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It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (Red LAC NCP) to greet you and share with you bulletin No. 20. Our objective as a Network is to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean, so that everyone is in the best conditions to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, public and private organizations, civil society associations, promoting their participation in the framework programs of the European Union.

With this newsletter we try to bring information to researchers, universities, companies, civil society organizations and any other type of institution that tends to promote science, technology and innovation in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Our team works directly with all NCPs, authorities, institutions and researchers in Latin America and the Caribbean. For this second semester of the year we will try to reinforce the task that we have been developing. We will continue working to revitalize the network, increase the region's participation in the Horizon Europe Program and face new challenges.

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Horizon Europe - Opportunities for Researchers

(2021 - 2027) - €95,517,000



Horizon Europe Program is the fundamental instrument for carrying out the R & D & I policies of the European Union. The general objective is to achieve a scientific, technological, economic and social impact of the EU's investments in R&I, thus strengthening its scientific and technological bases and promoting the competitiveness of all Member States.

Horizon Europe has a structure based on three pillars:

Pillar 1, **Excellent Science**, which through the European Research Council (ERC) finances research projects on the frontier of knowledge designed and directed by researchers. It also supports the professional development and training of research staff, through the international and intersectoral mobility activities of the **Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) program** and invest in improving and optimizing transnational **access to world-class research infrastructures**.

Pillar 2, **Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness**, finances research within social challenges, reinforces industrial technological capabilities and establishes missions with ambitious objectives oriented towards major global challenges (health, climate change, renewable energy, mobility, security, digital, materials, etc.) In this pillar we also have the **Joint Research Center (JRC)** that assist the EU and national governments in their decision-making by providing them with scientific evidence and technical support.

Pillar 3, **Innovative Europe**, aims to make Europe a pioneer power in market-making innovation and the growth of innovative SMEs through the European Innovation Council (EIC). Additionally, the **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)** will continue to promote the integration of research, higher education and entrepreneurship through Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC).



These three pillars be based on a horizontal program, **expanding participation and strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)**.

For the modality of collaborative projects, there are three types of actions:

- **Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)** provide funding for research projects that address clearly defined challenges, which can lead to the development of new knowledge or new technologies.
- **Innovation Actions (IA)** funding is focused on activities closer to the market, such as prototyping, testing, demonstration, pilot testing, scale; either to produce new products or services or to improve them.
- **Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)** offer accompanying measures to support Research and Innovation (there is no research involved). Activities may include standardization, outreach, awareness and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies.

Remind them that participation in Horizon Europe program is open to all Latin America and Caribbean countries. However, European Union funding is not automatically available for Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Uruguay and in the Caribbean countries for Aruba, Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago. In these cases, participant institutions are: companies, universities, research centers, associations, public administrations, or any other type of institution that has legal entity should cover the financing costs through the mechanisms established in each country.

Pillar II of Horizon Europe is subdivided into 6 clusters, to address global challenges, prior to seeing the calls that are open and close to applying, it is important to remind you that the deadline to apply for them is more than two months, in Virtue that the process of searching for partners, drafting and preparing it implies a lot of work time, **however for your knowledge the open calls are.**

For cluster 1 health, cluster 2 culture, creativity and inclusive society, cluster 4 digital, industry and space and cluster 6 food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment, there are currently no open calls for international cooperation.

Cluster 3 Civil Security for Society



I) HORIZON-CL3-2022-INFRA-01-01 Integrated nature-based solutions to protect local infrastructure

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €5,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-infra-01-01>

II) HORIZON-CL3-2022-FCT-01-06 Effective fight against illicit drug production and trafficking

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-fct-01-06>

III) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-05 Improved impact forecasting and early warning systems supporting rapid deployment of first responders to vulnerable areas

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €10,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-05>



IV) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-07 Enhancing international cooperation to address gaps in first responder capacity

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €5,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-07>

V) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-08 Increased situational awareness and preparedness of first responders and better capabilities to minimize reaction time in urban areas in the event of CBRN-E related events

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €11,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-08>

VI) HORIZON-CL3-2022-DRS-01-01 Improving citizen preparedness in the event of a disaster or crisis-related emergency

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €10,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-drs-01-01>

VII) HORIZON-CL3-2022-FCT-01-07 Effective fight against human trafficking

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-fct-01-07>

VIII) HORIZON-CL3-2022-FCT-01-05 Effective fight against corruption.

