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It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP NETWORK), shared this year with you. We want to recognize the work that all the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean carry out every day in order to strength the institutional capacities of the Ministries, Councils and Organizations responsible for public policies on Science, Technology and Innovation in the region.

We want to recognize the researchers who are creating and researching to improve the living conditions of the population of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

During this period, our objective as a network has been to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean (NCP) so that everyone is in the best conditions to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, organizations public and private, civil society associations, promoting their participation in the framework programs of the European Union. Furthermore, disseminate opportunities among the academic community.

In December the Commission adopted the Horizon Europe work programme for the year 2023-2024, for which it is essential to continue working in the region and renew efforts to present ourselves to all the opportunities that it presents to us.

We send all of you the best wishes, hoping to meet in 2023 with all the strength and energy to continue developing actions that facilitate participation in the Horizon Europe programme.

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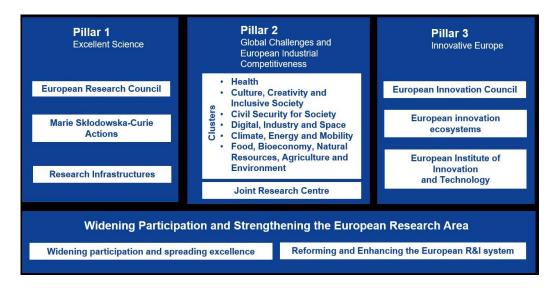
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Work Progamme Horizon Europe

2023-2024



In December the European Commission officially adopted the work programme for 2023-2024, with a budget of around 13,500 billion EUR for research and innovation. A part of this funding will be dedicated to actions that support the green and digital transitions for societies and economies, as well as security, resilience and a sustainable recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will also foster excellence in research and support scholarships, training and exchanges for researchers through Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, build more connected and efficient European innovation ecosystems, create research infrastructures and address global challenges while supporting industrial competitiveness, including through EU missions. Finally, it will be to broaden participation in the program and strengthen the European Research Area

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, Panama 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.

<u>Link:</u> https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/reference-documents;programCode=HORIZON



Workshops to Strengthen Institutional Capacities in the Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union



On November 21, 22 and 23, the "Workshops for the Strengthening of institutional capacities in cooperation in science, technology and innovation between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean were held in Panama City: Focus on Central America, Cuba and Dominican Republic", organized by the EU-LAC Foundation, the LAC NCP Network, the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) and the National Secretariat for

Science, Technology and Innovation of Panama (Senacyt).

The aim of the workshops was to achieve greater knowledge and take advantage of current opportunities to develop bi-regional cooperation initiatives and projects between European, Latin American and Caribbean institutions, in order to strengthen the strategic association between the European Union (EU) and the Community of States of Latin America and the

Caribbean (CELAC)

The opening was in charge of Dr. Eduardo Ortega Barría, National Secretary of the Senacyt, Adolfo Campos Political Advisor in the EU Delegation in Panama, Anna Barrera for the EU-LAC Foundation, and Claudia Romano Manager of AUCI and coordinator of the LAC NCP Network.

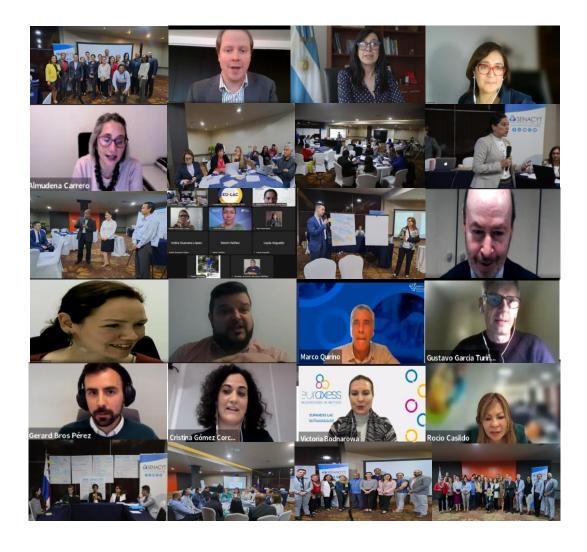


During the 3 days, public officials, decision makers, national contact points, researchers, university managers from Central America, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Uruguay participated. In addition, representatives of the scientific ecosystem of Panama participated, such as the University of Panama, the Maritime University of Panama, the Indicasat AIP and the Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies.

