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It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) to greet you and share with you the newsletter N° 29, the second edition of 2024.

Since the creation of the Network in 2017, our goal is to democratize and bring information closer to researchers, universities, companies, civil society organizations and any type of institution that tends to promote science, technology and innovation in the Latin American and Caribbean region (LAC).

In this line, we work to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean (NCP) so that all of them are in a better position to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, public and private organizations, civil society associations, encouraging their participation in the European Union's framework programs.

The team is available to energize the network, to increase the participation of the region in the Horizon Europe Program and to face the challenges ahead.

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Furthermore, it is made up of all the NCPs in the region, whom we would like to thank especially for their work.

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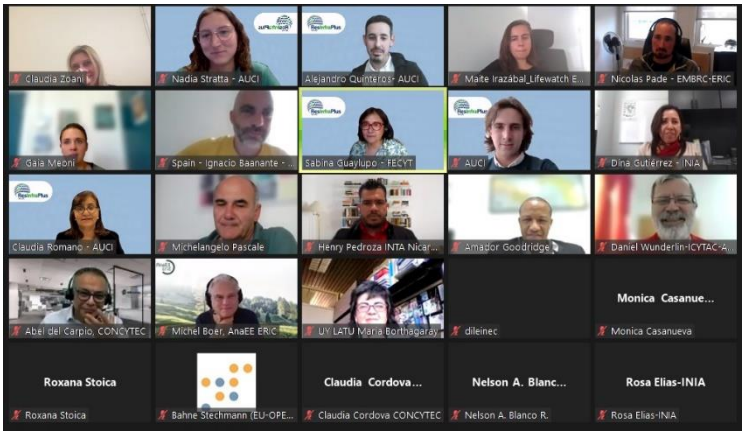
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ResInfra+ Project: Food Security and Research Infrastructures Conference

17 July, online



With the participation of more than 75 representatives of research infrastructures and researchers from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and Europe (EU), a virtual discussion on Food Security and Research Infrastructures was held. The objective was to provide a space for reflection on the main opportunities and obstacles faced by research infrastructures (RIs) specialised in Food Security in terms of international cooperation.

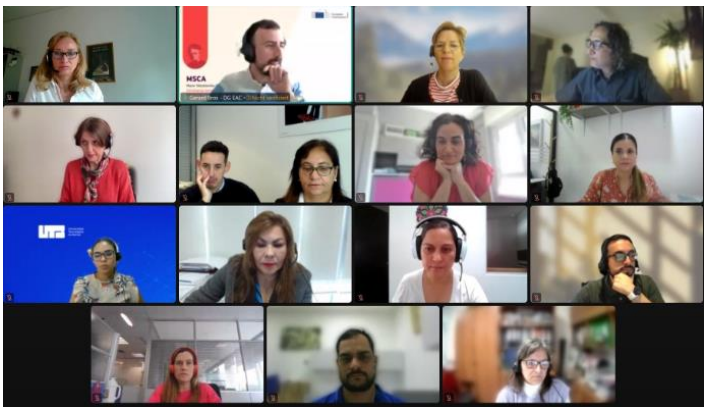
The opening remarks were given by Sabina Guaylupo, Director of the Ibero-American Office of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) and coordinator of the ResInfra Plus project, and Claudia Romano, Manager of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) and leader of Work Package 2. They presented the ResInfra PLUS project 'Towards a Sustainable EU-LAC Partnership In Research Infrastructures', in which this workshop is framed, and which aims to increase collaborative synergies between EU and LAC RIs, fostering mutual openness, continuing and strengthening policy dialogue.

Judita Klosakova, from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic, and Dina Gutiérrez, from the Directorate of Genetic Resources and Biotechnology of the National Institute for Agricultural Innovation (INIA) of Peru, presented the food security perspective of their respective regions. In the European case, Judita emphasised the MetroFood RI, while Dina emphasised the food insecurity that exists in the LAC region.

Finally, the debate was followed by group discussions, in which the participants exchanged on the challenges to bi-regional cooperation that the IRs face in this area, in order to then define together proposals to establish new strategic lines of work.

Latin America and the Caribbean move forward in the consolidation of Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions

29 May, online



In the framework of the MSCA Advocacy Project, the workshop on "How to consolidate the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in the MSCA programme" was held.

The discussion focused mainly on broadening the scope and increasing participation in MSCA opportunities in LAC. Participants identified potential synergies for collaboration between MSCA and other EU programmes and projects. They also highlighted the need to improve training, increase resources for NCPs and the number of multipliers for MSCA. A call was made for more cooperation between PCNs, EURAXESS, MSCA Net and MSCA Alumni to foster synergies. They also highlighted the importance of improving communication channels between NCPs and underlined that strategic advocacy activities are crucial to inform LAC universities and research institutions to further enhance participation.

