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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° 32, the last 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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An event on International Scientific Cooperation was held within the framework of the 79th United Nations General Assembly.

September 17, Hybrid



Science Europe and the Research Council of Norway (RCN) held the hybrid event "Reciprocity in Multilateral Research Collaboration" at the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79). The event explored how scientific partnerships can build trust and cooperation at the global level, promoting international collaboration between Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).

Regarding the LAC region, the event was attended by Claudia Romano, Manager of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation and Eduardo Ortega-Barria, National Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation of Panama, it contributed to promote a research environment that benefits all stakeholders and supports the advancement of science for the public good, especially in an interconnected world, where we face complex challenges that require international collaboration.

Key topics addressed included the relevance of coordination mechanisms and the synergies they generate, the importance of cooperation to address problems from different perspectives, the role of Research Infrastructures (RI) in scientific development and the relationship with the political sphere in supporting innovation processes in science and technology.

The need to join efforts between governmental and non-governmental institutions to find sustainable and equitable solutions was emphasized. Coordination and the search for synergies were highlighted to avoid duplication and maximize the impact of research. The importance of learning from the Global South, recognizing their experiences and fostering horizontal cooperation to adapt solutions to specific contexts and empower these countries in global development was highlighted. For this to happen, it is necessary to move towards inclusive financing and ensure equitable access to resources and technology, thus closing gaps between nations.

Mention was made of the need for public policies to focus on sustainability and the creation of an environment that attracts talent, adhering to the principles aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, taking trust and collaboration as fundamental pillars to face all global challenges.



Ecuador: CEDIA holds first Congress on International Cooperation for Science, Technology and Innovation

September 3 and 4, Quito



The Ecuadorian Corporation for the Development of Research and Academia (CEDIA) held the first edition of the International Cooperation Congress for CTI: "Global Campus" at UDLA Park, Quito, before 120 participants from 32 universities and institutes of Ecuador.

The objective of the event was to strengthen the institutional development, research and academic management processes of the country's Higher Education Institutions. To achieve this, it sought to identify international funding opportunities to build both national and international academic networks in order to enhance the presence of Ecuador and its influence in linking with other actors in the innovation ecosystem. On behalf of the LAC NCP Network, Claudia Romano and Alejandro Quinteros made a presentation on the Horizon Europe program. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) were presented by Viktoria Bodnarova, Regional Coordinator of EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean and the Erasmus+ program by Daniel Ventura, Project Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Erasmus+ National Focal Points (ENFP) program.

Ibero-American Researchers' Night promotes training opportunities

September 27, online



This year the V edition of the Ibero-American Researchers' Night, organized by the Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI), was held with the aim of promoting scientific vocations, disseminating knowledge and strengthening the link between science and society in the region, with the participation of more than a thousand researchers. In terms of cooperation, two patterns were followed this year, firstly to promote collaboration between research - educational centers, where priority was given to activities linking research with education, with the intention of promoting scientific vocations, and on the other hand, the MSCAs where synergies will continue to be generated to strengthen the training and professional development of researchers, within the framework of the Horizon Europe program. One of the online workshops held in Uruguay, host country of the inauguration, was "Scholarships and Training Opportunities - masters, doctorates and staff exchange" by the AUCI.

Erasmus+: Digital technology event brings together education institutions in Uruguay

September 30 - October 2, Montevideo



The Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission and the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) held an event under the theme "digital technology in education" which brought together educational institutions participating in the Erasmus+ program and potential participants interested in cooperating within the framework of this program, especially from the LAC and EU region. The event was attended by authorities from DG EAC, EACEA, the European Union Delegation in Uruguay and AUCI, which provided organizational support.

The participants were involved in digital education and its impact on future learning through three different instances: the Regional Meeting of Erasmus+ National Focal Points (ENFPs), the Regional Erasmus+ Group Meeting and a Regional Seminar to establish contacts.

The Regional ENFPs Meeting was held in two parts between September 30 and October 1. These meetings were focused on bringing together the ENFPs from the different countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region in a space for information and learning, with the objective of continuing to develop their network of focal points and advancing in its development.

The Erasmus+ Regional Group Meeting was held on October 1 and 2. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage cooperation among the actors in the educational field through the presentation of Erasmus+ experiences. Topics addressed included digital technology in education and the possibility of improving the quality and scope of education with it; digital transformation; the development of digital educational ecosystems; artificial intelligence; and the digital competencies of students.