Opening: June 30, 2022

Closing: November 23, 2022 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2022-fct-01-05>

Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility



I) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D3-03-02 International best practices to scale up sustainable biofuels

Opening: September 05, 2022

Closing: January 10, 2023 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €9,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d3-03-02>

II) HORIZON-CL5-2022-D4-02-01 Designs, materials and solutions to improve the resilience, preparedness and response capacity of the built environment for climate adaptation (Built4People)

Opening: September 05, 2022

Closing: January 24, 2023 17:00 Brussels time

Type of action: IA

Budget: €15,000,000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2022-d4-02-01>

Information sessions on Horizon Europe for Latin America and the Caribbean

I) National Contact Point from Ecuador were trained on the Horizon Europe Program

On August 24, the training workshop was held for the National Contact Points of Ecuador, organized by the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (SENECYT) with the support of the LAC NCP Network and AUCI.

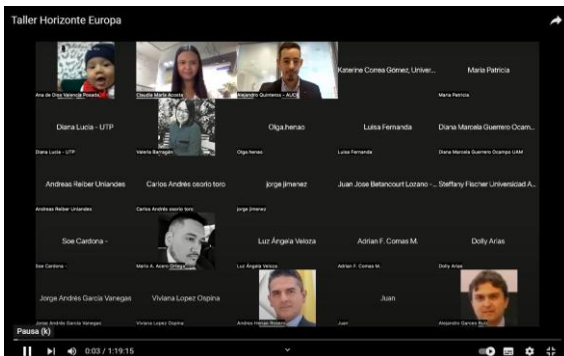
The opening was in charge of Mr. Juan Salazar, Undersecretary of Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer of SENECYT and NCP Coordinator, with the participation of the 28 NCP of Ecuador. The session was conducted by Alejandro Quinteros, Project Officer at AUCI and RED LAC NCP.

The objective of the conference was to provide general information about the Horizon Europe Program, tools for writing proposals, searching for partners and uploading institutional profiles. Furthermore, provided information about the scope of the LAC NCP Network and the role of the NCPs in supporting researchers to disseminate, inform and encourage institutions and researchers in their countries to participate in the programme.

II) Horizon Europe and tools to search for partners, Colombia.

On August 18, the talk "Horizon Europe Workshop" organized by the National Academic Network of Advanced Technology (RENATA) was held.

The opening was in charge of Mrs. Claudia María Acosta Pérez, communications coordinator of RENATA. Mr. Alejandro Quinteros, project officer in the LAC NCP Network and AUCI, made the general presentation of the Horizon Europe program.



80 researchers, research institutions, industry representatives and interested parties from the Colombian private sector participated in the session, the objective was to inform about the mentioned program, provide tools both for the drafting of proposals and for the search for partners, the formulation and uploading institutional profiles.

III) Internationalization Week – Horizon Europe Opportunities, Panama.

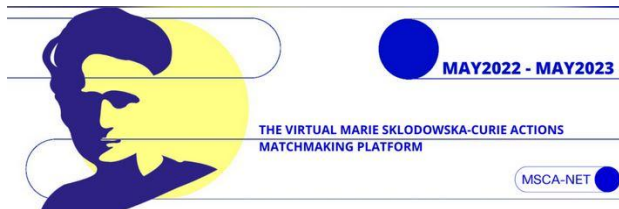
In the framework of the II Week of Internationalization, organized by the Department of International Relations of the Technological University of Panama, on September 22, the talk "Research Opportunities, Horizon Europe" was held.



The fair was aimed at students, professors and researchers, where study and research opportunities in America, Asia, Africa and Europe were exposed. In this framework, Alejandro Quinteros, Project Officer at the RED LAC NCP and AUCII, provided the attendees with general information about the Horizon Europe Program, tools for writing proposals, for searching for partners, as well as for formulation and loading of institutional profiles. Likewise, the scope of the LAC NCP Network and the role of the NCPs in supporting researchers were reported.