Participants were MSCA NCPs from LAC, Gerard Bros Perez from the European Commission, Cristina Gomez from EURAXESS WW, Xavier Eekhout from MSCA Net.

13th Meeting of the EU-CELAC Working Group on Research Infrastructures

7-8 May, Lima



The 13th meeting of the EU-CELAC RI WG took place in Lima, Peru, where the actions deployed in both regions were presented, with the identification of Latin American and Caribbean and European infrastructures. Delegates from 15 LAC and 7 EU countries participated, as well as Daniel Kiapes from the European Commission; Fernando Amestoy, CELAC Co-Chair; Martin Penny, EU Co-Chair; Claudia Romano, Technical Secretary of the CELAC RI WG; Kathirn Megerle and Monica Salazar from the Global Service Facility.

At the same time, work began on the creation of a Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Research Infrastructures (LACFRI), which seeks to facilitate coordination between open, unique and large-scale infrastructures in the region. This strategy was presented at the meeting by Claudia Romano, Technical Secretary of the CELAC Working Group. Subsequently, future actions were planned to strengthen bi-regional cooperation in the 5 thematic hubs: 1) Health, 2) Biodiversity and Climate Change, 3) Food Security, 4) TICs, 5) Energy.

This initiative will draw on the European experience, the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). It has been functioning since 2002 as a forum for reflection on European science infrastructure policy and to act as an incubator and catalyst for science facility initiatives.

13th Intra-CELAC Meeting of the Working Group on Research Infrastructures

21 May, online

The 13th meeting of the Intra-CELAC Working Group on Research Infrastructures (WG RI) was held online. It was attended by delegates from 22 countries of the Latin American region, the Group Coordinator, Fernando Amestoy and the Technical Secretary, Claudia Romano.

The objective of the meeting was to prepare for the 13th EU-CELAC RI WG meeting to be held in Lima on 7-8 May 2024, as well as to deepen the preliminary proposal for a Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Research Infrastructures LACFRI.

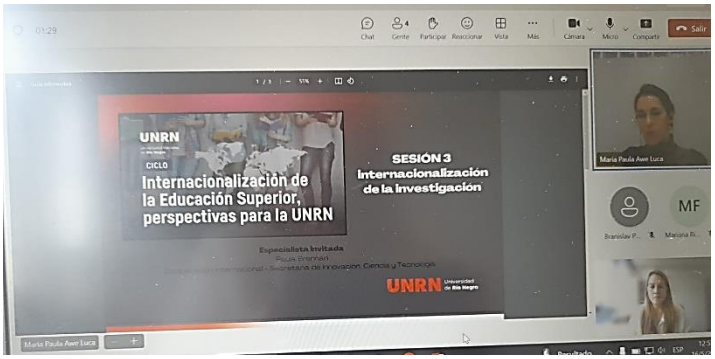
Opening remarks were made by the Technical Secretariat, followed by a presentation by the participants. The following points were then presented:

- Background and first steps in the creation of LACFRI.
- Presentation and Objectives of ESFRI.
- Objectives of LACFRI.
- Presentation of the priority themes established by the delegates in 2019.
- Methodology and Objectives of LACFRI.
- Calendar of activities 2024

In the space "Methodology - Preliminary distribution of roles", the distribution of tasks and roles of the thematic hubs was worked on. At the end, the calendar of activities to be carried out in the framework of the work packages 2.3 and 4.1 of the ResInfra PLUS Project and the meetings by thematic Hubs in the framework of the Working Group were presented, which will serve as a space for articulation between the actors in order to be able to draw up the regional agenda.

Argentina: National University of Rio Negro (UNRN) and the Secretariat of Innovation, Science and Technology held online workshop on MSCA

16 May, online



The Directorate of International Relations of the UNRN organised the series of talks "Exploring dimensions of the Internationalisation of Higher Education and its contributions to the UNRN", with the aim of exploring the dimensions of the Internationalisation of Higher Education.

The third session had as its main theme the presentation of the opportunities offered by the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions. It was given by Paula Brennan, NCP MSCA of Argentina, National Directorate of Strategic Planning and International Affairs.

Peru: Researchers strengthen knowledge at Horizon Europe

19 - 21 June, hybrid



The National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (Concytec), organised the workshop "Cooperation opportunities in the European Union" Horizon Europe programme", together with the LAC NCP Network, EURAXESS, the Technological University of Bolivar and the EU Delegation in Peru.

