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ALCUE NET – Latin American, Caribbean and European Union Thematic Workshop on Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency
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- VI Madrid Summit (2010) ➡ Madrid Action Plan ➡ **EU-LAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)**
 - Framework to implement the EU LAC Knowledge Area
 - Contribute to sustainable development and social inclusion in priority areas of cooperation related to global societal challenges
- Regular bi-regional dialogue: Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)
 - Road Map to implement the JIRI adopted during the first S&T SOM
 - INCONETs (**ALCUE NET**...) + ERANETs (**ERA Net LAC**...) and other thematic projects recommended to support the work implemented under the Joint Initiative



SOM Brussels (2011): 4 Working Groups (WGs) established:

- Bioeconomy including food security (AR + FR)
 - ICT for meeting societal challenges (CL + FI)
 - Biodiversity and climate change (CO + FR)
 - Renewable Energies (MX + ES)
 - + Cross-Cutting on funding and good practice (MX + PT)
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- WGs defines specific issues and objectives and prepares an implementation plan that will be implemented and reported to the Senior Officials
 - **ALCUE NET** is expected to follow up the suggestions and recommendations of the SOM WGs



ALCUE NET Project

- “Latin America, Caribbean and European Union Network on Research and Innovation”
- FP7-INCO.2012-1.2: Latin America and the Caribbean region
- Activities of International Cooperation (Coordinating Action)
- 4 ½ years - 01/12/12 to 31/05/17
- Total cost: € 4.294.357
- **EU contribution: € 3.751.937**
- Bi-regional consortium: 19 partners from 17 countries (10 LAC + 7 UE)
- *Previous related project: EULARINET Project*



ALCUE NET Consortium

Institution	Short Name	Country
MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA E INNOVACIÓN PRODUCTIVA (COORD)	MINCyT	Argentina
ZENTRUM FUER SOZIALE INNOVATION	ZSI	Austria
CARIBBEAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION INC.	CSF	Barbados
CONSELHO NACIONAL DE DESENVOLVIMENTO CIENTIFICO E TECNOLÓGICO	CNPq	Brazil
COMISION NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACION CIENTIFICA Y TECNOLÓGICA	CONICYT	Chile
DEPARTAMENTO ADMINISTRATIVO DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA E INNOVACIÓN	COLCIENCIAS	Colombia
MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA , TECNOLOGIA Y TELECOMUNICACIONES DE COSTA RICA	MICITT	Costa Rica
MINISTERIO DE EDUCACION SUPERIOR CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA	MESCYT	Dominican Republic
TEKNOLOGIAN TUTKIMUSKESKUS VTT	VTT	Finland
CENTRE DE COOPERATION INTERNATIONAL EN RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE POUR LE DEVELOP.	CIRAD	France
DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FUER LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT EV	DLR	Germany
CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA - CONACYT	CONACYT	Mexico
NORGES FORSKNINGSRAD	RCN	Norway
SECRETARIA NACIONAL DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGIA E INNOVACION	SENACYT	Panama
FUNDACAO PARA A CIENCIA E A TECNOLOGIA	FCT	Portugal
MINISTERIO DE ECONOMIA Y COMPETITIVIDAD	MINECO	Spain
MINISTERIO DE EDUCACION Y CULTURA	MEC	Uruguay
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





Project Objectives

- To **establish an EU-LAC platform** bringing together actors involved in R&I orientation, funding and implementation, as well as other relevant stakeholders from the **public and private sector and the civil society**
- To **support EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue & the JIRI implementation** during 2013-2017 by reflecting the suggestions and recommendations of the SOM WGs

Implementation processes:

- **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

Technical Support to the EU- LAC SOM Presidencies

- The Project will act as Technical Secretariat of the SOM to provide technical and logistical support to institutional Bi-regional Policy Dialogues between the EU and LAC
- Tasks to be performed include i) gathering all relevant information regarding SOM issues and agendas ii) developing - on the basis of SOM's decisions- the annual action plans iii) monitoring and follow-up of SOM's decisions and activities iv) providing logistical support, as requested by the Presidencies and the EC and v) maintaining a database of officially nominated Senior Officials of the EU and CELAC

Travel Grants

1. Travel Grants to facilitate participation of **non- partner EU LAC countries in the project activities**. Given that one of the key strategic objectives of the project is to support the SOM it is essential to have participation of countries that are relevant to the issues in question.
2. Travel Grants for **NCPs of LAC countries** without bilateral agreements or LAC countries without NCP to build up their own NCP.



Work Package 2 - Addressing Societal Challenges through action in the Energy thematic priority of the JIRI

WP co-leaders: CONACYT/MINECO

Objectives:

- To contribute to mobilize expertise and resources in a coherent manner and foster synergies between EU and third countries thus contributing to develop joint initiatives/programmes and foster innovations for social benefit
- Encourage collaboration between the scientific and industrial communities working to solve the problems linked to a secure and sustainable use of and access to energy and support the JIRI process
- Promote an operative network by setting the preconditions for the creation of EU-LAC networks to develop STI joint initiatives in energy
- Facilitate contacts with partners in third countries with the aim of providing at the same time sustainability to cooperation

Tasks:

- Mapping and monitoring on relevant key thematic STI information, projects and assessments
- Identification of potential areas and common priorities for cooperation and networking of key actors and stakeholders
- Bi-regional dialogue on EU-LAC R&I cooperation related to energy research agendas
- Monitoring of the development and impact of the joint activities



Inputs for ALCUE NET & SOM- Energy

- Report on the Energy area in the bi-regional STI cooperation addressing societal challenges
- Reports on the impact of Energy events (matchmaking, networking, twinning, etc)
- List of Energy target audience (key actors and stakeholders) constructed
- Mapping on relevant key thematic STI information, projects & assessments incl. specific studies to be contracted
- Report on the state of bi- regional cooperation (including regional analysis on problems related to innovation and good practices) – *All thematic areas*
- Report on impact dimensions of the bi-regional cooperation with special focus on impact & outreach of ALCUE NET – *All thematic areas*
- **Concept paper on issues ad hoc for the SOM** – *All thematic areas*
- **SOM Action Plan** – *All thematic areas*



Events ALCUE NET- 1st period- Energy

- **23- 25 October '13** ALCUE NET Thematic Workshop on Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency + ALCUE NET – CYTED: Multi Thematic Meeting on Renewable Energies, Biodiversity & Climate Change, Bioeconomy and ICT in Mexico
- **Last week February '14** Energy Bi-regional experts + policy workshop in Mexico
- **Last week February '14** Pre-information event on Horizon 2020 for the LAC NCPs in Mexico (*b2b the Energy Bi-regional experts + policy workshop*)
- **1st week April '14 SOM** + ALCUE NET Consortium Meeting in Costa Rica
- Remember: The project implement a **Travel Grants Scheme** to facilitate the participation of non partner countries stakeholders in strategic thematic activities.

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