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It is a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) to greet you and share with you the year 2023's third newsletter.

Since the creation of the Network in 2017, our objective has been to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean's (NCP) so that everyone is in the best condition to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, public and private organizations, civil society associations, encouraging their participation in the framework programs of the European Union.

With this bulletin we seek to bring information to researchers, universities, companies, civil society organizations and any type of institution willing to promote science, technology and innovation in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The entire team is at your disposal to boost the network, increase the region's participation in the Horizon Europe Program and face the new challenges that await us.

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European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Bi-regional Conference: Open Access to Research Results

6-7 June

The conference sought to highlight the importance of open science for the future of research. Both regions are leading advocates of open science, and have a long history of promoting open science. The result of the research carried out by Laura Valeria Bonora and Pilar Rico-Castro on "Open access policies in Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union: progress towards a policy dialogue" were presented, with the participation of experts and specialists from Latin America and Europe.

María Cristina Russo, Director of Global Approach and International Cooperation in R & I of the European Commission, made the welcoming remarks, along with other prominent panelists, such as Anna Panagopoulou, Director of the European Research and Innovation



Area of the European Commission, Gonzalo Arevalo Nieto, Director General of Research Planning, Adrian Bonilla, Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation and Claudia Romano, Manager of AUCI.

This instance allowed researchers to share their knowledge and data for those involved in research processes, which will improve the quality, impact and responsiveness of research.

II EU-LAC Knowledge and Academic Summit

4th and 5th of May, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

The meeting brought together representatives of Latin American, Caribbean and European universities, as well as institutional and political authorities from both regions and representatives of civil society.



The main objective was to promote the construction of a common Euro-Latin American and Caribbean space for higher education, science, technology and innovation, through the generation of knowledge, the design of common lines of action, the establishment of alliances and stable promotion capacities, integration and bi-regional strategic cooperation, all in a context of transformation of higher education.

The summit was structured in keynote lectures and round tables, organized in plenary sessions and parallel thematic sessions that revolved around three axes: I) the digital transformation of higher education with special attention to the current state, challenges and opportunities; II) knowledge for development and sustainability in the field of science, technology and innovation; III) academic cooperation for the construction of the Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Area of Higher Education from the internationalization of solidarity.



The Forum was organized by the 3 Galician public universities (USC, UDC and UVigo), the Xunta de Galicia, the Ibero-American General Secretariat (Segib), the EU-CELAC University Council, the Central American University Council, the Universidad del Salvador, the Union of Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean

(Udual), the Association of Universities of the Montevideo Group (AUGM), the Executive Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Higher Education Area, the European University Association, the EULAC Foundation, the Caribbean Universities, CRUE and the Council of Rectors of Portuguese Universities.

In the thematic axis 2, research infrastructures had their space. Fernando Amestoy, Co-Coordinator of the CELAC Working Group on Infrastructures, participated in the first panel of the second thematic axis "Knowledge for development and sustainability:



Science, technology and innovation", presenting the current state of the dialogue between infrastructures. Then, Claudia Romano, AUCI Manager presented the main challenges in the area.

It was emphasized that international cooperation supports, promotes and generates innovation processes and identifies good practices, but it is the governments that have to have political will and articulate with academia, industry and business, in order to accompany the changes and advances in science and technology, in addition to establishing institutional policy priorities in the framework of budgets that are finite, both in Latin America and in Europe.

The role of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the European Union (CELAC-EU) was highlighted for identifying common research priorities, promoting academic mobility and infrastructure managers.



Successful Intellectual Property Strategies in the Horizon Europe Programme

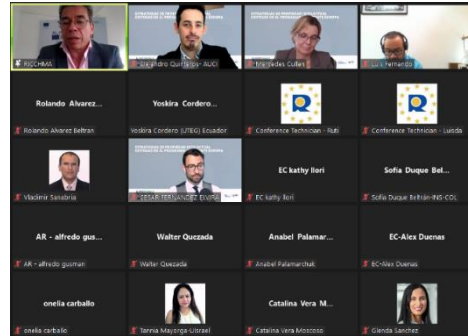
23rd of May

AUCI, the LAC NCP Network and EUIPO organised the workshop "Successful Intellectual Property Strategies in the Horizon Europe Programme: cooperation opportunities for Latin American and Caribbean countries", in which more than 260 researchers from the region participated.

