



Red Lationamericana y Caribeña de Puntos Nacionales de Contacto

(Red LAC NCP)

Con el apoyo de la Service Facility

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Introduction:

Dear CELAC colleagues:



It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) to continue with this communication channel.

Our objective as a network is to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean countries. All of them are capable to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, public and private organizations, associations of civil society in order to promote the participation of themselves in the Horizon 2020 Program.

Latin America and the Caribbean countries have an excellent innovative capacity that enables us to be very good partners in the different existing calls and the future ones of Horizon Europe program.

Our entire team is available looking to empowered the network.

We invite you to visit our website [MEC CUBIST](#)

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NEWS

RISE Calls - Research and Innovation


Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) calls





The Marie Sklodowska Curie RISE (Research and Innovation Staff Exchange) Action aims to reinforce international cross-sector and cross-border collaboration in R+D+ I through exchanges of research and innovative personnel between public and private entities. The aim is to be able to better face global challenges through the exchange of knowledge and ideas that bring basic research to the market. Source: [Link](#)

Registrations for the **RISE modality opened** to the public on **December 5, 2019** and will **close on April 7, 2020**.

In the following link we remind you of the Net4mobility projects, programs, materials and videoconferences carried out for the scientific community.

[Acceder al enlace https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/scientific-community/](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/scientific-community/)



<p>Innovative Training Networks (ITN)</p>  <p>Deadline: 14.01.2020 EC Website</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook 2020 with tips to write Part B2 Flyer for ITN Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video & Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog Statistics on ITN 2018 	<p>Research & Inno. Staff Exchange (RISE)</p>  <p>Deadline: 28 April 2020 EC Website & Video</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook with tips to write Part B2 Flyer for RISE Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video and Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog RISE Statistics 2018 RISE Webinar 	<p>MSCA Individual Fellowships Action (IF)</p>  <p>Deadline: call close EC Website</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook with tips to write Part B2 Flyer for IF Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video & Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog IF Statistics 2017 2018 IF & COFUND Webinar 	<p>CO-Funding Programme (COFUND)</p>  <p>Deadline: call close EC Website</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook with tips to write Part B2 for PhD - for Fellow Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video and Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog Statistics on COFUND 2017 & 2018 IF & COFUND Webinar
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Video conference on the Horizon 2020 Program and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

In the framework of the Service Facility, on February 10th the Liaison Office made a training video conference with the Universidad del Pacífico regarding the Horizon 2020 program and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. The team in charge of it was Mag. Claudia Romano and Mag. Maite Irazábal.

The objective was that both representatives of the Liaison Office with the European Union could provide general information on both programs and report on the calls that are open and in particular those that include actions of International Cooperation and those that specifically promote the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean.

More information: <https://eshorizonte2020.es/ciencia-excelente/acciones-marie-sklodowska-curie/research-and-innovation-staff-exchange-rise>

We want to remember that you can access to the new page of the Research Infrastructure Working Group of the CELAC countries

The main objective of it is to develop a mapping of research infrastructures in these countries.

web page [link](#)



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Mapeo de las Infraestructuras de la Investigación en los países de la CELAC.

Accede a las mayores instituciones que realizan actividades de investigación científica y/o desarrollo tecnológico en la región.

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INTERVIEWS

This section seeks to make visible relevant actors and institutions for the promotion of the Horizon 2020 Program, particularly for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our colleagues from EURAXESS Brazil will share tools and instruments of great importance for the region.

EURAXESS Latin America Latina & the Caribbean (LAC)



[“EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion”](#), initiative of the European Commission focused on the **mobility of researchers and the development of their careers**, it has been present in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) since 2013. In 2020, EURAXESS LAC opened a **new office in Mexico DF**, under the leadership of Viktoria Bodnarova.

Charlotte Grawitz and Daniel Costa from Brazil, are also part of the team and they seek to stimulate scientific cooperation between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean and strengthen Europe as an exceptional research site.

