topics were endorsed by the SOM from a long list of 44 identified by the five EU-CELAC WGs
- ERANet-LAC Joint Calls for projects and pilot coordination actions were recognized as relevant new instruments to enhance biregional cooperation on a cofunding basis.





### 2. Researchers Career Development Proposal

- EU- CELAC collaboration on international career development of doctoral candidates and early stage researchers
- Draft proposal was circulated among SOM
- Possible structure: it was agreed to include the theme into the tasks, objectives and mandate of the cross cutting on funding and best practices SOM WG. Chile and Finland agreed on enlarging this WG by co-leading the Researchers Career Development theme working in close collaboration with the corresponding group from the Academic Summit.



### 3. Foresight study

- It was suggested by SENACYT to elaborate EU-CELAC Scenarios' building on International Cooperation in a more systematic and formal way to strengthen and deepen the biregional cooperation and to provide an input to the SOM for its decision making process in the future.
- It was agreed that this is a key aspect to involve more countries into the EU-CELAC process.
- It was expressed that the exercise on biregional cooperation scenarios will be an interesting activity to be supported by ALCUE NET and presented during next SOM in 2015.
- This strategic vision will be developed also to better focus biregional cooperation activities and give long term sustainability.





- As a final remark the EU CELAC SOM representatives considered that it was an fruitful meeting to show progress made in terms of:
  - Involvement of key actors (Public + Private sector) and new countries in the WGs
  - Consolidation of a high level experts platform on ICT, Energy, Bioeconomy, Health, Biodiversity and CC
  - Thematic Reports on the state of the art and future perspectives
  - Identification of topics of common interest for Joint Calls
  - New innovation framework to improve SMEs participation
  - H2020 calls for LAC countries + new programs/instruments: JPI/ ERA NETs / ETPs / JRC/DG RELEX/DG Enterprise, EEN, etc.



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**News!** ALCUE NET will participate at the ICT 2013 - Create, Connect, Grow, in Vilnius on 6-8 November, 2013. ALCUE NET, through the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation in Argentina will actively participate in the ICT 2013 that the European Commission is org ... [view](#)

24 February 2014 - 28 February 2014 - [Energy Bi-regional Experts + Policy Workshop](#)  
Mexico

ALCUE NET supports the CELAC-UE S&T Policy Dialogue process & the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (CELAC-UE JIRI) implementation during 2013-2017, reflecting the suggestions and recommendations of the Senior Officials Meetings (SOM).

ALCUE NET aims to establish a common platform for EU-LAC policy makers, research institutions and the private sector

ALCUE NET aims at strengthening and expanding the National Contact Points (NCP) in Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as engaging with Alumni networks, other INCO-NETs and related thematic biregional projects.



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