In the workshop participate international speakers, such as Daniel Kiapes Policy Officer for Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation with Latin America and the Caribbean of the European Commission; Karina Pombo National Director of Science Policy Promotion/International Affairs at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Argentina, ; Claudia Romano, Manager of AUCI and Coordinator of the LAC NCP Network, Eliana Ulate, of the Mobility Working Group of the JIRI and National Coordinating Point of HE of Costa Rica; Félix García Lausín, Director of the Ibero-American Knowledge Space of the Ibero-American Knowledge Space (SEGIB); Borja Izquierdo Director of International Science, Almudena Carrero NCP of Spain Program to Strengthen the European Research Area - Gender Equality Head of International Projects Unit European Policies Department, Sabina Guaylupo



EU-LAC Resinfra Project Manager, Cristina Gomez Bracket national contact point of Spain for Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) Laura Bonora, NCP Widening participation and European Research Area (ERA); Xavier Ronald, NCP of Spain of HE for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) actions of FECYT; Dr. Anna Barrera, from the EU-LAC Foundation; Uta Baddak, NCP from Germany in health and EU missions; Rocío Casildo NCP of HE for Peru; Gustavo García NCP of the legal area and financial aspects of Spain, Viktoria Bodnarova of Euraxess LAC, Marco Quirino Executive Director of Enrich LAC and Alejandro Quinteros Project Officer of AUCI and LAC NCP Network.



Recording: https://www.gub.uy/agencia-uruguaya-cooperacion-internacional/politicas-y-gestion/programas/red-latinoamericana-caribena-puntos-nacionales-contacto



Guide for participation in the Horizon Europe Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean.

On December 12 and 14, the 2Guide for participation in the Horizon Europe Program of Latin America and the Caribbean" was presented, which has the purpose of strengthening and providing tools to promote the participation of researchers and institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), in the Horizon Europe programme.



Carried out by Almudena Carrero, NCP Programme to Strengthen the European Research Area - Gender Equality, head of the International Projects Unit of the European Policy Department of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), with the support of the Training Center of the Spanish Cooperation in Montevideo (CFCE) within the framework of its Alliances for Science and Innovation line, AUCI - Red LAC NCP.

The opening was in charge of the director of European Policies of CTI (FECYT), Cecilia Cabello, the head of Cooperation of the European Union (EU) in Uruguay, Markus Handke, the person in charge of Line Alliances for Science and Innovation of the CFCE, Carmen de Diego, the ACUI Manager and Coordinator of the LAC NCP Network Claudia Romano.



The workshops were held in a hybrid format at the facilities of the Spanish Cooperation Training Center (CFCE) in Montevideo and were led by Borja Izquierdo, Director of International Science at FECYT, and Almudena Carrero, with the participation of 400 researchers from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Claudia Romano, explain that the Guide has as its background the collaboration carried out by AUCI, particularly through the LAC NCP Network with the CFCE, based on a framework agreement signed in July with Fecyt, with the aim of promoting the science and technology in Uruguay and in the region.



Informative sessions on Horizon Europe for Latin America and the Caribbean

Fundarising 2023 focus Horizon Europe everything you need to know!

From October 25 to 28, the workshops on the Horizon Europe program were held at the Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia), organized by the University's Vice-Rector for Research with the support of the LAC Network NCP - AUCI.

The opening was in charge of Héctor Cadavid Ramírez Vice Chancellor of Investigations and Mrs. Adriana Guzman Umaña Director of International Relations.



The sessions were developed by Alejandro Quinteros, Project Officer at AUCI - RED LAC NCP and Viktoria Bodnarova from Euraxess LAC participated from the 27th, attended by more than 50 researchers from the University.

The objective was the institutional strengthening of the capacities of the University and its researchers in the

opportunities offered by the Horizon Europe program and to encourage the participation of its research teams in collaborative projects.

