

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

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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 in case of ERANet-LAC:

- Joint transnational calls
- Pilot Coordination Actions

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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* 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.

- The topic recommendations for the joint calls were prepared by the five thematic Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) working groups and endorsed by the EU-CELAC SOM. In the development of the topic recommendations, the SOM working groups were supported by the projects ALCUE NET and EU-LAC Health.
- **Topics:** For the 1st JOINT CALL, the participating funding agencies selected 6 topics in the thematic fields **Energy, Bioeconomy, Biodiversity/Climate Change, Health.**
- **Open:** September 16th – November 27th 2014
- **Participating funding agencies:** 20 partners from 17 EU-CELAC countries
- **Total commitments:** 11.4 million Euros

ERANet-LAC 1st Joint Call – Preliminary Outcomes

90 proposals have been received

Topic	nº proposals
Small scale self-sustainable biorefineries	41
Prevention infectious diseases & well-being	20
Biodiversity assessment and monitoring	16
Towards Zero Carbon Energy Systems	8
Interventions metabolic & cardiovascular diseases	3
Screening bioactive metabolites & enzymes	2
Total	90

Country	No. of proposals
Spain	67
Chile	63
Argentina	56
Germany	43
France	39
Colombia	36
Mexico	33
Portugal	32
Romania	31
Perú	30
Belgium	16
Norway	12
Uruguay	11
Panama	8
Dominican Rep.	7
Brazil	4
Turkey	3
Associated partners	42

2nd Joint Call – Important Data

- **Date of publication:** 2nd semester 2015
- **Topics:** Will be defined between March 2015 and May 2015 considering the topics prepared by the SOM working groups and endorsed by the EU-CELAC SOM in April 2014.
(Transnational research projects will be funded for a period of up to 36 months).
- **Budget to be allocated:** The ERANet-LAC calls employ the „Common Virtual Pot“ mode, i.e. each funding organization finances its own expenses and decides on the budget to be allocated.
- **Who can participate:** Funding organizations from the European, Latin-American and Caribbean countries that wish to start new, sustainable and multilateral research cooperation between researchers from EU, Latin-American and Caribbean countries.
- **How to participate:**
 - Contact ERANet-LAC Coordinators and ask for an individual consultation meeting (see contact data below).

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

From the ERANet-LAC partners' perspective, the most important benefits are:

- Gain access to **international networks** and actors.
- Build or strengthen **links with programme owners** and managers not only among consortium partners but also with new joining partners.
- **Access international know how** in thematic areas that are relevant for your country (this concerns research active SMEs as well as Universities and Research Centers).
- Facilitate **access to larger or internationally oriented research/innovation projects** or to projects with greater visibility compared to national projects.
- Exchange **knowledge on international cooperation**.
- Gain experience in the **administrative processes** of the EU and EC.
- **Optimize own national funds** through co-funding with the virtual common pot.
- Facilitate access to **international evaluation panels** and peer reviews.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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Back-Up Slide: Distribution of proposals per partner/topic

Research groups per agency & topic								
	BEE	BES	DCC	ESE	HCD	HID		
Belgium	BELSPO	2	8				10	16 Belgium
Belgium	FNRS	3			1	2	6	
France	BPIFRANCE	0	0	0	0	1	1	39 France
France	MENESR-MAEDI	13		12	1	12	38	
Brazil	CNPq				0	4	4	
Colombia	COLCIENCIAS	26		10			36	
Mexico	CONACYT	29		4			33	
Chile	CONICYT	29	3	11	5	3	63	
Perú	CONCYTEC	5	1	7	4	2	30	
Germany	DLR	29				14	43	
Portugal	FCT	14		10	8		32	
Spain	ISCI				1	17	18	67 Spain
Uruguay	MEC	4		2	1	4	11	
Dominican Rep.	MESCYT	1	1	1	1	0	7	
Argentina	MINCYT	19	2	13	5	2	56	
Spain	MINECO	40			9		49	
Norway	RCN	4	1	6	1		12	
Panama	SENACYT	4	0	2	0	0	8	
Turkey	TUBITAK				2	1	3	
Romania	UEFISCDI	7	2	11	6	2	31	
	Associated partners	19	1	10	1	1	42	
	TOTAL	246	13	103	47	14	533	

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DCC - Biodiversity assessment and monitoring

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ESE - Towards Zero Carbon Energy Systems

HID - Prevention infectious diseases & well-being