



# ALCUE NET

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*The EU-CELAC Bi-regional International Cooperation in ST&I*





## Background : The EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue

- Building on existing cooperation between the EU and CELAC countries, the **EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)** was adopted by the VI Madrid Summit in 2010, aimed to deliver greater benefits from scientific cooperation between the two regions.
  - Framework to implement the EU-CELAC Knowledge Area
- **Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)** with EU-CELAC representatives was established as a regular bi-regional dialogue on STI to implement the JIRI through biannual Action Plans, focus on 4 thematic areas (Working Groups- WGs):
  - Bioeconomy (Argentina + France)
  - ICT for meeting societal challenges (Chile + Finland)
  - Biodiversity and climate change (Colombia + France)
  - Renewable Energies (Mexico + Spain)
  - Health (Spain + Brazil)
  - + Cross-Cutting on funding and good practice-High Educ (Mexico + Portugal)
- **SOM Thematic WGs** defines specific issues and objectives and prepares an implementation plan that will be reported annually to the SOM

## EU-CELAC Summits

- ...Madrid 2010; Santiago 2013; Brussels 2015...
- Joint Biregional Declarations; Action Plan
- **EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)**

## Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)

- ...Brussels 2011; Concepcion 2012; Brussels 2013; Costa Rica 2014...
- Biannual Work Plan (Roadmap)

## JIRI Working Groups

- **Bioeconomy/ ICT/ Biodiversity + CC/ Energy/** Health/ Cross Cutting...
- Implementation plans: **ALCUE NET** + EULAC Health + ERANet LAC + + BILATs + Thematic Bi regional Projects...

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- As a SOM recommendation **ALCUE NET** will support the EU-CELAC S&T Policy Dialogue & the work implemented under the Joint Initiative (JIRI)
  - Follow up and implementation of suggestions and recommendations from the 4 SOM thematic WGs + Health
  - SOM Thematic WGs meetings organized b2b ALCUE NET events