New Exchange platforms Horizon Europe MSCA matchmaking

MSCA matchmaking platform



MSCA matchmaking platform has been prepared in the framework of the MSCA-NET project, to facilitate cooperation between all institutions, companies and researchers where they can establish bilateral and even multilateral meetings

to prepare MSCA projects in the next 3 calls: Postdoctoral Fellowships 2022, Doctoral Networks 2022 and Staff Exchanges 2022.

Platform will be open for 12 months (May 2022 to May 2023) collaborations can be established during that time. Over those 12 months of operation, informative materials and videos will be included in different languages.

As Future Fellow - find European institutions and supervisors for your proposal. Connect with companies and non-academic organizations for placements and secondments.

As Supervisor - find candidates and book meetings to discuss project ideas.

As Institution - find partners to discuss Doctoral Network Proposals, Staff Exchanges project ideas, and more. Build a competitive consortium.

As Company - find partners and fellows to prepare competitive proposals.

As National Contact Point- organize info session, connect with applicants and other NCPs.

Link: <https://msca.b2match.io/>

Research Gate



Is a free social network of professionals and scientists with more than 20 million researchers from various sectors and from more than 190 countries. Portal allows to: create and manage profiles, consultant's databases, share works, connect with researchers from all over the world, obtain answers to questions related to the world of research, receive news about

events, and of course gain visibility. In addition, you can join more than 1,000 open groups or create your own.

Link: <https://www.researchgate.net/>



New National Contact Points for Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe program has seventeen areas for National Contact Points (NCP). These are professionals responsible for offering advice and information to all those interested in participating in research and innovation projects in the Framework Program of the European Commission - Horizon Europe.

Their profile is technical and they are in charge of:

- Disseminate and inform about the funding opportunities of the Horizon Europe program among the research community in your country
- Advise and assist potential applicants in the preparation, presentation and monitoring of their proposal
- Offer support during project execution

Currently 185 new national contact points have been designated for the seventeen areas of the Horizon Europe Program. They are representatives of the governing bodies in science and technology of the countries from: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru, Dominic Republic, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay.

We congratulate the new NCPs for their designation and we ask the countries that have not yet completed the designation process or are working on it, to appoint their NCPs.

It is important to reiterate that they have the support and support of the LAC NCP Network team for advice.

The screenshot shows the 'National Contact Points for Horizon Europe' section on the European Commission's funding portal. It includes a search filter for 'Country(ies):' and 'Function(s):', a list of NCP services, and a navigation menu with options like 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS' and 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE'.

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



NCP Designation Process

The procedure to officially designate the National Contact Points of the Horizon Europe Program is as follows:

1) Letter of official designation: it is a letter headed and signed by a relevant national authority where it is specified who / whom and for which area it is being designated, the names and contact details must be included (address, telephone, organization, mail electronic) of the designated NCPs.

This letter should be addressed to Mr. Jean-Eric PAQUET, Director General of the DG for Research and Innovation since April 2018. It is desirable that it be written in English.

To the letter of appointment of the NCPs, the written confirmation and signature of each NCP must be added, that they have read and accepted the "Minimum standards and Guiding principles for setting up systems of, National Contact Points (NCP systems) under Horizon Europe ", in particular the sections on confidentiality and conflict of interest. " Point 8 of the Guide.

Here we add a note recommendation on this point, however we reiterate that it is a recommendation for which it can be modified.

I, ----, have read and accept all the requirements and principles of the NCP for the EU Framework for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe" described in the "Minimum standards and Guiding Principles", in particular the sections on confidentiality and conflict of interest.

2) Two Excel spreadsheets:

I) 1 Excel spreadsheet with designations: there is a model sheet (editable Excel which can be requested by e-mail redlacncp@auci.gub.uy) that details the 17 areas of the Program and the NCPs that cover them; yellow highlighting should be used in new designations.

II) 1 clean Excel spreadsheet with designations: save a clean Excel spreadsheet "clear", this should only contain the data of the new NCPs.