Information was provided about the Horizon Europe program, the Funding & Tenders Platform, its calls for international cooperation, strategies for the creation of an international profile and search for partners, granting tools both for the drafting of proposals and for the search for partners, the formulation and loading of institutional profiles.

Mrs. Adriana Guzman Umaña Director of International Relations said: "The workshops resulted in strengthening the University in its understanding of the opportunities to apply in the Horizon Europe 2023 - 2027 programs"

The Universidad del Valle is the leading national contact point in cluster 6 "Food, Bioeconomy, Agriculture; Natural Resources and the Environment" and is part of the team of the National Contact Point for Climate, Energy and Mobility + Climate Change Adaptation Mission, including social transformation + Climate Neutral and Smart Cities Mission. This cluster is led by the University of La Sabana.





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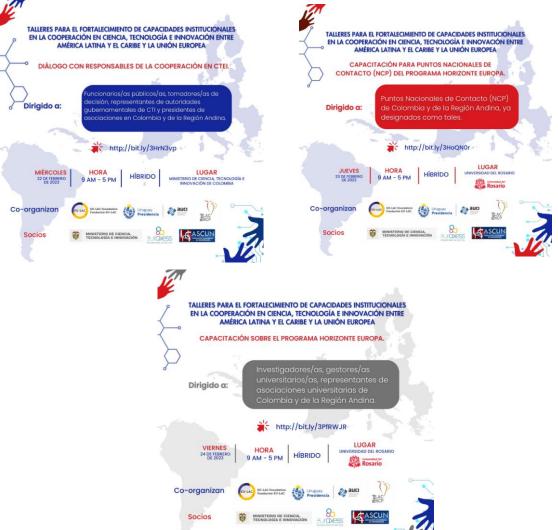


Upcoming Workshops for the Strengthening of Institutional Capacities in Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation between LAC and EU in the Andean region (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru).

The EU LAC Foundation, the LAC NCP Network - AUCI invites you to participate in the "Workshops for the Strengthening of Institutional Capacities in Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union" on the 22, 23 and 24 February in Bogotá.

The Workshops will be developed in a hybrid way - face-to-face and through the digital platform "zoom", they are addressed on the 1st to public officials, decision makers and representatives of government authorities. Day 2 NCPs and days 3 researchers, university managers, representatives of university associations from Colombia and the Andean Region (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru).

The general objective is to achieve greater knowledge and take advantage of the opportunities that exist to develop bi-regional scientific cooperation initiatives and projects - between European and Latin American and Caribbean institutions - and thus strengthen the strategic association between the European Union (EU) and the Community of States of Latin America and the Caribbean (CELAC).





New National Contact Points for Horizon Europe

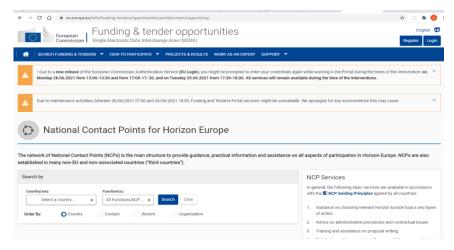
Horizon Europe program has eighteen areas for National Contact Points (NCP). These are professionals responsible for offering advice and information to all those interested in participating in research and innovation projects in the Framework Program of the European Commission - Horizon Europe.

In the year 2022, 127 new national contact points were designated for the eighteen areas of the Horizon Europe Programme. They are representatives of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Uruguay.

To date, Latin America and the Caribbean has 272 national contact points in 20 countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Curacao, Cuba, Ecuador El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Dominican Republic 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.



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



Thematic Networks for Horizon Europe



https://www.healthncp.net/



Culture, Creativity and inclusive society. https://www.net4society.eu/



Cluster 3
Civil security for society
http://www.seren-project.eu/



Cluster 4
Digital world, industry and space
https://www.ideal-ist.eu/





Clúster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility

https://greenet-brokerage-event-2023.b2match.io



Cluster 6
Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources,
Agriculture and Environment.
https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/ncp-networks/cluster-6/about-us



NCP widening participation and strengthen the European Research Area.

https://ncpwidenet.eu/



NCP of the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Innovation Ecosystems (EIE)

https://access2eic.eu/



Training Sessions for National Contact Points



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.