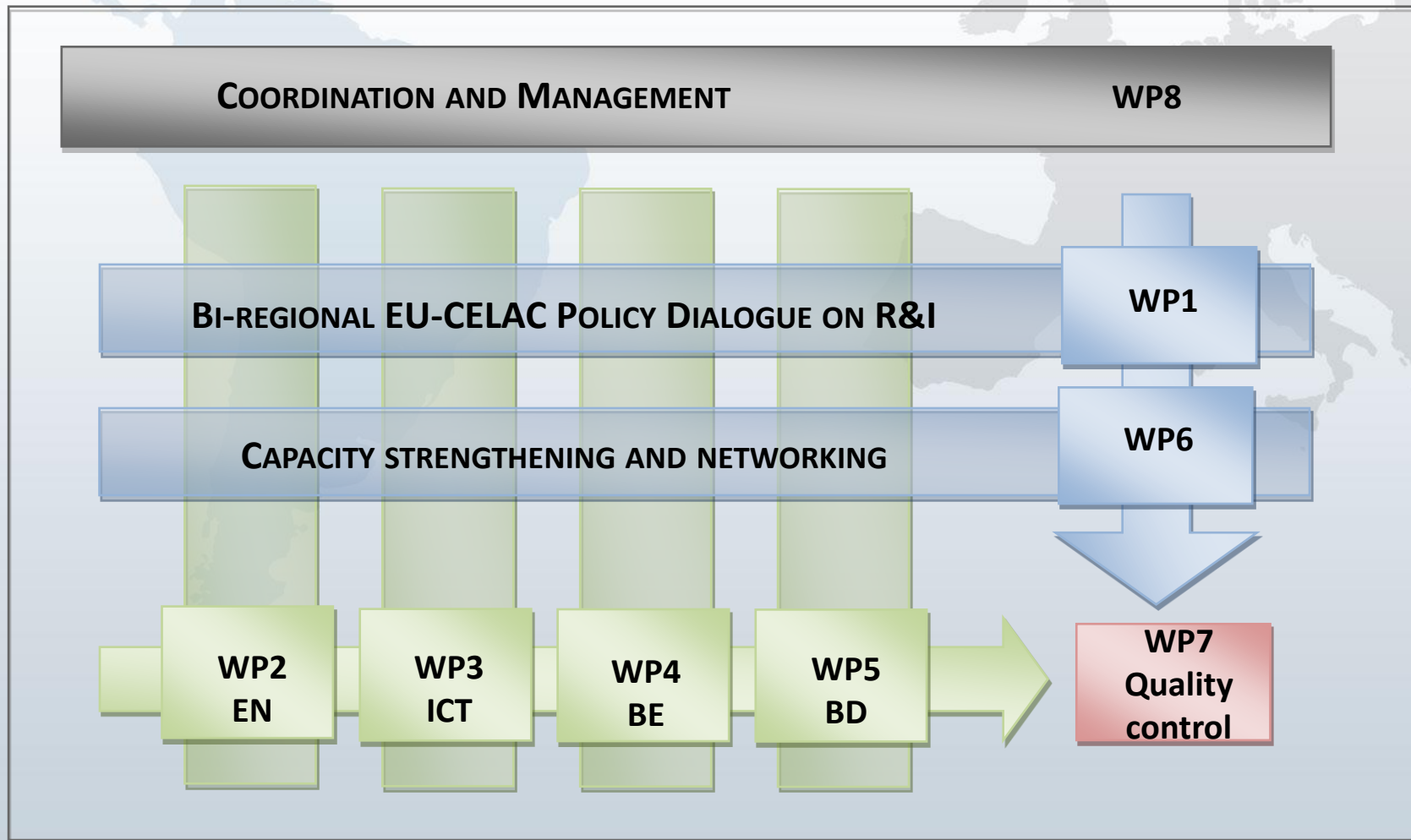
# ALCUE NET Project

- Coordinated by Argentina
- FP7 (INCO- Capacities)
- 4 ½ years Dec '12-May '17
- Bi-regional consortium
- *Strong articulation with other initiatives & projects*

| Institution                                                                                               | Country     |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA E INNOVACIÓN PRODUCTIVA (COORD)                                         | MINCyT      | Argentina  |
| ZENTRUM FUER SOZIALE INNOVATION GMBH                                                                      | ZSI GMBH    | 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      | Dom. Rep.  |
| TEKNOLOGIAN TUTKIMUSKESKUS VTT                                                                            | VTT         | Finland    |
| CENTRE DE COOPERATION INTERNATIONALE 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     |
| FUNDAÇÃO PARA A CIÊNCIA 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     |



- To **establish an EU-CELAC 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





## Main activities and results achieved

- Technical Secretariat for SOM: Concept Note + Action Plan + background docs
- Foresight study: strategic vision to strengthen bi regional cooperation
- Monitoring of the impact of the project
- 4 Thematic Reports + 38 priority research topics ➡ ERANet-LAC Joint Call
- Proposals for capacity development + CELAC observatories + mapping
- 10 Thematic events: + 400 selected stakeholders mobilized (organized b2b SOM WGs)
- Thematic experts platforms
- Implementation plan regarding Capacity strengthening and networking activities
- Nomination of representatives in countries without NCP structure (NCP platform)
- First LAC NCP workshop in Montevideo
- External Review Panel (8 experts)
- Website
- Synergies with thematic related initiatives (Jointly workshops organized)
- Travel Grants



### 2 Travel Grant Schemes

- ✓ To facilitate participation of **stakeholders** from **non EU- CELAC partner's countries in the project activities**
  - ✓ **26 experts** from 11 EU-CELAC Countries + 3 international organizations
- ✓ To facilitate participation of **NCPs of CELAC countries to develop a CELAC NCP Platform**
  - ✓ **13 CELAC participants** with or without NCP structure



## ALCUE NET- Meetings held 1/2

- 1) **16- 19 April '13** EU-CELAC SOM + ALCUE NET Kick off Meeting in Brussels
- 2) **9- 10 October '13** Symposium on the Bioeconomy in Tropical America + Bioeconomy SOM Working Group in Costa Rica
- 3) **23-25 October '13** Thematic Workshop on Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency + ALCUE NET – CYTED Thematic Meeting on Renewable Energies, Biodiversity & Climate Change, Bioeconomy and ICT in Mexico
- 4) **4 February '14**: Meeting for European members to inform about EU- CELAC cooperation on R&I in Brussels
- 5) **4-6 March '14** WS/WG on Biodiversity and Climate Change. Santa Marta, Colombia
- 6) **11 March '14** Experts workshop for a qualitative interpretation and complementation of the results. Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 7) **11-12 March '14** WS/WG on Energy. DF, Mexico
- 8) **19-20 March '14** WS/WG on ICT. Santiago, Chile
- 9) **18-21 March '14** WS/WG on Bioeconomy. Cali, Colombia
- 10) **2-3 April '14** EU-CELAC SOM. San Jose, Costa Rica
- 11) **4-5 April '14** ALCUE NET Consortium Meeting. San Jose, Costa Rica