An email with the official appointment letter and the attached Excel spreadsheets should be sent to: RTD-NCP-NOMINATIONS@ec.europa.eu, if possible in order to carry out the follow-up, and if you have no problem. CC: redlacncp@auci.gub.uy (this point is optional, of course).

Training Sessions for National Contact Points



BRIDGE2HE with NCPs

We invite all National Contact Points to participate in the following training session provided by the "Horizon Europe NCP Portal". The aims are offer both NCPs and participants access to extensive knowledge, support tools and services that NCPs develop to support broad participation in Horizon Europe.

- **Synergies between Horizon Europe and the new cohesion policy programmes**

Date: October 20

Hours: 10 – 13 CET

This 180-minutes webinar aims to provide information to the NCPs about the synergies and complementarities between the Framework programme for research and innovation 2021-27 and the new generation of cohesion policy programmes, A special emphasis will be devoted the role of NCPs at present and in the future.

Link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synergies-between-horizon-europe-and-the-new-cohesion-policy-programmes-registration-423215156927>

- **Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?**

Date: October 20

Hours: 10 – 12 CEST

Link to register: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event221020.htm>

- **Avoiding errors in declaring personnel costs in Horizon 2020 grants**

Date: November 30

Hours: 10 – 12 CEST

Link to register: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event221130.htm>



Bridge 2HE: <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/>

MSCA – NET Project

MSCA-NET

In the framework of the 5th NCP project, coordinated by Euresearch in Switzerland and consists of twenty-six beneficiaries and four associated partners from all levels of experience. The welcome pack for newly arrived MSCA NCPs was prepared, which is intended to introduce the possibilities of the MSCA NCP network and project activities to facilitate your daily work and provide you with first-hand support. The document contains general information about the MSCA-NET project, practical aspects of the daily work of the MSCA NCP (communication with EC/REA, explanation of the MSCA NCP services, conflict of interest), activities of the MSCA-NET project (training, support documents), as well as the relevant policy documents at European level and useful links related to MSCA.

Next to developing support for the facilitation of daily challenges for all NCPs, the project is focused on lowering the entry barriers for new NCPs, offering particular support services for widening and third country NCPs. This will, in turn, simplify the access to potential MSCA applicants all over the world, in particular from widening and third countries. In that way, the project will contribute to the decrease of the R&I gap between EU member states/associated countries and widening/third countries by targeting a higher quality and quantity of applications from non-EU member states/associated countries.

The project will achieve goals by implementing a wide array of measures:

- ✓ Career development support for NCPs in the form of trainings, twinnings and mentoring;
- ✓ The development of a toolbox for both NCPs and the scientific community;
- ✓ Strategic capacity development and the creation of synergies with and among MSCA stakeholders which includes systematic outreach to the non-academic sector.

MSCA-NET has a dedicated place on CIRCABC (Horizon Europe National Contact Point - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)'s group), which serves as the intranet and repository of the project. CIRCABC (Communication and Information Resource Centre for Administrations, Businesses and Citizens) is a platform provided by the EC and managed by DG EAC. It gives you access to all the project materials, training presentations, documents and project promotion materials.

In addition to project-related materials, this platform allows you to be connected with the EC by accessing documents via “Library”, including the possibility of consulting the documents from NCP meetings and REA Trainings; accessing the information on meetings or conferences via “Events”; and checking the latest news in the “Information” section.

To access CIRCABC via <https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/me>

Opportunity for Researchers and Institutions in the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)



We share with you the "Marie Skłodowska Curie (MSCA) Action Guide for Research Staff and Institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean", **did by Cristina Gómez (MSCA National Contact Point and representative on the MSCA Program Committee in Spain. Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology) and Jesús Rojo (Director of the Area of Technology Transfer and European Programs - MSCA National Contact Point. Foundation for Knowledge madri+d)**, with the support of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) through the Spanish Cooperation Training Center in Montevideo (CFCE) within the framework of its Alliances for Science and Innovation line, the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) and the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (RED LAC NCP).

