



Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points

(Red LAC NCP)

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Introduction:

Dear CELAC colleagues:



It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (Red LAC NCP) to be able to be close to you in this very special situation. We hope that you are all well and taking care of yourself in this moment of global pandemic.

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. Do not hesitate to contact us for any question.

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NEWS



JOINT ACTIVITIES BETWEEN RedLAC NCP, EURAXESS y NET4MOBILITY+

In the context of the current situation during May we made two webinars together with colleagues from Euraxess in Brazil and Mexico and from the Net4mobility + Project in order to spread information of the Individual Fellowships (IF) and Global Fellowships (GF) of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (now open to receive applications).

The MSCA Individual Actions (IF) calls are aimed at: increasing the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers (RE), giving them opportunities to acquire new knowledge, work on research projects in a European context or outside Europe.

Which candidates are eligible?

- Those experienced researchers who have a doctorate or can prove 4 years of research experience (counting from the time the qualification for a doctorate is obtained)
- Those who can comply with the mobility rule: the candidates cannot have resided/ worked in the Third Country with which they request the project for a certain time
- There is no age limit
- Restriction to nationality that can be supplied if there has been a long-term residence in Europe at any time during the research career.



Thursday May 14th, 2020

Webinar of Individual Fellowships (IF) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Watch: [here](#)



Thursday May 28th, 2020

Webinar of Global Fellowships (GF) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Watch: [here](#)

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Coronavirus: information for the MSCA Community

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are providing up-to-date, responsive information related to the COVID-19 crisis to MSCA fellows and project managers

Dear National Points of Contact: from the **coordination of the RedLAC NCP we shared information for the MSCA community related to the COVID-19** outbreak that was recently published on the EC Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal

The COVID-19 outbreak has caused major disruptions for many researchers, projects and organisations, including those working with EU funding. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are therefore seeking to provide responsive, up-to-date information for all MSCA researchers and projects.

Researchers, project managers and interested stakeholders can access information on relevant news and initiatives, call updates or frequently asked questions, and also learn about inspiring stories on how MSCA researchers and projects are working to tackle the spread of coronavirus and its wider effects on our society.

Some of the information you will find in the following links:

- Frequently asked questions about the Corona link platform [link](#)
- News from the Executive Research Agency (REA) [link](#)
- Calls extensions [link](#)

Full news will be found in the following [link](#)

The MSCA can found on social media at:

- [MSCA on Twitter](#)
- [MSCA Facebook page](#)
- [Testimonials of leading MSCA fellows](#)



CiQUS Offers Short-Term Stays and Specialized Support to MSCA-IF-2020 Candidates

CiQUS wants to support excellent researchers in their applications to MSCA-IF-2020 Individual Fellowships. The selected candidates will be invited to carry out one week stay at CiQUS with our research groups, working together towards submit an application to MSCA-IF-2020 call and join our research center.

They will spend some days within the selected Labs, discussing the project with the Host PI and meeting with MSCA evaluators. The candidates will be also supported by our technical staff for the draft proposal writing, both during and after the stay.

Check in the following link the eligibility criteria for the different MSCA-IF types: https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/individual-fellowships_en

How to Apply:

Candidates can apply until **June 15, 2020**.

1. Select the appropriate research group / s for your project idea. Find the lines of research available at the following link: www.usc.es/ciqus/en/research/research-groups
2. Send a **pdf with your cover letter and short CV** (maximum 2 pages) to ciqus.jobs@usc.es (subject "MSCA-2020"). Include in the cover letter some lines that summarize the basic idea of your proposal, which must coincide with the available lines of research. The list of publications can be provided through the ORCID / Scopus / ResearcherID profiles).
3. Requests will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis. Shortlisted candidates must submit a short research proposal (1-2 pages). The selected candidates will be invited to spend a week at CiQUS



About CiQUS:

CiQUS (University of Santiago de Compostela), addresses the challenges in **biological and medicinal chemistry, new functional materials and synthetic technologies for sustainable development.**

Currently, CiQUS houses 18 research groups that have been **awarded 8 ERC projects** (1 AdG, 1 CoG, 3 StG, 3 PoC), in addition to ensuring an **average of 6.1 MEUR / year** in competitive funds during 2017- 2019. Regarding scientific contributions, they reached an average JCR **impact factor of 7.55** during the same period.



Europe Networks and Managers - Europe Technology Centers 2020

Deadline: 05/26 and closes on 06/10

State Program for the Generation of Knowledge and Scientific and Technological Strengthening of the R+D+i System

General description: aid aimed at equipping public and private research organizations with the structure and knowledge necessary for the proper promotion, preparation, support and management of European projects, so that research organizations improve their chances of obtaining Community financing in the Framework Program for Research and Innovation of the European Union for the period 2021-2027, Horizon Europe, during the period of execution of the activity subject to the aid, which covers the years 2021 and 2022.

Budget: 7,000,000 euros.

Beneficiaries: non-profit research and knowledge dissemination organizations with their own legal personality that are validly constituted and have a residence, tax residence or a permanent establishment in Spain, such as:

- Public research organizations defined in article 47 of Law 14/2011, of June 1, on Science, Technology and Innovation,
- Public and private universities with demonstrated capacity and activity in R&D, in accordance with the provisions of Organic Law 6/2001,
- Public and private health entities and institutions linked or arranged with the National Health System, that carry out R+D+i activities,
- Health research institutes accredited in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 279/2016, of June 24
- Technological centers of state scope and Support Centers for Technological Innovation of state scope validly registered at the time of the presentation of the application in the register of centers regulated by Royal Decree 2093/2008, of December 18,

More information: [here](#)

UNIVERSITAT ROVIRA I VIRGILI MARTÍ I FRANQUÈS COFUND DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

www.urv.cat/cofund

We are offering 17 PhD positions encompassing
all areas of research



The Rovira i Virgili University will shortly launch the 2020 call for interests for those who have a master's degree (or equivalent) and wish to obtain a doctorate at that institution.