Catherine Fonseca - NCP of MSCA in Colombia and Director of Internationalisation at the Technological University of Bolivar, gave a presentation on the Horizon Europe programme, MSCA actions and carried out practical exercises to prepare an MSCA proposal.

In addition, there was a presentation of successful cases and a practical working space, by Alejandro Quinteros and Nadia Stratta on open calls and upcoming open calls in the areas of interest of the participants.

Ecuador: Professors and researchers from the Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil are trained in HE

21 June, online



The Vice Rectorate of Research and Postgraduate of the Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil, organised a training on the Horizon Europe Programme, the Funding & Tenders portal, strategies for participation, partner search and calls for proposals, for professors, researchers and researchers of the University.

The opening was in charge of the Vice-Rector for research and postgraduate studies, Nancy Wong, and the presentation was made by Alejandro Quinteros.

Uruguay: researchers from all over the country approach MSCA calls for proposals

During the months of May and June, the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation, with the support of the LAC NCP Network, organised information workshops on Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships together with three Uruguayan universities, with the aim of bringing these opportunities closer to researchers from all over the country.

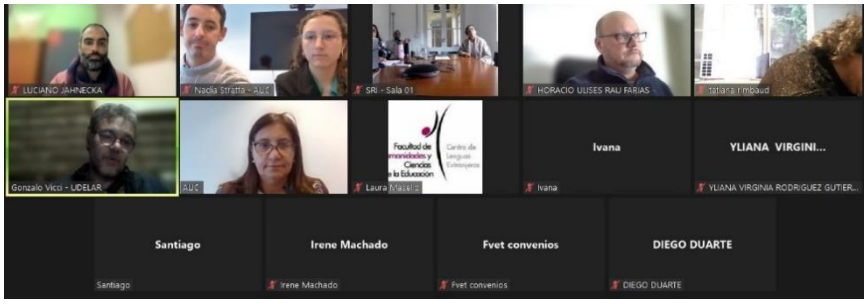
The activities were led by Alejandro Quinteros and Nadia Stratta, who in addition to providing information on the aforementioned calls, emphasised the possibility for Uruguayan researchers to carry out their studies in European universities and institutions with 100% of the positions financed.

Universidad Católica de Uruguay, 13 May

The activity was co-organised by the university's Alumni department, and was attended by more than 20 interested parties.

Universidad de la República, 22 May

The workshop was held in conjunction with the university's International Relations Service; the President of this department, Gonzalo Vicci, gave the welcoming remarks. The workshop was attended by 15 cooperation referents from different areas of knowledge of the university.

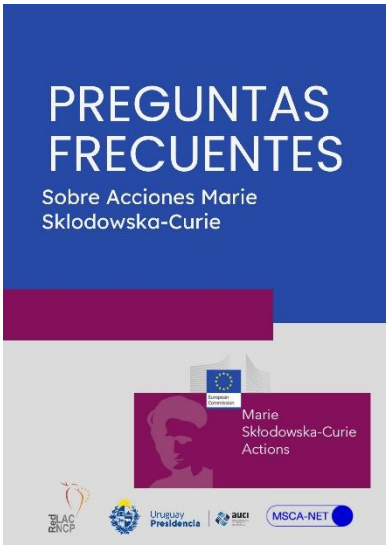


Universidad Tecnológica de Uruguay, 25 June

The Coordinator of Strategic R&D of the university, Nancy Ghan, moderated the workshop, which was attended by 20 researchers.



The MSCA Frequently Asked Questions Guide has been published.



This document, elaborated by the LAC NCP Network, with the support of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation, is a compilation of frequently asked questions about the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) that were asked in different workshops that the LAC NCP Network has been carrying out since its constitution. In addition, the questions included in the "FAQs" section of the MSCA-NET project website, led by the Swiss institution Verein Euresearch, were also used as input.

The aim of this document is to support the MSCA National Contact Points, the International Relations departments of public and private universities and study centres, as well as LAC researchers.

The list of questions presented is not exhaustive, but is intended to be a living document that will be enriched as new questions arise.

You can download the guide via the following link: https://www.gub.uy/agencia-uruguaya-cooperacion-internacional/comunicacion/publicaciones/guia-preguntas-frecuentes-sobre-acciones-marie-sklodowska-curie-para

New information packs for MSCA grantees and staff are now available.



These publications provide detailed information on the rights and obligations of researchers and staff involved in MSCAs, as well as on the general characteristics of these actions, such as cross-cutting themes, conditions for secondments, grants, etc. The publications have been elaborated by the European Commission and the European Research Executive Agency (ERA).