Finally, the Regional Erasmus+ Networking Seminar took place in the afternoon of October 2 to conclude the event, which facilitated the exchange and presentation of possible new joint projects.



Tunisia: Strengthening cooperation between researchers at MSCA-NET event

October 16 and 17, Tunis

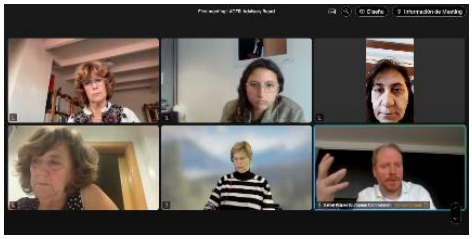


The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR), with the collaboration of the Global Support Service for the Strategic Development of International Cooperation in Research and Innovation (GSF), organized an information and dissemination day focused mainly on the Staff Exchange (SE) action within the MSCA calls.

The first day focused on the mobility of researchers between countries, sectors and disciplines. Promoting contact between actors and encouraging both participation and discussion on MSCA-SE proposals. On the second day, a session was held among the NCPs: Flavia Cerqueira (Brazil); Alejandro Quinteros and Nadia Stratta (Uruguay); Dr. Maruf Sanni (Nigeria); Myriam Skandaji, Dr. Mohamed Kefi, Dr. Hela Hassairi and Leila Triki (Tunisia); Prof. Karima Selmaoui (Morocco); Prof. Karima Selmaoui (Morocco). Karima Selmaoui (Morocco) and Dr. Yedilfana Setarge (Ethiopia); to strengthen knowledge on MSCA actions, reflect on the role of NCPs and outline new lines of cooperation.

Consolidation of the Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Research Infrastructures

October 7, online



The first meeting of the Advisory Board within the framework of the Latin American and Caribbean Forum on Research Infrastructures (LACFRI) was held virtually. At the meeting, Claudia Romano, representing the CELAC Technical Secretariat, presented the structure and organization of the Forum, including aspects such as the formation of a coordination team and the selection of five thematic hubs with their respective implementation strategies in the areas of: biodiversity and climate change; health; new technologies; food security; and energy.

Work was also done on the integration of RI in each of these hubs, as well as the definition of a roadmap and a regional strategy, together with a calendar of activities. Then, the members of the Advisory Board, made up of members and delegates of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) were introduced: Inmaculada Figueroa (Spain), Jeannette Ridder (The Netherlands), Giorgio Rossi (Italy), Viorel Vulturescu (Romania) and Daniel Weselka (Austria). Finally, there was an exchange of ideas on the work, objectives and tasks to be carried out.

Workshop “Horizon Europe Program Opportunities in Central America” brings together researchers in Costa Rica

October 15 - 16, Hybrid



The workshop “Opportunities of the Horizon Europe Program in Central America” was held in Costa Rica, organized by the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications (MICITT), the European Delegation and Euraxess, with the support of the LAC NCP Network. The event was inaugurated by Vice Minister Orlando Vega, Ambassador Pierre-Louis Lempereur and José Salas, Director a.i. of CENAT. Approximately 60 Costa Ricans attended daily, with about 118 virtual participants from Latin America. The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacities of researchers and other stakeholders in relation to the Horizon Europe Program, seeking to increase the region's participation in this program and provide information on funding opportunities from the European Union.

National Contact Points for Health explore challenges and opportunities of the Horizon Europe program in Paris

October 2 - 4, Paris



An exchange of experiences and training was held at the Pasteur Institute in Paris for the National Contact Points (NCP) of the Health area of the Horizon Europe program. During the event, the NCPs shared strategies for informing potential applicants about the application process.

The training included presentations and exercises on ethical and regulatory challenges, in addition to the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare, addressing its regulation and oversight. Also, visits were made to the laboratories of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, which allowed to appreciate its infrastructure and work. Participation in these international events is crucial to advance scientific development and innovation, enriching the applicability of the knowledge acquired in the participating countries.

