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NCP NETWORK)

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INTRODUCTION

DEAR COLLEAGUE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN

It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) to greet you and announce that this month the formal launch of the Horizon Europe Framework Program was held; which will be of vital importance for the development of Science, Technology and Innovation in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Concomitantly, we would like to thank the work carried out by the National Contact Points during the Horizon 2020 program which is essential to democratize the opportunities of access to it by the different countries of the region. We hope that the Institutions of reference in Science, Technology and Innovation of each country have received from the Foreign Ministries the information for the nomination of the new National Contact Points according to the new structure the program has.

We are sure and confident that based on the work that we have been doing over the years, Latin America and the Caribbean have an excellent innovative capacity that enables us to be very good partners in the different calls.

Our entire team is available to energize the network and increase the region's participation in the Horizon Europe Program, a challenge that we know we are going to achieve by working together.

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14.700 million euros of financing for Horizon Europe 2021– 2022



The European Commission adopted the main Work Program (WP) called Horizon Europe for the period 2021-2022, which describes the objectives and specific thematic areas that will receive a total of 14.700 million euros of financing in June. These investments will help to accelerate ecological and digital transitions and contribute to a sustainable recovery from the coronavirus pandemic. They will also serve to support researchers around the world through scholarships, training and exchanges, as well as building more connected and efficient European innovation ecosystems and create world-class research infrastructures. In addition they will encourage participation throughout Europe and around the world, while enhancing the European Research Area.¹

Participation in the Horizon Europe Program is open to all Latin American and Caribbean countries. However, funding from the European Union as you know will not be available automatically for Brazil and Mexico. This policy has been extended to Aruba, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Chile, Panama and Uruguay, due to the classification of “high income countries” according to the World Bank. In these cases, Institutions who are going to participate should finance their costs. However, some specific calls will be published indicating if they may participate with funding from the Commission.

We share with you:

I) Link to Access the Work Program: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=HORIZON>

II) The list of participating countries for Horizon Europe (Financing): https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

¹ European Commission website, https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/es/ip_21_2993. Date: June 16th, 2021. Press release.

Info Days - Horizon Europe



We invite you to participate in the Horizon Europe Info Days organized by the European Commission, which will be held from June 28th to July 8th.

The ten-day event will provide the opportunity for participants to receive information and ask questions about the news and the main instruments and financing processes of Horizon Europe.

9 topics will be addressed, each with a program of exclusive debates and practical sessions dedicated to different groups or parts of the new program.

The 9 topics will be developed following the Horizon Europe information days' calendar:

June 28th - Research Infrastructures

June 29th, 30th – Digital, Industry and Space (group 4)

June 30th - Civil security for society (group 3)

July 1st - Culture, creativity and inclusive society (group 2)

July 1st - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: News from Horizon Europe

July 2nd - Health (group 1)

July 5th, 6th - Climate, energy and mobility (group 5)

July 7th, 8th: food, bio economy, natural resources, agriculture and environment (group 6)

July 9th - European Research Area (ERA) and enlargement

Page to access to the event: <https://www.horizon-europe-infodays2021.eu/>

New areas for National Contact Points

Horizon Europe will have seventeen areas for National Contact Points (NCP). They are professionals responsible for offering advice and information to all those interested in participating in research and innovation projects of the Framework Programs of the European Commission.

Their profile is technical and they take care of:

- Inform and disseminate about the funding opportunities of the Horizon Europe Program among the research community in each country.
- Advise and assist potential applicants in the preparation, presentation and also monitoring their proposals.
- Offer support during the execution of the projects.

Areas:

1. NCP Coordinator
2. Legal and Financial aspects
3. European Research Councils
4. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
5. Research Infrastructures
6. Health
7. Culture, creativity and inclusive Society
8. Civil Security for Society
9. Digital, Industry and Space
10. Climate, Energy and Mobility
11. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
12. The European Innovation Council and European Innovation ecosystems
13. Widening Participation and ERA
14. Fission
15. Fusion
16. Joint Research Centre



17. European Institute of Innovation and Technology

A notification will be reaching you through your Ministries of Foreign Affairs or by the European Commission itself, indicating the new National Contact Points in their respective areas which were previously informed. It is important to reiterate that you have our support and the Network team as well for advice.

