



The EU / LAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)

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Background

1999: The First EU-LAC Summit in Brasilia

2008: The Lima Summit addresses key societal challenges requiring research, policy dialogue and innovation.

2010: The Madrid Summit on Science, technology, innovation for sustainable development and social inclusion endorses the EU-LAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)

March 2011 March 2012: EU-LAC Senior Official Meeting in Brussels and Concepcion, Implement the JIRI. Initial Focus on the following pilot activities

- Bioeconomy
- Biodiversity
- ICT
- Renewable Energies



Objective

The **Joint Initiative** (JIRI) aims at contributing to sustainable development and social inclusion in priority areas of cooperation related to key global societal challenges as mentioned in the Innovation Union Communication



Political priorities

Setting up an “EU – LAC Knowledge Area” becomes even more important. It is necessary to recognize that the concept goes beyond Project – based cooperation and Exchange of ideas as the core strategies . To shared visión with joint priorities

“opening ERA to the rest of the world” and strengthen the bi – regional dialogue structures – To Frame the R&I action plans in coordination with higher education and innovation actions – Development of ICT infrastructures, widening the interconnectivity between existing academic Networks – To support measures to attain knowledge Access and dissemination

To promote human resource training in a balanced manner –

To increase synergies with other EU policies and instruments, especially those managed by The European Commission



Thematic priorities

- Bioeconomy, Biodiversity, ICT, Renewable Energies;
- Horizontal activities on S&T policy with emphasis on human and institutional capacity building .
- Fighting against poverty and striving for social inclusion will become a transversal activity to be considered in all thematic priorities.



JIRI: Instruments

The Initiative is based on a set of **pre-existing and new actions which combine targeted and horizontal instruments (cross-cutting ones).**

- Era-Net scheme: To improve the coordination and cooperation of national research (i.e: EULANEST)
- Framework Programs (FPs): providing cooperation and support to science and technology capacity building. Key instruments to facilitate the participation of LAC countries.
- Publish calls for proposals targeting the LAC region (FP7 WP 2012; SICAs)
- “Twining” of ongoing projects in order to coordinate activities and exploit results.
- Measures to strength scientific **capabilities** and facilitate access to cooperation opportunities (i.e NCP`s nominations)
- Joint proposals & technology transfer activities: to create conditions for better interaction and cooperation between public and private research actors in order to increase the participation of industry with emphasis on SMEs.(Matchmaking Events, Brokerage)
- Initiatives to promote LAC research potential and **mobility** by a combination of instruments (ERASMUS & Marie Curie)



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Latin America:

Colombia

Peru

Uruguay

Panama

Mexico

Costa Rica



European:

France

Finland

Spain





WG BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: OBJECTIVES

- Identify potential cooperative activities and pilot projects to be developed in certain subareas defined within the partners from Europe and Latin America.
- Identify possible financing systems for activities such as:
 - Calls for mobility,
 - Knowledge platforms,
 - Joint projects.
- Present and analyze public policies of Europe and Latin America on this subject.
- Submit a proposal for the SOM.



Conclusions

Build on **existing experiences** and set the stage to **better exploit synergies** among current instruments,

Provide focus to **on going efforts** and highlight the **potential role and value** of science and technology instruments to deal with development issues. Special emphasis to innovation

Set the stage for a new and more sustainable level of **cooperation** by formally linking on-going investments on issues of common interest,



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