This year 17 candidates will be selected (1 position reserved for a researcher with a disability). These will be beneficiaries of a 3-year employment contract, which will include a high level of interdisciplinary, intersectorial and international training. Added to the above is the development of a personalized professional career to your development plans.

The positions are based on individual projects covering all areas of research: science, health sciences, arts and humanities, engineering, social and legal sciences. The H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie MFP-COFUND European PhD program offers:

- Excellent salaries at the doctoral level in Europe.
- An international environment, backed by adherence to the Charter and the European Code.
- Enrollment in excellent doctoral programs.
- Access to a comprehensive research training package, along with an attractive cross-skills program.
- An international environment, backed by compliance with the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.
- The opportunity to carry out research in one of the 500 best universities in the world (78 in the THE Young university ranking).
- Access to high quality facilities and infrastructure for research and innovation.
- Balanced, open, transparent and merit-based gender recruitment.
- Equal opportunities for all.

More information: [here](#)



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SOSTENIBILIDAD AMBIENTAL Y ENERGIAS RENOVABLES



CIENCIAS DE LA VIDA Y BIOTECNOLOGIA



CONSERVACION, TUTELA, RESTAURO DEL PATRIMONIO CULTURAL



**CIENCIAS DE LA TIERRA Y UTILIZACION DE TECNOLOGIAS
ESPACIALES PARA LA OBSERVACION DE LA TIERRA**

We are pleased to share information about the call for IILA-MAECI / DGCS scholarships for Latin American citizens for the year 2021

Minimum duration of 3 months and maximum of 6 months

Consists in:

- a) A monthly allowance of € 1200 for accommodation and food expenses; and
- b) Insurance against illness, accidents and civil liability.

Application deadline: July 17, 2020

More information: [here](#)

Open Call for Evaluators



CONEX-Plus is a training and mobility program that aims to accelerate the career development of a cohort of Experienced Researchers at UC3M in Spain. CONEX-Plus will offer 30 fellowships of 36 months each, for incoming mobility to UC3M.

Building on the excellence of UC3M, the program will develop the next generation of research leaders in the strategic research areas that are identified in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation (RIS3) strategy of the Madrid Autonomous Region, underpinned by Social Sciences and Humanities.

In the course of activities around CONEX PLUS will need international external evaluators to review proposals. These evaluators will need to be experts in the field of:

- Advanced materials, Manufacturing Technologies and Space
- Energy, environment and transport (including aeronautics)
- Health and Biotechnology
- Information Technologies and Communications
- Social Sciences and Humanities

Each evaluator may register to evaluate an individual number of proposals. To apply as an evaluator, please fill this form and submit with a short CV (PDF file)

More information: [here](#)

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

Here we share information from our colleagues from the International Service Facility from the European Commission.





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The International Service Facility supporting International Cooperation in Research and Innovation

What is the so called “International Service Facility” of the European Commission?

The ‘Service Facility supporting International Cooperation in Research and Innovation’ assists the European Commission in bilateral, multilateral and bi-regional policy dialogues in research and innovation with third countries and regions and identifies opportunities for increased cooperation, including the support of National Contact Points (NCPs) in European Union Partner Countries.

The German project management agency DLR-PT is lead contractor for the Service Facility, which started in 2017 and will end in 2021. The following services are aiming specifically at Latin American and Caribbean countries (LAC):

- Supporting Horizon 2020 NCPs in EU Partner Countries
- Communication activities for international cooperation
- R&I Policy advice to support CELAC countries in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals through research and innovation
- Support to the EU-CELAC Joint initiative on Research and Innovation (JIRI)
- Support to the EU-LAC Working Group on Research Infrastructures
- Support to the organisation of an EU-LAC Innovation Cooperation Conference



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](#)

Here you'll find NCP list and information: [NCP](#)

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**:

 <p>Guía para el establecimiento de Oficinas de Enlace con la Unión Europea en Latinoamérica y el Caribe</p>	<p><u>Guía para el establecimiento de Oficinas de Enlace con la Unión Europea en Latinoamérica y el Caribe.</u></p>
 <p>Manual de participación en el Programa Marco de Investigación e Innovación de la Unión Europea</p>	<p><u>Manual de participación en el Programa Marco de Investigación e Innovación de la Unión Europea</u></p>
 <p>Guía para la participación exitosa de INSTITUCIONES Latinoamericanas y Caribeñas en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE</p>	<p><u>Guía para la participación exitosa de INSTITUCIONES Latinoamericanas y Caribeñas en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE.</u></p>
 <p>Guía para la participación exitosa de INVESTIGADORES Latinoamericanos y Caribeños en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE</p>	<p><u>Guía para la participación exitosa de INVESTIGADORES Latinoamericanos y Caribeños en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE</u></p>



Introduction to gender innovations

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Understand the gender dimension for MSCA projects

[Watch here](#)



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](#).

Programa de Investigación e Innovación de la Unión Europea 2014-2020 (Horizonte 2020) - Rev. 31 Julio 2019 - Fechas de cierre en 2020								
	Thematic area	Call code + hyperlink	Call title	Type of action	Geographical areas	Deadline	Stages	Budget million €
1	MSCA	MSCA-IF-2020	Individual Fellowships (Global Fellowships)	MSCA	ALL	09/09/2020	1	55
2	Secure Societies	SU-FCT01-2018-2019-2020	Fight against crime and terrorism	RIA	ALL	27/08/2020	1	10

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.

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.