To find out which are the National Contact Points from each country, they should refer to the Funding & Tenders page: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. At the top, there are navigation links: 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. Below the navigation bar, there are two orange warning banners. The first banner states: 'Due to a new release of the European Commission Authentication Service (EU Login), you might be prompted to enter your credentials again while working in the Portal during the times of the intervention: on Monday 28.06.2021 from 13:00-13:30 and from 17:00-17:30, and on Tuesday 29.06.2021 from 17:30-18:00. All services will remain available during the time of the interventions.' The second banner states: 'Due to maintenance activities, between 26/06/2021 07:00 and 26/06/2021 18:00, Funding and Tenders Portal services might be unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.'

National Contact Points for Horizon Europe

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe. NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").

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NCP Services

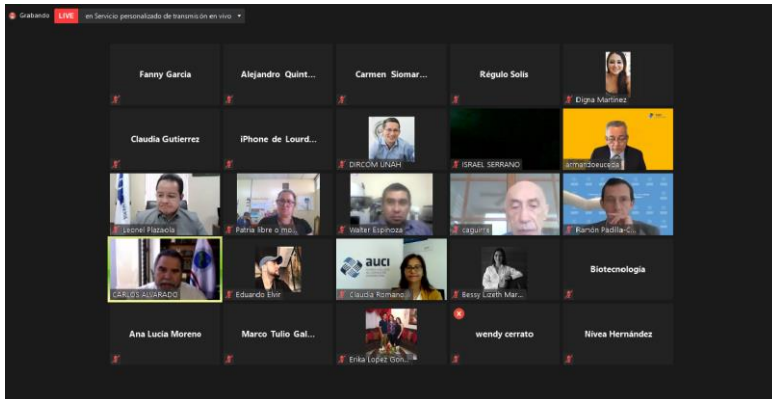
In general, the following basic services are available in accordance with the [NCP Guiding Principles](#) agreed by all countries:

1. Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
2. Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
3. Training and assistance on proposal writing
4. Distribution of documentation (from guidelines, proposals to...)

Dissemination Events

I) IX Central American Congress of Universities "The recovery post COVID - 19 in Central America and vision of the Future"

On May 12th, the Preparatory Webinar for the IX Central American Congress of Universities "The recovery post COVID - 19 in Central America and vision of the Future" was held, organized by the Central American Integration System (SICA), the Central American University Superior Council (CSUCA) and the National Autonomous University of Honduras. It had the participation of Claudia Romano, Manager of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation and Coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points, Carlos Aguirre, National Secretary of Science, Technology and Innovation of Panama, Alberto Menghini, Head of Regional Cooperation of the European Union in Central America authorities, and also researchers and Research Centers from Latin America and the Caribbean.



The objective was to address information on Marie Sklodowska Curie actions, visions and experiences on the situation of Central American countries after the coronavirus pandemic, future scenarios, and what could be the contribution of universities and their

researchers to the recovery process and future development of the region. Also how scientific research can provide evidence to support the correct and more efficient formulation and implementation of public policies.

II) "The roles and responsibilities of third countries NCPs in the Horizon Europe era"

On May 12th, the informative Webinar "The functions and responsibilities of NCPs from third countries in the Horizon Europe era" was held. In this event participated the Manager of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation and coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean National Contact Points Network, Claudia Romano, Giorgos Panagopoulos from the PRAXI Network of Greece and Tugela Matubatuba from the Department of Science and Technology of South Africa.

The objective was to share the experience of National Contact Points in the different regions, such as Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Eastern Europe. There was a participation of 52 researchers.

III) " Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), Horizon Europe"

On June 1st, took place the webinar called "Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Horizon Europe". It was organized by the Coordinator of the International Cooperation Unit of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica (MICITT), Eliana Ulate Brenes, who is also the National Contact Point Coordinator of Costa Rica. The event had the support of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) and the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI). Target audience were researchers and governmental authorities from countries of Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe.