## ALCUE NET- Meetings held 2/2

- 12) **5-6 May '14** Yearly LAC NCP event: Capacity Building and International Networking. Montevideo, Uruguay
- 13) **7-8 Aug '14** CTCAP Meeting H2020 + ALCUE NET Stand. San Jose, Costa Rica
- 14) **29 Sep- 1 Oct '14** Latin American ICT Technology Platforms Meeting. Guadalajara, Mexico
- 15) **29 Sep- 3 Oct '14** Expert Group Meeting- Foresight study: Constructing the Success scenario. Vienna, Austria
- 16) **9- 10 Oct '14** Information days on H2020 Funding Opportunities and Project Participation. Lima, Peru
- 17) **27 - 28 Oct '14** Information days on H2020 Funding Opportunities and Project Participation. La Paz, Bolivia.
- 18) **13 November '14 SOLAR ENERGY**- Thematic experts workshop + Capacity Building. Seville, Spain
- 19) **26-28 Nov '14 BIODIVERSITY**- Meeting on biodiversity and climate change - Towards bi-regional activities on observatories network and joint programming. Marseille, France
- 20) **4 December '14 BIODIVERSITY**- COP20 (Conference of the Parties) & 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Innovation Forum 2014 + ALCUE NET side event. Lima, Peru



## ALCUE NET- Future meetings planned (2nd period)

- 21) 9-11 Dec '14 Geothermal ENERGY-** Thematic experts workshop on geothermic + Capacity building. Salta, Argentina
- 22) 10; 12 & 15 December '14 WP6-NCP-** Virtual conferences on Horizon 2020. Virtual, RED CLARA
- 23) 23- 27 march '15 NCP-** Yearly LAC NCP meeting. Barbados
- 24) 1<sup>st</sup> week May ' 15 BIOECONOMY-** Bioeconomy LAC event b2b CEPAL. Santiago de Chile
- 25) May/June '15 BIODIVERSITY-** ALCUE NET LAC Biodiversity and Climate Change workshop/CORDEX LAC III workshop. Bogota, Colombia
- 26) 3-5 June '15 WP4-BIOECONOMY-** ALCUE NET Bioeconomy event b2b 11th International Conference on Renewable Resources and Biorefineries. York. UK
- 27) 2015 ICT-** Second joint LATP - ETP collaboration event. Portugal
- 28) September '15 EU-CELAC SOM + ALCUE NET Project Meeting-** Brussels, Belgium
- 29) 2015 NCP-** Yearly LAC NCP meeting. Colombia



- Inputs for EU-CELAC SOM in Brussels (2015)
  - Concept Note + Action Plan
  - Foresight study
  - Working Group Thematic Reports
  - Priority research topics for Horizon 2020 (2016-2017) and 2<sup>nd</sup> ERANet-LAC Joint Call (Sept 2015)
  - Proposals for capacity development + observatories + mapping
- Biregional community thematic platforms of R&I stakeholders and policy makers
- Synergies and articulations with thematic related initiatives
- Bi- regional joint activities + funding modalities

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**News!** ALCUE NET will participate at the ICT 2013 - Create, Connect, Grow, in Vilnius on 6-8 November, 2013. ALCUE NET, through the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation in Argentina will actively participate in the ICT 2013 that the European Commission is org ... [view](#)

24 February 2014 - 28 February 2014 - [Energy Bi-regional Experts + Policy Workshop](#)  
Mexico

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### Network on Research and Innovation

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ALCUE NET aims to establish a common platform for EU-LAC policy makers, research institutions and the private sector

ALCUE NET aims at strengthening and expanding the National Contact Points (NCP) in Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as engaging with Alumni networks, other INCO-NETs and related thematic biregional projects.



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## 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

\* Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños

## 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.

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