EURAXESS LAC works hand in hand with the Horizon 2020 Contact Points (NCPs) and especially the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA). They disseminate the MSCA calls, organize explanatory webinars, offer initial information to potential candidates and disclose the contacts of the NCPs for further clarification.

Finally, they support the activities of **MSCA students** in the region. EURAXESS LAC will even be co-organizer of the second Latin American MSCA Student Association Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during October 19 & 20 of 2020. [More](#)

In addition of the activities of the local team, the EURAXESS portal is useful for promoting each of the 4 MSCA actions. A presentation and photos show how NCPs can use EURAXESS tools for their tasks in bit.ly/EURAXESSandMSCA.

In summary, **EURAXESS** portal offers NCPs and potential candidates:

- [EURAXESS Jobs](#): A tool for publishing and/or find, among others:
 - MSCA funded PhD and postdoc opportunities,
 - Hosting offers by host organizations seeking to attract international talent, with MSCA IF scholarships, or not. (see how to do it [here](#))

Researchers can also publish their CVs, and create alerts when offers corresponding to their profile are published.

- [EURAXESS Information and Assistance](#): a network of 550 service centers in 40 European countries to organize the arrival of MSCA fellows in Europe

- **EURAXESS Partnering**: a tool for the facilitation & collaboration between users and search for partners to join a consortium and apply for EU funding like MSCA Rise.
- **EURAXESS Worldwide** and his team in Latin America and the Caribbean to disseminate their initiatives and personalized support to researchers and institutes in the region.

Services offered by EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

EURAXESS LAC promotes three types of activities: dissemination of information, creation of research networks and the organization of events that provides the following free services:

- **Web EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean** site (<http://lac.euraxess.org>), providing information of job offers and funding opportunities, as well as recent events of interest to the research community and events;
- Distribution of a **list of open calls** for collaboration and/or mobility between the two regions, and a **quarterly newsletter**.
- A **mailing list** for interested researchers or institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean with the purpose that they receive **regular updates** on policy developments, open calls, research events, funding, jobs and collaboration between Europe and countries from Latin America and the Caribbean
- A **Facebook page in Spanish and English** focused mainly on researchers from the Latin American and Caribbean region: [EURAXESS LAC](#)
- A **Facebook and Twitter in Portuguese** focused on researchers based in Brazil:
- facebook.com/EuraxessBrasil & twitter.com/EuraxessBrasil
- A **LinkedIn group**: [EURAXESS Worldwide – Internationally Mobile Researchers](#).
- **Personalized support** in their international mobility projects by directing their inquiries to lac@euraxess.net.
- **Info days presentations** of the EURAXESS network, the services offered and the main European mobility financing programs (MSCA, ERC) at scientific institutions or events in **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico**. Virtual presentations (webinar or videoconference) in any other LAC country.

Do you want to be informed about EURAXESS activities in Latin America and the Caribbean?

Join to our mailing list: bit.ly/EuraxessBR_LAC_Mailing

Visit lac.euraxess.org y  facebook.com/EuraxessLAC

Contact: lac@euraxess.net

CURRENT NEWS

Today we want to use this communication channel in order to share one of the most **recent calls launched by the European Commission**, with the aim of **financing research for the treatment and diagnosis of COVID-19**. They are going to select 17 projects related to the vaccine development and treatment.

The Commission is currently negotiating grant agreements with the selected beneficiaries. The **17 projects** will work on:

- Development of new **vaccines**. The research will focus on developing a prophylactic vaccine and a therapeutic vaccine, which will be used for prevention and treatment respectively.
- Rapid point-of-care **diagnostic tests**. Increased efforts will concentrate on enabling front-line health workers to make the diagnosis more quickly and more accurately, which will in turn reduce the risk of further spread of the virus.
- New **treatments**, in which a dual approach will be adopted. Firstly, accelerating the development of new treatments currently in the pipeline (including therapeutic peptides, monoclonal antibodies and broad-spectrum antivirals), and secondly, screening and identifying molecules that could work against the virus, using advanced modelling and computing techniques.
- Improving epidemiology and **public health**, including our preparedness and response to outbreaks. These projects will help develop better **monitoring systems** in order to effectively prevent and control the spread of the virus, as well as contribute to the assessment of social dynamics.