• MSCA-NET Training

Date: 3-4 May 2023

The next project training activities will take place the 3-4 May 2023 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

draft The agenda foresees the following topics: -Training Financial & MSCA on Legal Issues in -Training on Consortium Agreement, Grant Agreement & Partnership Agreement -Training IPR, Exploitation & Commercialisation on (EEN)

These trainings are only for MSCA NCP upon invitation via the Google Group on a "first come, first served" basis. The invitation will be sent out at the beginning of 2023

Link: https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/academy/msca-net-training

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



Brokerage Events

• Cluster 1 Health and Cancer mission

Date: 19-20 January 2023 Schedule: 9:30am - 5:30pm CET



Link: https://cluster-health-horizon-europe-brokerage2023.b2match.io/

• Cluster 2 Culture, creativity and inclusive society

Date: 17 January 2023 Schedule: 10 am – 5 pm CET



Link: https://cluster-2-brokerage-event.b2match.io/

Mission UE

Date: 17 January 2023 Schedule: 10 am CET



Link: Link: https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/1nVczf9ihgPdOg3zyoLyuC/overview



MSCA announces new calls worth over €1.75 billion in 2023 and 2024

Note by Gerard Bros Pérez Policy Officer at the European Commission.

The European Commission has announced new calls in 2023 and 2024 to support researchers' training, skills and career development and organisations under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.



With a total budget of €6.6 billion over 2021-2027, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are part of the European Union's research and innovation programme Horizon Europe. The MSCA support researchers from all over the world, at all stages of their careers and in all disciplines. They also benefit institutions by supporting excellent doctoral, postdoctoral programmes and collaborative research and innovation projects.

The new MSCA calls are part of the <u>Horizon Europe 2023-24 work programme</u> and will award over €886 million in 2023 and €902 million in 2024. Most funding actions are accessible to organisations and individual researchers based in Latin American and Caribbean countries:

- <u>Doctoral Networks</u> allow implementing doctoral programmes to train doctoral candidates in academia and other sectors, including industry and businesses. The scheme provides specific incentives to set up Industrial Doctorates and Joint Doctorates. The <u>2023</u> and <u>2024</u> calls, with a budget of €434.8 and €451.2 million respectively, will open in May and close in November each year.
- MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD and wishing to acquire new skills through advanced training and international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility. The funding will be available to researchers ready to pursue frontier research and innovation projects in Europe and worldwide, including in the non-academic sector. The 2023 and 2024 calls, with a budget of €260.5 and €270.8 million respectively, will open in April and close in September each year.
- MSCA Staff Exchanges develop international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary sustainable collaboration in research and innovation through exchanging staff. The scheme helps turn ideas into innovative products, services or processes. The 2023 and 2024 calls, with a budget of €78.5 and €81.2 million respectively, will open in October and close on late February or early March each year.

The programme is open to individual researchers from all nationalities (including Latin American and Caribbean countries) working in all research fields. Researchers can either find PhD and postdoctoral vacancies and support to apply through the <u>Euraxess portal</u> or apply for the <u>MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships scheme</u>.

<u>Universities, research centers, companies, public bodies and other organisations</u> based in Latin American and Caribbean countries can also benefit from MSCA to start or enhance research cooperation with organisations based in Europe and all over the world and attract talent, and also receive European funding directly in some cases.





Organisations and individual researchers interested to apply should refer to the MSCA National Contact Points (MSCA NCPs) network in Latin America and the Caribbean. They are the main contacts to prepare your application and navigate through MSCA funding.

The MSCA NCP network has more than 130 NCPs in 64 countries around the world. Besides the LAC-NCP Network and <u>Euraxess</u> LAC can also provide a crucial support.

We also recommend you to consult the excellent Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) under Horizon Europe Guide, available in Spanish and targeted at individual researchers and organisations based in Latin America and the Caribbean. It has been published by the LAC NCP Network together with other partners.