[Marie Skłodowska Curie Action Guide \(MSCA\) for researchers and institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

We share information about the opening and closing date of each of the openings

Announcement	Open	Close
MSCA-DN-2022 (Doctoral Networks)	03-May-2022	15 -November-2022
MSCA-SE-2022 (Staff Exchange)	06-October-2022	08-March-2023
MSCA-COFUND-2022 (Program co - financing)	11-October-2022	09-February-2023

Analysis of the results of the MSCA DN 2021

Contribution of the Foundation for Knowledge Madri+d

The MSCA DN (Doctoral Networks) call aims to finance projects in international consortia for training the next generation of researchers. Through these international training projects, the aim is to create a creative, innovative and resilient research staff, capable of facing current and future challenges and of transforming knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit. The creation of these networks will increase the attractiveness and excellence of doctoral training in Europe, equipping research staff with the right mix of scientific-technical and transferable skills.



The call has had a budget of €404M. A total of 1,071 projects have been evaluated in this call, with 144 projects financed. It should be noted that 21 of them are led by Spanish institutions.

Below we provide you with some statistics on the results of this first Horizon Europe MSCA-DN-2021 call and that may be useful when preparing your MSCA doctoral network, which recently opened on May 12. From this first call, the ranking of the modalities of Joint and Industrial Doctorates disappears and everything is transferred to rankings by scientific panels. In this way, all the proposals of the same panel compete with each

other, regardless of whether they opt for the Standard modality (DN), the Joint modality (JD) or the industrial modality (ID). This could make us think that the number of JD or ID projects could be lower compared to the figures obtained during Horizon 2020. In this case, the projects financed are very similar in magnitude to ITN2020 and ITN2019.

Cut notes continue to remain very high, reaching values close to 95 (see fig.1). The cut-off marks fluctuate from 88.8 for the SOC panel, passing through 93.2 for CHE, 95.2 for ENV or 100 for the MAT panel, where only one project of the 13 that was presented to this panel has been financed. such a complicated panel always.

Success rates. has been 12.35% but we find great differences between the scientific panels where they vary from 7 – 8% of the MAT and ECO panels to 14% of various panels such as ENV, CHE and SOC or 13% in PHY, LIF and ENGLISH

Typologies. The typologies of projects show us a predominance of "standard" projects, reaching a total of 115, passing to 11 Joint Doctoral Networks (JD) and 18 Industrial Doctoral Networks (ID). In 2020, 112, 12 and 21 projects were financed, respectively. The thematic distribution of the joint projects is quite varied, finding projects in CHE, ENG, LIG, PHY and SOC, while the Industrial doctorates focus on ENG, LIF, CHE and ECO. These ECO panel projects are the only two projects that have been financed in the entire call for this topic.

Duration and Size. It maintains a total homogeneity, 98% of the projects reach the maximum duration of 48 months proposed in the call. The average size of the projects is 7.8 participants in the "standard" modality and we found projects with a maximum of 10 participants and 3 participants in the smallest project. In the ID modality, the average number of beneficiaries has been 10, reaching 18 participants in the largest projects and 4 participants in the smallest.



Finally, in the JD modality, the average number of participants is 7 partners and the sizes vary from 12 to 4 partners in the projects financed.

Gender, it has resulted in the following way: 51 women coordinators and 93 men coordinators, with the success rate being higher for women 15.5% compared to 12.6 for men. Regarding the gender of the supervisors, in the rest of the partners we found 344 women and 811 men. It is clear that the balance has not yet been reached in both coordination and supervision.

Participation companies. A total of 120 companies participate in financed projects (of 833 that were presented), which represents 10.3% of the total number of participants.



www.madrimasd.org

<https://www.madrimasd.org/blogs/msca/2022/03/30/873/>

Uruguay hosted the General Assembly of the project “Towards a new EU-LAC partnership in Research Infrastructures” (EU-LAC ResInfra).

The agenda included three working days from July 20 to 22, 2022 in Montevideo-Uruguay. First day the meeting was held at the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU) where the project representatives were received by Markus Handke, Ambassador of the European Union Delegation in Uruguay, Alberto Majó, Head of the Office of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay, Inmaculada Figueroa, Vice Deputy General Director for the Internationalization of Science and Innovation at the Ministry of Science and Innovation of Spain and project coordinator and Claudia Romano, Manager of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI).