[More information](#)

Latin American and Caribbean National Contact Points Network

¿What is it?

The **Latin American and Caribbean National Contact Points Network (Red LAC NCP)** is made up of all the National Contact Points officially designated by a CELAC State through the main competent body in Science, Technology and Innovation and which have been recognized by the European Commission through its official appointment

Main objectives?

The **objective** of the LAC NCP Network is to promote and increase the participation of academia, companies and institutions in the Horizon 2020 Program in order to democratize access opportunities among the different countries of the Region.

The aim is to create an efficient and dynamic, proactive and sustainable network to stimulate closer cooperation between all national contact points in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Its **specific objectives** are: to strengthen the designation and motivation of the NCPs in the CELAC region and to improve the participation of these countries in H2020.

How does it work?

The NCPs are named for each of the thematic areas of the H2020 Program, as well as for the transversal areas. The structure is the following one:

- 1) National NCP Coordinator
- 2) Legal and Financial Aspects
- 3) Companies
- 4) Access to Finance
- 5) European Research Council
- 6) Future and Emerging Technologies
- 7) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- 8) Research Infrastructures
- 9) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- 10) Nanotechnologies, advanced materials, manufacturing and advanced processes
- 11) Space
- 12) Health, demographic change and well-being
- 13) Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, bio economy; & Biotechnology
- 14) Safe, clean and efficient energy
- 15) Intelligent, ecological and integrated transport

- 16)** Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials
- 17)** Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- 18)** Security
- 19)** Euratom
- 20)** Joint Research Center
- 21)** Advanced manufacturing and processing
- 22)** Science with and for Society

[More information](#)

Reference materials

With the support of the European Commission, through the Alcue Net project, we made guides and manuals for researchers and institutions for collaborative projects & Marie Skłodowska Curie.

Here you can find the guides:



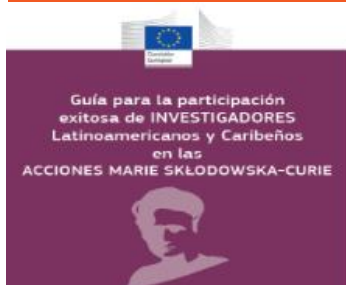
[Guía para el establecimiento de Oficinas de Enlace con la Unión Europea en Latinoamérica y el Caribe](#)



[Manual de participación en el Programa Marco de Investigación e Innovación de la Unión Europea](#)



[Guía para la participación exitosa de INSTITUCIONES Latinoamericanas y Caribeñas en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE](#)



[Guía para la participación exitosa de INVESTIGADORES Latinoamericanos y Caribeños en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE](#)

Videos

Below we share support material to develop Horizon 2020 projects

Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) actions in a few words



[Link](#)

Horizon 2020 supports the budget for the results initiatives

[Link](#)



Horizon 2020 general information

[Link](#)



Intellectual property in Horizon 2020

[Link](#)



Horizon 2020 – How to apply?

[Link](#)



EU IPR Helpdesk: Get your ticket for innovation (intellectual property)

[Link](#)



Introducción a las innovaciones de género

[Link](#)



Understand the gender dimension for MSCA projects

[Link](#)

Open calls for the Horizon 2020 program

The following table contains calls for 'international cooperation' as a priority, with filtering on geographical areas that includes: ALL (all countries) and Latin America. The Horizon 2020 programme remains open to the world, but there are some calls targeting specific geographic regions - See [portal Funding & tender opportunities](#).