Uruguay: EU experts visit the Institut Pasteur in Montevideo

October 14-16, Montevideo



Experts from multiple European RIs were at the Institut Pasteur in Montevideo, Uruguay in the framework of the study visits promoted by the EU-CELAC Working Group on Research Infrastructures (WG UE-CELAC RI). The meeting was attended by the institutions Instruct-ERIC, Euro-BioImaging and Latin America Bioimaging with the aim of sharing best practices and strengthening cooperation between institutions, focusing in turn on the "Integrative Bioimaging Hub".

A central theme was the launch of the "Joint International Units" between CELAC and EU infrastructures, promoting closer collaboration between the Institut Pasteur in Montevideo and Paris.

The internationalization of RI and cooperation between the EU and CELAC are essential. To this end, study visits have been organized by the WG UE-CELAC RI between the two regions, starting in three CELAC centers: Institut Pasteur de Montevideo, INPA (Brazil) and CIGB (Cuba).

Horizon Europe opportunities come to Villavicencio, Colombia

October 10, Hybrid



On October 10, an event organized by EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean and the Marie Curie Alumni Association (MCAA) Andean-Caribbean Chapter took place. Viktoria Bodnarova, representing EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean, and Luis Fernando Castañeda, member of the Andean-Caribbean Chapter of the MCAA and professor at the Universidad Antonio Nariño, held a day of presentation and promotion of the Horizon Europe program as well as MSCA funding and cooperation opportunities for researchers and institutions, at the Universidad de los Llanos and the Universidad Antonio Nariño in Villavicencio, Colombia.

Staff Exchanges (SE) MSCA-NET

Until **February 5 of 2025**, international and inter-sectoral exchanges of research and innovation personnel financed by the SE action are available.

MSCA-NET support for your application

SE Handbook



Up-to-date tips on how to succeed in your MSCA SE proposal

Click here

SE Evolution Guide



Statistical data related to the calls for proposals

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Policy Briefs

Gender Policy Brief

Green Deal Policy Brief

Missions Policy Brief

Open Science Policy Brief

Synergies Policy Brief

Charter for researchers Policy Brief

MSCA-NET Platforms to find a Host Institution for your project



Generate new contacts for upcoming MSCA calls through this platform that brings together trainees, companies, supervisors, etc.

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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 Budget: € 20.000.000

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

Cluster 3- Civil Security for Society



Open for submission:

1. *Harmonised / Standard protocols for the implementation of alert and impact forecasting systems as well as transnational emergency management in the areas of high-impact weather / climatic and geological disasters*

Opening: June 27, 2024 Deadline: November 20, 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. *Hi-tech capacities for crisis response and recovery after a natural-technological (NaTech) disaster*

Opening: June 27, 2024 Deadline: November 20, 2024
Type of action: 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. *Cost-effective sustainable technologies and crisis management strategies for RN large-scale protection of population and infrastructures after a nuclear blast or nuclear facility incident*

Opening: June 27, 2024 Deadline: November 20, 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 security risk, reduces false positives and strengthens privacy*

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

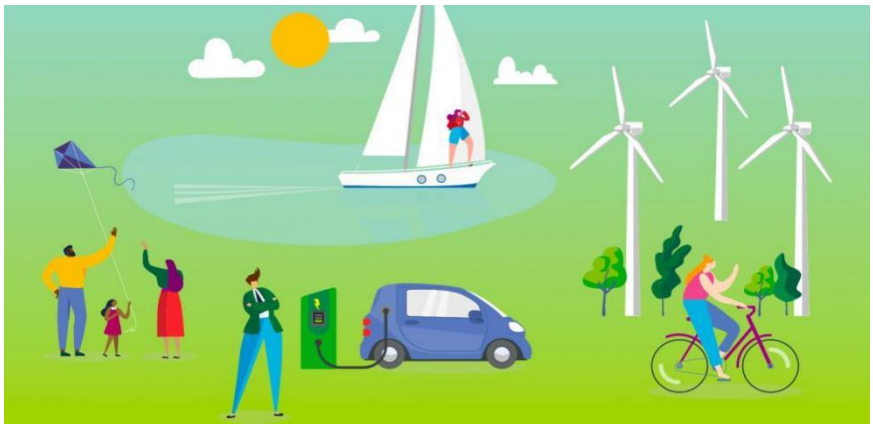
5. *Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of chemical, biological and radiological threats to agricultural production, feed and food processing, distribution and consumption*

Opening:June 27, 2024 Deadline: November 20, 2024
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 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*

Opening: June 27, 2024 Deadline: November 20, 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 5- Climate, energy and mobility



