

EU-CELAC dialogue on ICT – Current policy and project landscape

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In this presentation...



- Overview of the political dialogue – who is who?
- SOM Working Group on ICT for Societal Challenges
- FP7 projects supporting the political dialogue and exchange between EU-LAC researchers
- Way forward

Joint Initiative for Innovation and Research (JIRI)

Heads of
states

Senior officials of EU-CELAC governm.

EU-CELAC SOM

elaborates concrete suggestions for the implementation of JIRI

five thematic SOM working groups

ICT

Energy

Biodiversity
Climate

Bioeconomy

Health

Support for
implementation of JIRI

INCO-projects

BILAT-projects

ARG, BRA, CHL, MEX

ALCUE NET

EU-CELAC SOM secretariate

ERANet LAC

Joint Calls + Joint Actions
(topics based on suggestions from
ALCUE NET and thematic projects)

Close
networking

Thematic projects in ICT

LEADERSHIP

2013-2015

CONECTA2020

2014-2016

Concluded projects:
AMERICAS, FIRST, FORESTA,
PRO-IDEAL, PRO-IDEAL+

SOM ICT Working Group



- Created in 2011 SOM
- Group of senior officials implementing the JIRI through initiatives in ICT for societal challenges
- Co-lead by Chile and Finland, with 12 participating countries
- Main areas of work:
 - e-Inclusion
 - e-Health
 - Smart Cities
 - Living Labs
- 2011-2014: annual workshops and reports to the SOM

SOM ICT Working Group



Main activities:

- Mapping of current and recent ICT projects in the four fields with EU and LAC participation. Undertaken within ALCUE-Net project.
- Creation of a Latin American and Caribbean Network of Living Labs connected to the European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL) in 2012.
- Thematically oriented Latin American Technology Platforms connected with European Technology Platforms, to be carried out in 2014-2015. Undertaken in cooperation between ALCUE-Net and CONECTA2020.
- Network of Smart Cities: promote the opportunities for cooperation among Latin American and European cities.

Latin America, Caribbean and European Union Network on Research and Innovation



Objectives:

- To **establish an EU-CELAC platform** bringing together actors involved in R&I orientation, funding and implementation
- To **support EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue & the JIRI implementation** during 2013-2017
- **Main Activities:**
 - Concept Note/ Thematic Reports for SOM discussion + SOM Action Plan
 - Observatory/ Mapping & monitoring on relevant key thematic STI
 - Identification of common priorities/key actors & stakeholders
 - Bi-regional dialogue R&I related to thematic agendas
 - Capacity building
 - Monitoring and impact of joint activities
- 19 partners from 17 EU and LAC countries

ALCUE-Net project



JIRI Initiative on R&I

ALCUE NET (BE, BD+CC, ICT, EN)

EULAC Health (Health)

Thematic Reports EU-CELAC SOM WGs

Concept note on strategic issues for SOM discussions and recommendations

EU CELAC SOM Meeting (next 3-4 April Costa Rica)

JIRI Annual Work Plan (implemented by ALCUE NET + EULAC Health + ERA NET +
ENLACE + EUCARINET+ Thematic Biregional Projects)



Network of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Countries on Joint Innovation and Research Activities



Objectives:

Support the implementation of the **JIRI** and strengthening the bi-regional partnership in Science, Technology and Innovation between EU and LAC with concrete joint activities and by establishing a framework for future activities.