EU Research and Innovation Programme 2014-2020 (Horizonte 2020) – Rev. 31 July 2019 – Deadline in 2020								
	Thematic area	Call code + hyperlink	Call title	Type of action	Geographical areas	Deadline	Stages	Budget million €
1	FET (Future and Emerging Technologies)	FETHPC-04-2020	International Cooperation on HPC (High Performance Computing)	CSA	Latin America	22/04/2020	1	0.5
2	MSCA	MSCA-IF-2020	Individual Fellowships (Global Fellowships)	MSCA	ALL	09/09/2020	1	55
3	MSCA	MSCA-RISE-2020	Research and Innovation Staff Exchange	MSCA	ALL	28/04/2020	1	80
4	Heath	SC1-BHC-33-2020	Addressing low vaccine uptake	RIA	ALL	07/04/2020	1	9
5	Heath	SC1-HCO-17-2020	Coordinating and supporting research on the human microbiome in Europe and beyond	CSA	ALL	07/04/2020	1	2
6	Heath	SC1-HCO-20-2020	Coordination of clinical research activities of the European Reference Networks	CSA	ALL	07/04/2020	1	2
7	Heath	SC1-HCO-07-2020	ERA-NET to support the Joint Programming initiative on Antimicrobial resistance (JPIAMR)	ERANET-Cofund	ALL	07/04/2020	1	5
8	Energy	LC-SC3-RES-37-2020	Combined clean biofuel production and phytoremediation solutions from contaminated lands worldwide	RIA	ALL	21/04/2020	1	6
9	Transport	LC-GV-09-2020	EU R&I strategy for future of road transport	CSA	ALL Latin America, Asia, Africa	21/04/2020	1	1
10	Transport	MG-3-6-2020	Sustainable urban air mobility	RIA	ALL BR, MX, SG, UAE	21/04/2020	1	15
11	Transport	LC-MG-1-15-2020	Towards global environmental regulation of supersonic aviation	RIA	ALL AU, BR, CA, JP, RU, US, ZA	21/04/2020	1	13
12	Secure Societies	SU-FCT01-2018-2019-2020	Fight against crime and terrorism	RIA	ALL	27/08/2020	1	10
13	Science with and Society	Swafs-30-2020	Responsible Open Science: an ethics and integrity perspective	CSA	ALL	15/04/2020	1	2.5
14	Science with and Society	Swafs-28-2020	Ethics of organoids	CSA	ALL	15/04/2020	1	3
15	Science with and Society	Swafs-27-2020	Hands-on citizen science and frugal innovation	RIA	ALL	15/04/2020	1	8
16	Science with and Society	Swafs-29-2020	The ethics of technologies with high socio-economic impact	CSA	ALL	15/04/2020	1	4

Type of Action	Description
RIA - Research and Innovation Actions	Activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. For this purpose they may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment. Projects may contain closely connected but limited demonstration or pilot activities aiming to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment.
CSA - Coordination and Support Actions	Accompanying measures such as standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies.
ERA-NET Cofund	Supports public-public partnerships, including joint programming initiatives between Member States, in their preparation, establishment of networking structures, implementation of joint activities as well as Union topping-up of a trans-national call for proposals. It allows for programme collaboration in any part of the entire research-innovation cycle. The main and compulsory activity of the ERA-NET Cofund is the implementation of the co-funded joint call for proposals to fund trans-national research and innovation projects.
MSCA - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions	The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) provide grants for all stages of researchers' careers - be they doctoral candidates or highly experienced researchers - and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. The MSCA enable research-focused organisations (universities, research centres, and companies) to host talented foreign researchers and to create strategic partnerships with leading institutions worldwide.
To know more click here.	

¹ Some calls have two (2) stages and two deadlines: For two-stage submission schemes, there is a first stage and second stage evaluation (against the evaluation criteria for each stage). In these submission schemes, proposals must be approved in the first to move to the second stage. Evaluation time: For phase 1: maximum 3 months from the submission deadline. For Stage 2: Maximum 5 months from the submission deadline.