Open for submission:

1. *Development of smart concepts of integrated energy driven bio-refineries for co-production of advanced biofuels, bio-chemicals and biomaterials*

Opening: September 17, 2024 Deadline: February 04, 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 removal/negative emissions*

Opening: September 17, 2024 Deadline: February 04, 2025
Type of action: RIA Budget: € 15 000 000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-12

3. *Support to the activities of the SET Plan Key Action area Renewable fuels and bioenergy*

Opening: September 17, 2024 Deadline: February 04, 2025
Type of action: CSA Budget: € 600 000
https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-13

EU LAC ResInfra Plus Project:



Mission-Oriented Innovation – Strengthening the Role of Research Infrastructures

This hybrid workshop will be held on **Friday, November 1st**. It will focus on how research institutions can enhance their role in mission-oriented innovation by integrating innovative thinking into services. Topics to be discussed include the combination of service innovation with technological advances, the role of RIs as co-creation platforms, and strategies for these institutions to contribute to generating lasting value and significant societal impact through mission-driven innovation frameworks.

Registration.



Webinar "Access Models to Research Infrastructures".

On **Wednesday, November 20**, the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia will hold this online webinar for researchers and IR managers. The activity will provide knowledge on different RI Access Models, analyzing different practices and approaches. In this way, it seeks to advance in the identification of specific problems, challenges and strengths of different infrastructures in both regions, further promoting international collaboration and for possible future projects.

Registration.



Workshop "Overcoming Barriers: Enhancing Research Infrastructure Institutional Capacity for Mission-Oriented Innovation Collaboration in LAC Countries"

On **Tuesday, November 26**, this online workshop will present the results of a benchmarking exercise about successful strategies in LAC to address institutional weaknesses and improve international collaboration. Participants will discuss in groups to generate solutions to strengthen institutional capacity, addressing issues such as proactive governance, policy influence and ecosystem development.

Registration.

Upcoming events



October 31: IP and Consortium Agreements - European IP Helpdesk & NCP Legal and Finance

The rationale for the Consortium Agreement in Horizon Europe will be presented and options for structuring intellectual property in the Consortium Agreement will be discussed.

More information: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4853833004954396759

November 5: Horizon Implementation Day - Grant Management in Horizon Europe



It will provide you with detailed information on grant management in the Horizon Europe program.

Registration: https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/stage/horizon-implementation-day-grant-management-horizon-europe-1

November 11: ERA4Health 2nd webinar Pragmatic Comparative-Effectiveness Randomized Trials: Real-World Evidence for Better Health Decisions

This session will provide valuable information on how real-world evidence can improve health decision making and serve as an excellent introduction to ERA4Health initiatives.

More information: https://era4health.eu/era4health-2nd-webinar-pragmatic-comparative-effectiveness-randomized-trials-real-world-evidence-for-better-health-decisions/

November 12: Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2023 - Coordinators' Information Day



Provides coordinators and beneficiaries of funded consortia with information on the key management and procedural aspects of the project life cycle.

More information: https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/419HTJwbx0on3v2V0etw7l/overview

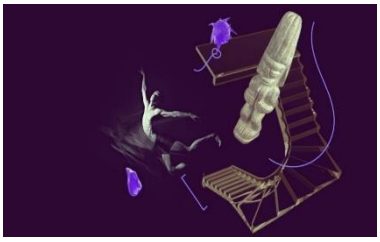


<u>November 12 and 13:</u> European Mission Soil Week 2024

Researchers; policy makers; farmers; foresters; spatial planners; landowners and land managers; businesses and organizations; as well as the interested general public; come together to discuss challenges, opportunities and solutions for soil health.

Registration: https://mission-soil-platform.ec.europa.eu/lv/node/610

<u>November 15:</u> Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchanges Information Session



Online briefing session that will provide detailed information on the key features of the Staff Exchanges Action and how to apply for a call for proposals.

Registration: https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/PawOrIj5HxQhifdCTBf5g/overview



<u>November 25-27:</u> VIII FGV Research and Innovation Symposium 2024

The Symposium aims to structure networks of researchers from Brazil and abroad and promote the development of multidisciplinary research and innovation projects.

Registration: https://evento.fgv.br/symposium_24/

Reference Material



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 "Horizon 2020". 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

Videos:



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