The objective was to disseminate and promote the main guidelines of the Horizon Europe program in relation to Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions for all Researchers, Institutions, authorities and general public in Latin America and the Caribbean. To motivate researchers and institutions to participate in Marie Sklodowska

Curie Actions, experiences of researchers who have already participated in MSCAs were presented.

More than 100 researchers, Institutions, National Contact Points and companies from countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe participated in the event.

Link to access the event recorded: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKTzPgGVrAA>

Latin America-Europe Symposium on Research Infrastructures



During June 15th-17th of 2021, the Latin America-Europe Symposium on Research Infrastructures was held. The event was organized by the ResInfra Project and RI-VIS (a project funded by Horizon 2020 designed to increase the visibility of European research infrastructures)

Speakers from across Europe and LAC participated, providing expert insights into how collaboration between these regions can benefit individual facilities and broader the Research Infrastructures community.

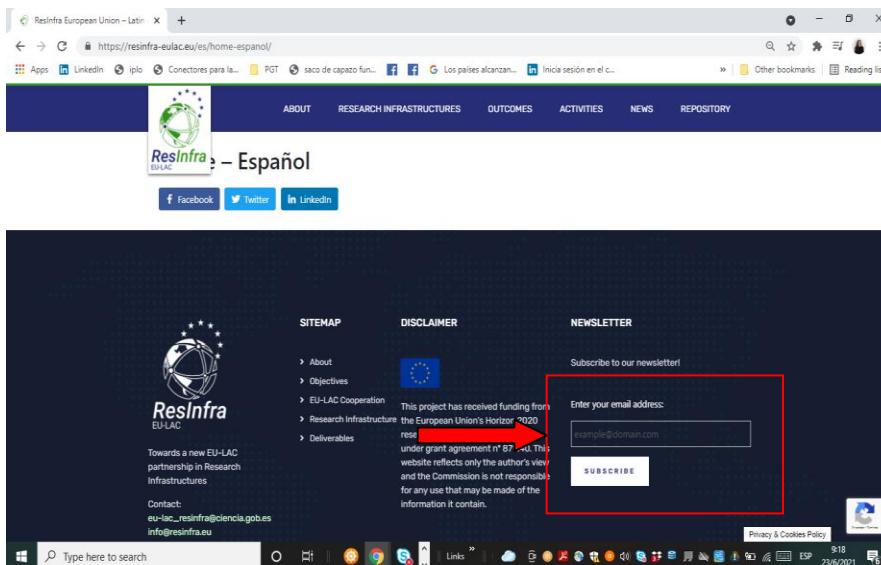
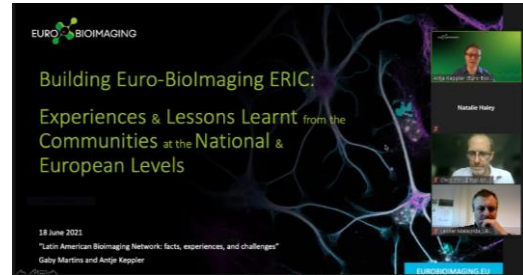


Parallel to the previous event, on June 18th a satellite event was held organized by the Latin American Bioimaging Network (LatAmBioimaging, <http://www.latambioimaging.org/>) and its European counterpart (EuroBioimaging, <https://www.eurobioimaging.eu/>): "The Latin American Network of Bioimaging: facts, experiences and challenges". We highlight the participation of 3 Uruguayan researchers from the Institut Pasteur Montevideo and University of the Republic (Udelar): Leonel Malacrida (Udelar_IPMON) and Andrés Kamaid (IPMON), both co-organizers together with Christopher Wood (UNAM), Federica Paina (EuroBioimaging) and Antje Keppler (EuroBioimaging). Kamaid and Malacrida, together with colleagues from the region (Arg, Bra, Chi, Col, Mex, Per and Uy) promote the creation of a Latin American Network of Bioimaging. This initiative initially led by the UruMex Microscopia project (supported by AUCI and AMEXCID-2018) aims to strengthen at different levels (secondary / tertiary / academic and productive sector) the local and regional institutional and academic capacities around microscopy and bioimaging. as a key tool for the development of life science and its contribution to the local and regional productive sector. They were joined as a special guest by Dr. Alejandro Buschiazso (representative of CeBEM, <https://www.cebem-lat.org/>), who leads the Laboratory of Molecular and Structural Microbiology of IPMON, a discipline that works closely with the bioimaging to address problems at different scales and with an integrative vision, a key element in current research in life sciences.

