



Capacity building workshop: strengthening the National Contact Point Network

ALCUE NET

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Panama City, PANAMA

Venue:

RAMADA PLAZA

Panama - Punta Pacífica

Vía Israel y 71 San Francisco Street, Panama City

Organizers: SENACYT/MEC/DLR/MINCYT

ALCUE NET is a four and a half year project, funded by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Union, which started in December 2012. The consortium is composed of eight institutions from the European Union and eleven from Latin American and Caribbean countries, representing stakeholders from government and research, which enables the achievement of the objectives, set in the project (www.alcuenet.eu).

ALCUE NET main objective is to establish a European Union (EU) and Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) platform bringing together actors involved in research and innovation orientation, funding and implementation, as well as other relevant stakeholders from the public and private sectors and the civil society.

The project seeks common visions on specific issues, coordinates activities and identifies priorities of shared interest. The project activities are defined following the conclusions and recommendations from the annual Senior Officials Meetings on Science and Technology, and in agreement with the implementation of the EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation.

To increase the collaboration between researchers from CELAC and EU, **ALCUE NET** has a set of measures to support the development of skills and the creation of networks. One of the tasks objectives is to develop and strengthen existing capacities of CELAC National Contact Points (NCP), and expand the NCP network in the region. To achieve this objective, several regional workshops are foreseen, which the participation of representatives from both regions supported by the project.

Workshop Objectives

- a) Presentation of the CELAC NCP network.
- b) Inform and update all participants about the opportunities for third countries in European Union's Research and Innovation Framework Programme – Horizon 2020.
- c) Increase the awareness by training NCPs on Horizon 2020.
- d) Strengthen capacity of the existing LAC NCP network.
- f) Elaboration of the ALCUE NET action plan.
- g) Promote the sustainability and formalization of the LAC NETWORK

The achievement of these objectives, will allow generating necessary synergies to enhance the science and technology cooperation between both regions (EU - CELAC).

Participants

EU CELAC Country representatives, Official and non-official National Contact Points, researchers, projects coordinators, European Commission representatives, SMEs, Panamanian stakeholders and others.

Meeting Agenda

Info Day and training on Horizon 2020

Wednesday 1st of February

General Moderator: Claudia Guerrero – SENACYT (Panama)

Time	Activity
09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:30	<p>Welcome and Opening Words</p> <p>Delegate from the European Union in Panama, Business Manager Giovanni Di Girolamo</p> <p>National Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation Jorge A. Motta</p>
10:00	<p>ALCUE NET Presentation & Workshop General Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MINCYT coordination (Argentina) – Ignacio Ibáñez <p>Foresight Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foresight recommendations for the SOM (Panama) – Carlos Aguirre - Comments on the foresight BOHEMIA study. Guidelines for future research policy in the European Union(Panama) – Carlos Aguirre
11:00	<i>coffee break</i>
11:15	<p>General Training on Horizon 2020</p> <p>Pillar: 1 – Mobility of researchers – Jesús Rojo, Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions, Madrid +D (Spain)</p> <p><i>Questions& Answers</i></p>
12:30	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14:00	<p>General Training on Horizon 2020 (<i>continues</i>)</p> <p>Charlotte Grawitz. EURAXESS</p> <p>Main Panamá successful cooperation experiences & projects on R&I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Gabrielle B. Britton (Instituto de Investigaciones Científicas y

	<p>Servicios de Alta Tecnología)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Amador Goodridge(Instituto de Investigaciones Científicas y Servicios de Alta Tecnología) <p><i>Questions& Answers</i></p>
15:30	<i>coffee break</i>
16:00	<p>TRAINING ON HORIZON 2020 - Participation process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants' Portal • Elaboration of a proposal • Partner search tools • What are evaluators looking for • Keys for success • Useful- Technical and financial management • Task/Work package management • Tools and Tips - Ignacio Ibañez – MINCYT (Argentina) - Claudia Romano – MEC-CUBIST (Uruguay) <p><i>Questions& Answers</i></p>
18:00	End of the day
19:00	Informal Gathering

Thursday 2nd of February: Best Practices

Time	
09:00	<p><i>Successful experiences on the implementation of the Liaison Offices:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DLR (Germany) - MINCYT (Argentina) - MEC-CUBIST (Uruguay) <p><i>General Information - Charlotte Grawitz (EURAXESS Links)</i></p> <p><i>Presentations from European and CELAC ALCUE NET Partners and/or NCPs</i></p> <p>Mod: Claudia Guerrero</p>
10:45	<i>coffee break</i>

11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENTORING ACTIVITY <p>“Synergies among the European Network, LAC Liaison Offices and the LAC NCP Platform” & “General activities of an NCP and how a LAC NCP can interact with their European colleagues”</p> <p>Strategy to enhance the NCP Networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideal-ist– Darwin Muñoz - NCP Academy – AnnekenReise - RedCLARA – Raúl Eduardo Galarza - NCP Training – Daniela Fazenda <p><i>Questions& Answers</i></p>
13:30	Networking lunch
14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC NCP NETWORK <p>Sustainability of the Network/Action Plan 2017-2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter of interest – Claudia Romano (MEC) - Service Facility – Anneken Reise (DLR) - Closing strategy and sustainability – Claudia Romano and Anneken Reise <p><i>Questions &Answers</i></p>
16:30	<p>Working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT (Mod: Darwin Muñoz – IDEALIST Dominican Republic) • Energy (Mod: Nora Pérez – CONACYT Mexico) • Health (Mod: Ignacio Ibáñez – MINCYT Argentina) • Biodiversity and climate change (Mod: Francisco Solano– COLCIENCIAS Colombia, y Carlos Patiño - CONACYT Mexico) <p>Plenary Session: Working Plans for 2017 and recommendations for the SOM</p>
17:00	<p>Parallel Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Focus Group - Moderated group discussion with selected NCPs about the ALCUENET impacts on the LAC NCP Network; Isabella E. Wagner and Wolfgang Haider, ZSI - Centre for Social Innovation (Austria) Number of participants: 12 approx. • Questionnaire EU-CELAC cooperation in Research and Innovation (CRA)
18:00	End of the day

Friday 3rd of February (Closed meeting): Preparatory meeting for JIRI SOM 2017

Time	
10:00	<p>Recommendations to the SOM</p> <p>CRA (Common Research Area). Contributions to Next JIRI SOM Meeting in Brussels, 14-15 March 2017 – MINED El Salvador (Erlinda Handal)</p> <p>Summary of the main event conclusions</p> <p>Presentation of Sustainability Plan and LAC NCP NETWORK – MEC (Claudia Romano)/DLR (Anneken Reise)</p> <p>Other needs identified</p>
12:30	Networking lunch
13:30	End of the day