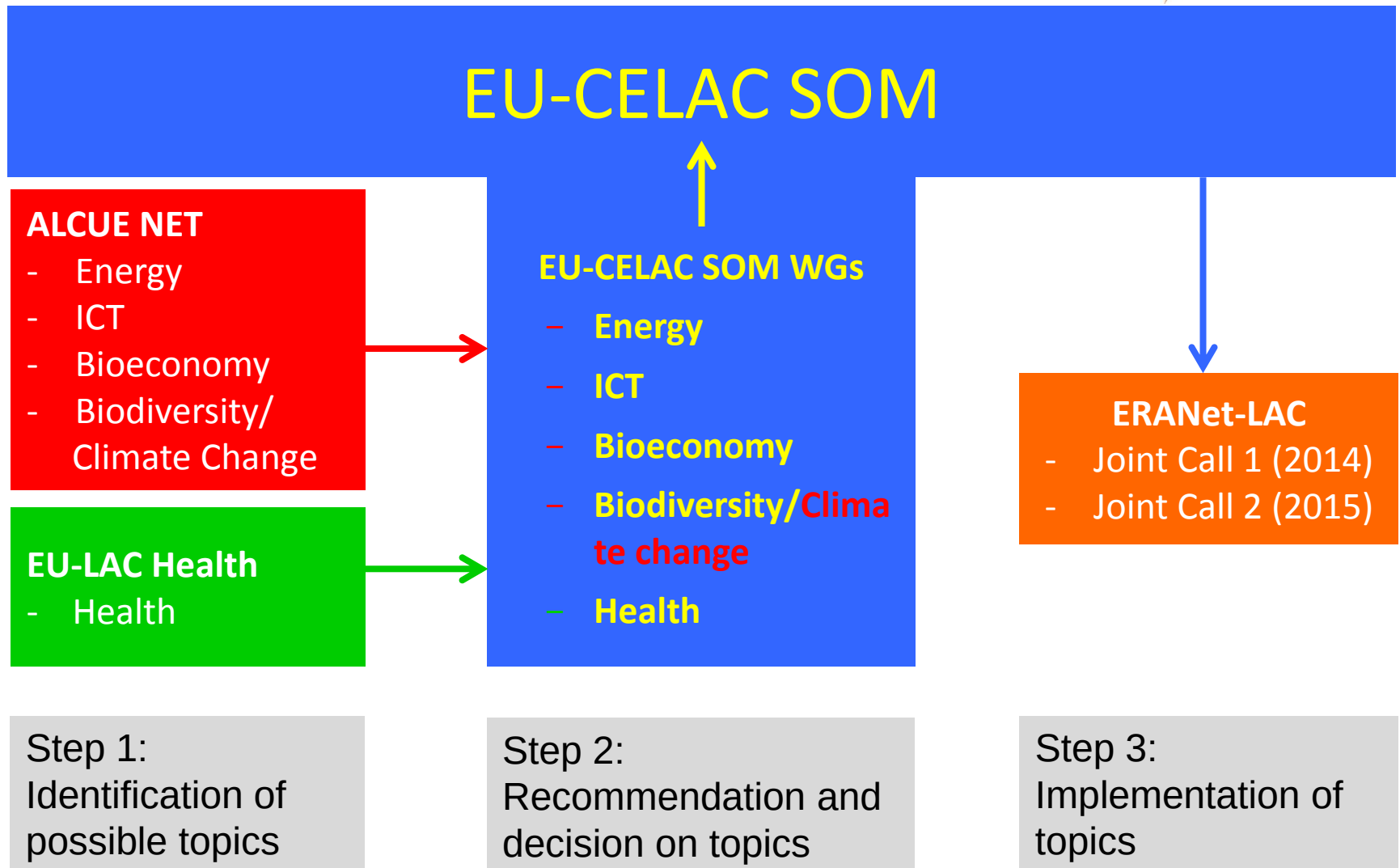
Activities:

- Implementing two **Joint Calls** (end of 2014 and end of 2015);
- Promoting **mutual opening and coordination** of existing programmes, infrastructures and cooperation activities (through joint actions);
- Building an **information and communication platform** for EU and CELAC funding agencies.

17 funding agencies involved

Project duration: 2013-2017

ERANet-LAC project





Latin America-Europe Advanced Dialogues to Enhance ICT Research and Innovation partnerSHIP

Objective

- To support EU-LAC policy dialogue on ICT R&D

Project scope

- November 2013 – October 2015 (two years)
- 10 project partners – 3 EU and 7 LA

Activities

- Establishment of a new LA Expert Group on ICT – to provide expert input into SOM ICT WG
- Production of expert 'input papers' on key issues – including (2014) digital agendas, regulation and financing
- Capacity building events to promote further collaboration – including on co-innovation (2014) and living labs (2015)

LEADERSHIP PROJECT – support to the SOM ICT Working Group

- New 'sounding forum' – Latin American Expert Group will provide an new regional platform to advise SOM WG on technical matters – complementing ALCUENET's input to the SOM ICT WG
- Leadership capacity building events on Living Labs, innovation and international cooperation will further enhance the work of gathering researchers and stakeholders in ICT
- Coordination of efforts and exploration of funding mechanisms for partnership building in ICT
- Reinforcement of LA industrial cooperation in ICT and ICT policy

CONNECTA2020 project



*COoperation and Networking between Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe
to Coordinate Research Opportunities around ICT and Horizon 2020 challenges via
Technology PLAtforms*

Objetives:

- Creation of 3 new ICT-based Technology Platforms (TPs) in three countries of Latin America: Costa Rica, Peru and Uruguay.
- Produce organizational and technical documents as tools to set up sustainable scientific cooperation between these new LATs and Europe.
- Networking with five existing TPs in LAC (FIRST project)

7 partners (3 EU, 4 LAC)

Strong links with LATP work in ALCUE-Net and feeding these results into the political dialogue.

Way forward



- Recognise the importance of the input to the SOM and to the Joint Call of the ERA-Net
 - Real possibility to influence the political dialogue and the funding decisions
 - Importance to produce a solid proposal for funding, balancing details and openness
- Deadline: 24th of October
 - Input from other stakeholders linked to the SOM ICT WG

Way forward



- Lobby!
 - Specific ICT stakeholders and agencies (constant)
 - Senior officials (before SOM April)
 - Funding agencies (after SOM)



Possibilities for EU-LAC joint call in ICT, funded by the national agencies



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