You can access the publications via the following link: https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/news/new-information-packages-for-msca-fellows-and-staff-members-published

Handbook for MSCA PF called 2024

In the framework of the MSCA NET project, the handbook for MSCA post-doctoral opportunities has been published, which aims to help and support potential participants in writing the proposal with specific advice for each section.



The publications can be accessed via the following link: https://msca-net.eu/2024/07/04/handbook-for-msca-pf-call-2024/

Platforms of interest

MSCA NET renews its matchmaking platform

The MSCA-NET project announced the renewal of its matchmaking platform until 2025. It provides a meeting place for grantees, companies, supervisors, NGOs and academic institutions from a large number of countries in Europe and worldwide.

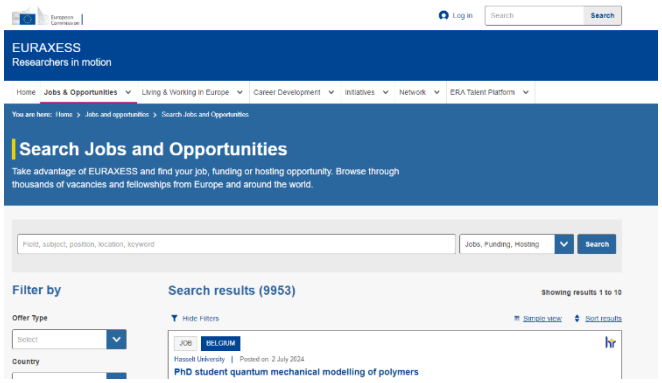
Interested parties can post their researcher, company or institution profile and offer their hosting services to attract talent or participate in Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships and Staff Exchanges.



To access the platform: https://msca.b2match.io/

Euraxess portal has been updated

The Euraxess project portal is updated, slightly modifying the presentation of the work and hosting proposals. Euraxess is a platform for researchers, entrepreneurs, universities and companies to interact with each other. It covers mobility issues for researchers and entrepreneurs, and enables universities and companies to find the right talent, projects and funding.



You can access the platform through the following link: https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/

Canada joins HE



Canada joins the growing group of non-EU countries that have become partners in the EU's research and innovation programme, HE.

Canadian entities can now join and lead research consortia with some of the world's best research organisations to tackle global challenges together. They will have the opportunity to receive funding directly from the programme, while Canada will contribute to their budget.

Currently, Canadian entities are involved in 155 projects under Horizon Europe. So far, Canadian institutions have received more than EUR 6 million from Horizon Europe. Of this amount, €2.3 million are grants from the European Research Council. In addition, 1.9 million euros have been awarded to Canadian partners in projects under Pillar II and 1.8 million euros under Research Infrastructures.

To date, 19 countries are associated, and formal negotiations to be associated to Horizon Europe were recently concluded with the Republic of Korea. Negotiations are ongoing with Switzerland, while preparatory talks are underway with Japan and Singapore.

Call for papers open for INORMS 2025



From 6-8 May 2025, the International Network of Research Management Societies - INORMS 2025 Congress will take place in Madrid, Spain, organised by the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA) with the support of the Fundación para el Conocimiento Madri+D, the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid and the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC).

The theme of the conference will be "a sustainable profession in a sustainable world", and the aim will be to explore the fundamental role of research management in shaping a sustainable future for the profession and the world at large. They will focus on the following themes:

- Creating better RMA services
- Governance and regulation
- Valuing knowledge
- Open science
- Proposal, award and project management
- Responsible use of AI in research management
- Transnational collaborations
- Sustainability in RMA
- Responsibility, ethics and EDI in research and innovation

The call for papers for the conference opened on 18 June and will be open until 16 September. Research management professionals wishing to participate should fill in the following form: https://earma.org/conferences/inorms-congress-madrid-2025/

Calls

Cluster 1- Health



Open for submission:

1. *Implementation research for the management of multiple long-term conditions in the context of non-communicable diseases (Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases - GACD)*

Opening: April 25, 2024 Deadline: November 26, 2024

Type of action: RIA Deadline: € 20.000.000

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-hlth-2024-disease-13-01

2. *Pre-commercial procurement of environmentally sound health and care systems Bringing together the national level with committed regional and local levels (multilevel governance)*

Opening: 25 April, 2024 Deadline: 18 September, 2024

Type of action: CSA Budget: € 4.000.000

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-miss-2024-clima-01-02

Cluster 3- Civil Security for Society



Open for submission:

1. *Harmonised / standardised protocols for the implementation of warning and impact forecasting systems and for transnational emergency management in the fields of high impact meteorological / climatic and geological disasters.*