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- The MSCA website
- Facebook
- <u>Twitter</u>
- Or subscribe to our newsletter (in English)

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

Announcement	Open	Close
MSCA-SE-2022 (Staff Exchange)	06-October-2022	08-March-2023
MSCA-COFUND-2022 (Program co - financing)	11-October-2022	09-February-2023



International Conference on Research Infrastructures (ICRI) 2022

Between 19 and 21 October 2022, nearly 500 researchers and managers from around the world met in Brno, Czech Republic to discuss Research Infrastructure Sharing or IN, including equipment, devices and data, cooperation international, financing, sustainability and energy saving, options for installations that consume a lot of energy. The role of research infrastructures in meeting the challenges of COVID-19 and ways to strengthen preparedness for future crises are also highlighted.



In this framework, the Pasteur Institute of Montevideo represented by the Director Carlos Batthyány Dighiero signed a "Meorandum of understanding with Eurobiomaging" formalizing the collaboration with the Uruguayan imaging community, to facilitate collaboration and exchange between the respective communities for the benefit of the biological and biomedical research.

We also highlight and appreciate the role of Alejandro Buschiazzo in all the activity that facilitated having a big delegation of representatives from Latin America and the Caribbean.

EU-LAC Resinfra continues working to consolidate infrastructures in a context of interregional cooperation.

On October 18, the satellite event was held by the EU LAC Resinfra, an instance of knowledge and conversation regarding the impact of the work of research infrastructures in Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean. In this sense, the need to strengthen infrastructures was raised, in a context of interregional cooperation to advance in different challenges. It was also recognized that the EU-LAC ResInfra pilot projects are a fundamental contribution to consolidate and work in instances where bi-regional cooperation is the center.

The event began with welcome words from the project coordinator, Sabina Guaylupo, who recognized the work of Inmaculada Figueroa, project coordinator who, due to personal problems, could not be present on this occasion.

After the welcome, Dileine Cunha, representative of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development - Brazil (CNPq), presented the results obtained in the "RI in LAC Landscape Analysis" whose result generated a map of research infrastructures in Latin America. This map, which is an important tool, is in the process of being updated and brings together different data from research centers throughout



Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), in addition to exposing the areas of greatest specialization of each institution.



Pilot projects

The EU-LAC ResInfra pilots presented themselves, represented by Rafael Mayo (RICAP), Claudia Alén (INSTRUCT ERIC), Maite Irazábal (LifeWatch) and Luca Pezzati together with Karla Balzuwait (E-RIHS). The interventions were accompanied and guided by Kathrin Megerle-DLR (Germany). Each of them presented their work during the development of the project, showing the results. The different areas covered by the pilots have been fundamental in expanding the range of research centers and infrastructures reached. As an example, the work carried out by INSTRUCT on advanced research topics in fields of Biology was presented; also RICAP with the support to Latin American institutions in the improvement and strengthening of computing technologies and servers; in addition to E-RIHS that supports heritage sciences particularly in cooperation with different Brazilian institutions; and Lifewatch, which carries out important work in nature conservation, as well as promoting research infrastructures on topics such as climate change.

One of the moments that marked the day was the presentation of the project's Sustainability Plan, by Claudia Romano, together with Kathrin Megerle who presented the main results obtained from the general meeting of the project in Uruguay and stressed the need to generate a plan that allows strengthening and supporting collaboration in research infrastructures in Latin America in a permanent, sustained and stable manner that transfers a project and consolidates a network of sustainable research institutions, with long-term projections.





REFERENCE MATERIAL



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Below we share a series of support materials linked to the Horizon Europe Program Guide:



Your Guide to Intellectual property Management in Horizon Europe

The purpose of this guide is to spotlight critical aspects and novelties related to Intellectual Property (IP) management in the context of collaborative research and innovation projects funded under the European Union's current Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe" (2021-2027). It does not claim to be exhaustive. The IP rules of Horizon Europe are built to a large extent on the regulations established by the previous Framework Programme "Horizon 2020". Therefore, this guide complements the existing guide "Your Guide to IP in Horizon 2020".

Link: https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/43e0204c-6ed3-11ed-9887-01aa75ed71a1

Videos



Horizon Europe



Writing Camps for Horizon
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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
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