During the first day, partners made a review of the status of the project, work done up to date and the deliverables presented, pointing out their contributions to the sustainability plan. Also were presented policies, cooperation and financing models in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for Research Infrastructures.

Then, pilots responsables show the work carried out and their plans until the end of the project and made a presentation on the staff exchange involved in ResInfra.

Finally, delegation was received by Daniel Volpe, Manager of Analysis, Testing and Metrology, Ana Maquieira, Head of the Microbiology Department and Alejandra Torre, Head of the Analytical Department of the Methods Development Department, who gave them a guided tour of the Technological Park (LATU).

Second day opening session was in charge of AUCI Director, Mariano Berro, Inmaculada Figueroa and Claudia Romano at the Presidency of the Republic. Work was done in groups and the plenary analyzed the sustainability plans and the future of the project, contributing ideas related to the dimensions of political dialogue, financing, practical experiences and visibility. The analysis of the benefits, obstacles, mechanisms and instruments in these areas are focused on achieving long-term collaboration objectives, in addition to making research infrastructures visible. Each group had different moderators; Sabina Guaylupo, Maite Irazábal, Claudia Alén Amaro and Kathrin Megerle.

Figueroa emphasized that research infrastructures have a roadmap in the European Union (EU), with an important institutional framework and investment marked by multilateral efforts, as well as human resources and training. "We want to do the same with Latin America. In this sense, she said that the idea is that from the European infrastructures and joining efforts to visualize what infrastructures are in Latin America.

"What we are looking for in this event is to see how the project, which is financed by the European Union, has been developing in its different components, particularly in terms of political dialogue," said AUCI Manager Claudia Romano.

She emphasized that the EU-LAC ResInfra project is playing a major role in the dialogue between competent bodies in these field, such as ministries, organizations and science institutions in the region. "The objective is to be able to work in the development of proposals and to facilitate open infrastructures in the Latin American region, which give sustainability to the initiatives carried out.



During third day, delegation visited the Pando Science and Technology Park (PCTP) in the morning and the Institut Pasteur Montevideo in the afternoon, where they visited their laboratories through guided tours by scientists from both institutions.

At the PCTP, John Saegaert, General Manager of the Pando Science and Technology Park (PCTP) and Dr. Fernando Amestoy, President of the PCTP and Representative for the Faculty of Chemistry of the University of the Republic (UdelaR) were responsables for the presentation and visit.

During the afternoon, delegation was received at Institut Pasteur Montevideo where Carlos Batthyány, Executive Director together with Martina Crispo, Rosario Durán, Andres Kamaid and Leonel Malacrida welcomed them and guided through the different laboratories. Afterwards, the possibilities of EU-LAC cooperation were discussed and the General Assembly was closed.

ENRICH in LAC

The ENRICH in LAC initiative, European Network of Research and Innovation Centers and Hubs in Latin America and the Caribbean, seeks to encourage and promote cooperation towards research, technology and entrepreneurship between Latin America and Europe.

ENRICH in LAC carries out activities through which it encourages and promotes cooperation towards research, technology and the development of enterprises between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), and step by step they are expanding their activities and services throughout the LAC region.



Their main objective is to position ENRICH in LAC as the most reliable intermediary and knowledge center in innovative research-based business collaboration between Europe and LAC, paying special attention to the development of competencies in our priority areas health, bio economy, digital transformation, renewable energies and sustainable urbanization; as well as horizontal issues such as the development of capacities in international cooperation, research and innovation management.

The project began in 2017 focusing on Brazil and, in 2021 entered on its second phase of financing, and is currently expanding its activities to Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay. This year its key to reach Central America, specifically Panama, Mexico and Costa Rica.

If you are interested in ENRICH in LAC project, you can write to them and their team will gladly coordinate a meeting in which they will show you what are the main activities they are currently developing, inform costs of being partners and to be able to evaluate possible cooperation synergies.

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