The event allowed the exchange of experiences at the scientific-academic level on the development of Research Infrastructures related to bioimaging in both regions, and also given the outstanding participation of international authorities from the political field, it was also



possible to exchange experiences, opportunities and challenges for stabilize regional networks in the area of bioimaging. The event shows that the dialogue between science and politics is key to promoting and articulating the advancement of this area with a regional and global perspective. It should be noted that many efforts are currently being made to support bilateral science collaboration between Latin America and Europe, and the Latin American Bioimaging Network is a key player in this context (Latin American Bioimaging Network). To build on this momentum and accelerate the process of bringing Latin American bioimaging to maturity, the region's community can learn a lot from European and regional partners about the path that had to be followed to build Euro-BioImaging ERIC or other regional examples in the area of regional structural biology such as the Mercosur Structural Biology Center (<https://www.cebem-lat.org/>). Euro-BioImaging and Latin America Bioimaging are partners of the Global BioImaging network (www.globalbioimaging.org), through which they collaborate on issues that lead to a better and broader development of research infrastructure. Trying to provide greater accessibility of the research infrastructure in the area of bioimaging, including the exchange and development of policies in good practices, training and development of human capacities (at different levels, users, trainers and administrators of research infrastructures) and technological, as well as cooperation mechanisms that allow easier and more open access to its users. Through these interactions, they have identified similarities between the two regions and discovered that the lessons learned in Europe can provide great help and impetus for their development in Latin America.



In order to subscribe to the ResInfra Newsletter you must visit: <https://resinfra.eulac.eu/es/home-espanol/> and add your email down below in the box indicated with the arrow.

Funding & Tenders portal training

On May 27th of 2021, the webinar "The Funding & Tenders for beginners" was held, organized by the European Commission in where they explain and demonstrate:

- I) Seeking funding opportunities and partners
- II) Registration of organizations
- III) Presentation of proposals
- IV) How to manage your profile
- V) Explore funded projects and statistics



Funding & Tenders portal

(<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>) is the entry point for participants and experts in financing programs and tenders managed by the European Commission and other European Union bodies. All Horizon Europe information is managed through this portal, starting with information on calls for proposals, submission of proposals and the signing of grant agreements, project reports, as well as all legal documents, work programs and guidelines.

Link to access the recording of the webinar:

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210527.htm>

European Research and Innovation Days



The Research and Innovation InfoDays event is an annual flagship of the European Commission that brings together policy makers, researchers, entrepreneurs and public to discuss and shape the future of research and innovation in Europe and the rest of the world. This year it took place online on June 23th and 24th.

During the event:

- It was held through information sessions, round tables and presentations of the latest ideas from opinion leaders in the field of science and innovation.
- Collaborative solutions were found with the opportunity to share the unique experience of each one to find solutions to global challenges.
- Advanced networking tools provided to connect with like-minded participants and host virtual B2B meetings.

Likewise, interaction instances were held where participants could “raise their hands” and speak in sessions with experts, and also participating in live surveys.

In order to access and find out about everything that happened during the event, we leave the following link: <https://research-innovation-days.ec.europa.eu/live-sessions>



INTERVIEWS

This section seeks to publicize relevant actors, institutions and projects for the promotion of Horizon Europe, in particular for Latin America and the Caribbean.

In this opportunity we summon Dr. Federico Torres Vice Minister of Science and Technology, of the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica (MICITT) and Mag. Maite Irazábal, National Contact Point for Culture, creativity and inclusive Society of Uruguay.





