

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

EU-CELAC SOM

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About the ERA-NET Scheme

ERA-NET overall objective

Develop and strengthen the coordination of national / regional research programmes.

Objective of ERA-NET actions

Provide a framework for programme owners/-managers to coordinate, link or synchronize their international activities by developing joint activities. These are e.g.: Joint transnational calls.

JOINT CALLS

Participants

- Programme owners: ministries or regional authorities defining research programmes
- Programme managers: research councils, funding agencies managing research programmes

End-Users

All types of research entities (academia, industry, innovation agencies etc.)

Funding

- Funding sources: Programme owners and programme managers from both regions.
- Funding models: Real common pot and virtual common pot:
More than 75 % of all call budgets followed the virtual common pot-model.
- Budget size: No special requirements.

Consortium:

18 partners from 16 EU-CELAC partner countries:

EU: Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey

LAC: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay

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Project duration:

October 2013 – March 2017

General objectives:

Supporting the implementation of the **Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation JIRI** and strengthening the bi-regional partnership in Science, Technology and Innovation by planning and implementing concrete joint activities and by establishing an innovative and sustainable framework for future bi-regional joint activities.

Activities:

- Implementing two **Joint Calls**;
- Promoting **mutual opening and coordination** of existing research programmes, infrastructures and innovation programmes (through coordinated joint actions);
- Coordinating a **consultation process** to inform funding agencies and research institutions from both regions about the joint actions;
- Building an **information and communication platform** for EU and CELAC funding agencies.

Close links with on-going projects and initiatives, that enhance bi—regional partnerships on political as well as on scientific / thematic level, support the ERANet-LAC objectives and activities:

- ALCUE NET: supports the EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue process & the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (EU-CELAC JIRI) implementation during 2013-2017
- EU-LAC HEALTH: aims at designing a roadmap for collaboration in health research between the EU and LAC
- ENSOCIO-LA: aims at establishing research and innovation cooperation the EU and LAC in climate change, resource efficiency and raw materials
- BILAT-projects with Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico

How ERANet-LAC supports the JIRI

SOM elaborates **concrete proposals to implement the EU-CELAC JIRI** (Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation):

- SOM constituted five thematic working groups (WGs) on the following subjects: ICT, Energy, Biodiversity/Climate, Bioeconomy, Health
- SOM WGs are mainly **supported by ALCUE NET** and **EU-LAC HEALTH**
- SOM recommends the call topics (SOM thematic working groups)

ERANet-LAC **implements the thematic recommendations** by launching 2 joint calls:

- 1st joint call will be launched in October 2014
- 2nd joint call will be launched in the second semester 2015

Implementation of the 1st Joint Call

- EU-CELAC SOM 3-4 April 2014:
 - SOM WGs present suggestions for bi-regional activities including topics for the first Joint Call.
 - SOM delegates endorse topics for the first Joint Call.
- April/May 2014: Selection process regarding topics / instruments + commitment process
 - Within ERANet-LAC consortium
 - With interested EU-CELAC funding agencies – such as SOM delegate institutions
 - Defining budget 1st Joint Call (variable geometry!)
- 5 -6 June 2014 (Tenerife): Funding Agencies' Workshop for potential participants.
Objectives:
 - Present activities and offers of the ERANet-LAC to funding agencies (participation in joint calls and pilot coordination actions in already existing programs)
 - Commitment of the funding agencies for the 1st joint call
 - Discuss and decide on the final contents of the 1st joint call
 - Inform interested funding agencies on the 2nd call and their options to get involved
- Tentative time schedule: 1st Joint Call
 - October – November 2014: Launch of the 1st Joint Call
 - December – March 2015: Evaluation of the 1st Joint Call
 - April 2015: Joint Call funding decision meeting in Mexico
 - May – August: Submission of proposals into the national systems
 - September 2015: Start of project funding

Implementation of Pilot Coordination Actions

Objective

Support mutual opening and coordination of existing programmes of research and capacity-building (1) infrastructures (2) and innovation (3)

Expected results

Signed agreements supported by a roadmap for coordination of a set of existing R&I programmes

Support given

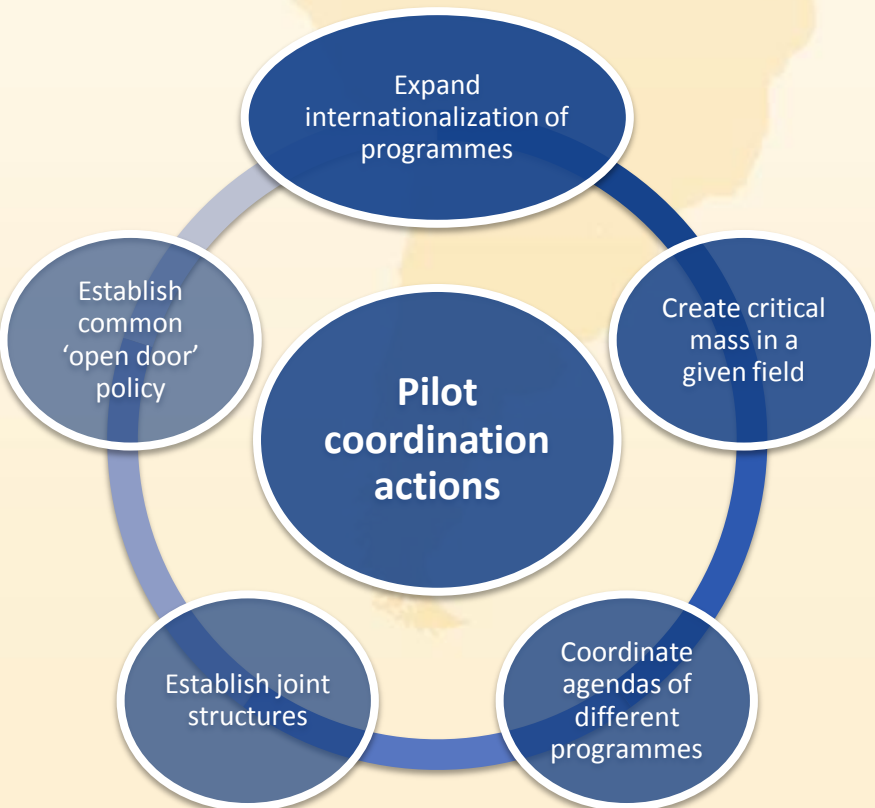
Technical and financial support for the organization of working meetings aimed at defining common research agendas or a roadmap for mutual opening of programmes
6 pilot coordination actions to be funded

Who can apply?

Institutions managing funding programmes promoting EU-LAC cooperation (research and innovation)
Minimum of 2 LAC partners + 2 EU partners

Schedule

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| ▪ June 2014 | Official launch |
| ▪ Sept. 2014 | Deadline for submission |
| ▪ Nov. 2014 | Evaluation |
| ▪ 2015 | Launch of activities |



For further details: consult the documentation of the Call for Expression of Interest, contact the helpdesk (IRD and CONICYT), refer to the ERANet-LAC website.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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