Opening: 27 June, 2024 Deadline: 20 November, 2024
Type of action: IA Budget: € 6.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-03

2. *High-tech capabilities to respond to crises and recover from natural or technological disasters (NaTech)*

Opening: 27 June, 2024 Deadline: 20 November, 2024
Tipo de acción: RIA Budget: € 4.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-04

3. *Sustainable and cost-effective technologies and crisis management strategies for large-scale protection of population and infrastructure after a nuclear explosion or incident at a nuclear facility*

Opening: 27 June, 2024 Deadline: 20 November, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 6.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-05

4. *Integrated risk-based border control that mitigates public safety risk, reduces false positives and enhances privacy.*

Opening: 27 June, 2024 Deadline: 20 November, 2024
Type of action: IA Deadline: € 5.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-bm-01-04

5. *Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of biological and chemical threats to agricultural production, forestry and food processing, distribution and consumption.*

Open: 27 June, 2024 Deadline: 20 November, 2024
Type of action: RIA Deadline: € 8.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-01

6. *Radicalisation and gender*

Open: 27 June, 2024 Deadline: 20 November, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 3.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-fct-01-04

Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space



Open for submission:

1. *Facilitating participation in the global development of ICT standardisation (CSA)*

Open: 23 April, 2024 Deadline: 18 September, 2024
Type of action: CSA Budget: € 6.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-human-03-04

Cluster 5- Climate, energy and mobility



Forthcoming:

1. *Development of smart energy-driven integrated biorefinery concepts for the co-production of advanced biofuels, biochemicals and biomaterials.*

Opening: 17 September, 2024 Deadline: 21 January, 2025
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 7.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d3-02-03

2. *DACCS and BECCS for CO2 elimination/negative emissions*

Opening: 17 September, 2024 Deadline: 21 January, 2025
Type of action: IA Budget: € 15.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-03

Open for submission:

1. *Reducing the size and weight of batteries and battery system packaging, integrating lightweight and functional materials, innovative thermal management and a safe and sustainable approach through design (Batt4EU Partnership).*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: IA Budget: € 16.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d2-02-03

2. *Robust knowledge and skills transfer for key EU-ECM deployment and implementation pathways (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: CSA Budget: € 4.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-05

3. *Optimise the multimodal network and traffic management, taking advantage of infrastructure, passenger mobility and freight data.*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 10.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-06

4. *Scenario-based safety assurance of CCAM and related HMI in a dynamically evolving transport system (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 14.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-02

5. *Strong transfer of knowledge and know-how for key EU-ECM deployment and implementation pathways (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: CSA Budget: € 4.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-05

6. *Effects of disruptive changes in transport: towards resilient, safe and energy-efficient mobility*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 7.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-11

7. *AI for advanced and collective perception and decision making for CCAM applications (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget:: € 10.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-04

8. *Centralised, reliable, cyber-secure and upgradeable in-vehicle electronic control architectures for CCAMs connected to the Cloud Edge Continuum*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget:: € 12.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-01

9. *Orchestration of heterogeneous actors in mixed traffic within the CCAM ecosystem (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening: 7 May, 2024 Deadline: 5 September, 2024
Type of action: IA Budget:: € 12.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-03

Cluster 6- Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment



Open for submission:

1. *Focus on the priority plant pest: the budworm (Spodoptera frugiperda)*

Opening: 8 May, 2024 Deadline: 24 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 5.000.000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-farm2fork-03-1

2. *New knowledge and innovations for climate-smart agriculture: connecting research stations*

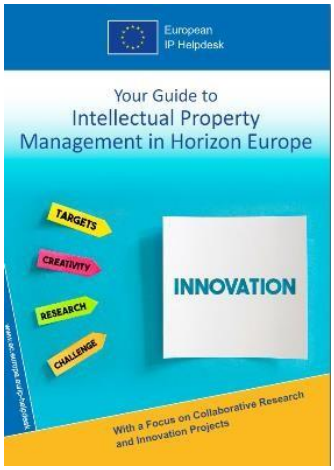
Opening: 8 May, 2024 Deadline: 24 September, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 12.000.000
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Reference Material



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Your Guide to Intellectual property Management in Horizon Europe



The purpose of this guide is to spotlight critical aspects and novelties related to Intellectual Property (IP) management in the context of collaborative research and innovation projects funded under the European Union's current Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe" (2021-2027). It does not claim to be exhaustive. The IP rules of Horizon Europe are built to a large extent on the regulations established by the previous Framework Programme "Horizon2020". Therefore, this guide complements the existing guide "Your Guide to IP in Horizon 2020".

Link: https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/43e0204c-6ed3-11ed-9887-01aa75ed71a1

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