Federico Torres Carballo, PhD

Federico Torres, (Costa Rica). Graduated in Economics from the University of Costa Rica, he has a Master's Degree in Information Technology from the University of Salamanca, Spain and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Valencia, Spain. He is a Full Professor at the Technological Institute of Costa Rica. Current Vice Minister of Science and Technology, of the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica (MICITT). He coordinates the Interministerial Bioeconomy Committee and is a member of the International Advisory Council on Global Bioeconomy and is a representative in the Research Infrastructure Working Group (RI). Actively participates in the EU-LAC-ResInfra project as part of the mapping and linking of Latin American and European RIs. In recent years he has worked as a National Contact Point in the area of Research Infrastructures, where he seeks to inform and motivate national and international authorities and institutions to participate in the calls of the Framework Program, promoting dialogue between various actors responsible for the policy of science and technology, trying to generate the greatest number of dialogue channels.



[Federico Torres](#)



Maite Irazábal (Uruguay). Graduate in International Affairs with postgraduate degrees in Public Management and Technology Management; Master in Environment and Territorial Policies, and pursuing Master in Innovation Management at the University of the Republic of Uruguay. Professional experience of more than 15 years in international cooperation management, interdisciplinary program and project management, among others. She currently works at the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) where collaborates with the dissemination of the Horizon Europe Program. In the Horizon 2020 Program she was NCP in the area of Inclusive, Innovative and Reflexive Societies. From her point of view, the role of being an NCP it's a daily exercise from commenting on the possibilities offered by the Framework Programs in a meeting, as well as through the coordination of dissemination, training and motivational events. As NCP her objective is to increase the participation of the Uruguayan institutions that make up the academy, industry and government. Moving it to the LAC region, she tries to motivate national and international authorities and institutions to get involved in the Framework Programs.



[Maite Irazábal](#)




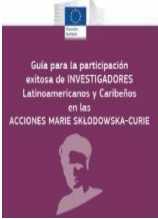


REFERENCE MATERIAL

With the support of the European Commission, through the Alcue Net project, guides and manuals were produced for researchers and institutions for collaborative projects, Marie Skłodowska Curie



Below we share a series of support materials (Linked to the Horizon Europe Program) Guide for the establishment of Liaison Offices with the European Union in Latin America and the Caribbean, the minimum standards and guiding principles to configure the system of National Contact Points in Horizon Europe, Guide for the successful participation of Latin American and Caribbean Institutions in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

	<p><u>Guide for the establishment of Liaison Offices with the European Union in Latin America and The Caribbean</u></p>		<p><u>Manual for participation in the European Union Research and Innovation Framework Programme</u></p>
	<p><u>Guide for the successful participation of Latin American and The Caribbean INSTITUTIONS in the MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS</u></p>		<p><u>Guide for the successful participation of Latin American and Caribbean RESEARCHERS in MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS</u></p>

Videos

Below we share support material



MSCA in Horizon Europe

[Link](#)

https://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/events/msca-under-horizon-europe-information-event_en



New Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions - What's for Mobility of Researchers and Institutions?

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qV-1KCga49A&t=2234s>



Horizon Europe

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCHtWPbKaO4>



Horizon Europe Presentation Day in Spain

[Day 1 link](#)

[Day 2 link](#)

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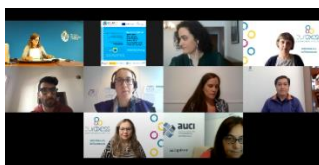
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Horizon Europe – general information

[Link](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOBiEgOZ_sY



MSCA Actions in Horizon Europe

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFSuQFN0yrk>



MSCA Actions Webinar with Costa Rica

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKTzPgGV>



Horizon Europe: Cluster 1 – Health

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irKyvmXzbH4>



Horizon Europe: Cluster 2 - Culture, Creativity and Society

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlvGiDuTmtU>



Horizon Europe: Cluster 3 - Civil Security for Society

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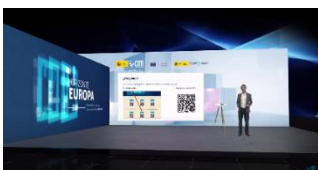
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Horizon Europe: Cluster 4 - Digital, Industry and Space

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZx5f6E2gG8>



Horizon Europe: Cluster 5 - Climate, Energy and Mobility

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A6gmh9DtDFE>



Horizon Europe: Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources and Environment

[Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXX102qZXCE>