

ERANet- LAC

Project full title: "Network of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Countries on Joint Innovation and Research Activities"

Starting date: 01/10/2013

Duration: 42 months

Total Costs: 2.848.418

EU Contribution: 2.495.746

Institution	Short Name	Country
DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FUER LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT EV (COORD)	DLR	Germany
CONSEJO NACIONAL DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGIA	CONACYT	Mexico
FUNDACAO PARA A CIENCIA E A TECNOLOGIA	FCT	Portugal
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WORK PACKAGES

WP1	Identifying procedures, topics, instruments and actors
WP2	Definition of a Project Strategy and development of the Action Plan for the ERA-NET
WP3	Promoting mutual opening and coordination of EU-LAC existing programmes and infrastructures
WP4	Implementation of Joint Calls
WP5	Paving the way for innovative and sustainable bi-regional joint activities
WP6	Project Management

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General Objective: Develop and implement strategic joint activities involving funding agencies or other actors from both regions.

Specific Objectives:

- **Integrate the EU and LAC funding agencies into the JIRI process:** ERANet-LAC will organize a consultation process with funding agencies and other stakeholders.
- **Promote new joint funding activities:** A first call will be launched at the end of Year 1 and will include mainly consortium partners (following the recommendations of the SOM working groups). A second call will be launched in Year 2 upon results of the consultation process with EU and LAC funding and innovation agencies, enhancing the involvement of funding agencies outside the consortium.
- **Facilitate the coordination of existing research and innovation programmes:** The project will identify and support identification pilot coordination actions by:
 - clustering nationally-funded research actions or initiating mutual opening of new ones;
 - developing schemes for the mutual opening of facilities or laboratories in one country for scientists from another;
 - opening and coordinating innovation programmes;
 - creating synergies - avoid doubling - with other coordination initiatives such as thematic ERANets, as well as support actions such as INCO-Net and BILAT projects.
- **Pave the way for long perspective joint funding actions:** ERANet-LAC will formulate an Action Plan for bi-regional joint activities, which recommends a road map and concrete steps to be taken. A new management structure for launching calls will be established in the form of a EU-CELAC Research and Innovation Funding Agency Platform. This funding platform will be used as a communication and support platform for interested funding organisations.
- **Lay a stronger emphasis on innovation:** will be a focal aspect of the project activities. The joint activities implemented in ERANet-LAC will also focus on “Bringing ideas to market”. This will be done through the involvement of industries, Clusters of Excellence and Regions as important funding partners with strong link to the regional industry on both sides.
- **Build on previous projects:** ERA-Net EULANEST; ACCESS4EU with Mexico and Brazil; EULARINET
- **Create synergies and complementarities with on-going projects and initiatives:** ALCUE NET; BILAT projects with Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico; and thematic projects and initiatives.