The opening remarks were given by Markus Handke, Director of Cooperation of the Delegation of the European Union in Uruguay, Claudia Romano, AUCI Manager and Coordinator of the LAC NCP Network, and Mariano Riccheri Ponferrada, Project Leader of AL-INVEST Verde. Then, Alejandro Quinteros, AUCI Project Officer, presented the general guidelines of the Horizon Europe programme.

César Fernández Elvira, Senior Consultant in Intellectual Property at the Institutional Project Management Office of the University of Alicante. During his presentation he provided practical contractual aspects of Intellectual Property, such as identification, management and best practices, in order to ensure an optimal implementation of the project and its possible results.

You can access the recording of the workshop via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJN_tvdaJs



Europe's National Contact Point networks seek to enhance impact in third countries.

7th of May



To this end, a virtual meeting promoted by the Service Facility was held with the aim of integrating NCPs from third countries and regions into the activities and events available to their counterparts in Europe, providing them with support. Another priority was to properly inform NCPs in Europe about international cooperation opportunities in the framework of the Horizon Europe programme.

The RICH Europe, HNNN 3.0, Net4SocietyHE, SEREN5, IDEAL-IST, NCP4Industry, COSMOS4HE and Access2EIC networks were involved.

In addition, the LAC NCP Network was present as an example of good practices, informing about the characteristics, idiosyncrasies, challenges and opportunities of NCPs in the region, with the aim of bringing the reality of Latin America and the Caribbean closer to the European counterparts.

Research in Europe with the MSCA European Fellowships Actions

12nd of May



The LAC NCP Network, AUCI, Euraxess LAC, FECYT and MSCA-NET organised a webinar on the call for postdoctoral fellowships of the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) programme, with the aim of providing information to those interested in doing a postdoc in Europe with a MSCA PF Postdoctoral fellowship / European

fellowship, in which more than 250 researchers from all over Latin America and the Caribbean participated.

Cristina Gomez Corchete presented the general guidelines and requirements to apply for this call, and then gave way to the testimonies of Lucía Campanella Casas and Susel del Sol Fernández, researchers who are developing their postdoctoral studies under this modality.

Event recording link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lx7qBl-2KeY&t=2s>

Research in LAC with MSCA Global Postdoctoral Fellowships

19th of May

The LAC NCP Network, AUCI, Euraxess LAC, FECYT and MSCA-NET organised a webinar on the call for postdoctoral fellowships of the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) programme, with the aim of providing information to Latin American institutions that want to bring research staff from Europe to carry out a postdoctoral fellowship in their facilities, in the Global fellowship modality. More than 160 researchers from Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean participated.



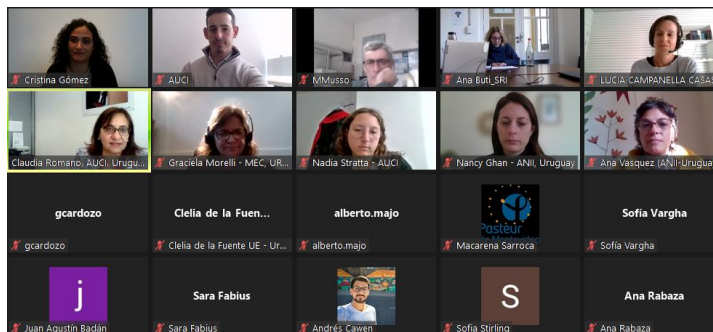
Cristina Gomez Corchete presented the general guidelines and requirements to apply for this call, and then gave way to the testimony of Elena Ritondale, a researcher who carried out her postdoctoral fellowship under this modality. At the end of the presentation, there was a space to answer questions from the audience.

Link to recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ined70TlesI&t=2s>

Uruguay: Call for PhDs and Post-Doctorates - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions 2023

14th of June

The event "Uruguay: Call for PhDs and Post-Doctorates - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions 2023", organised jointly by the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation, the Ministry of Education and Culture, the National Agency for Research



and Innovation and the University of the Republic, with the support of the Delegation of the European Union in Uruguay, took place online.

The aim of the event was to disseminate and bring researchers and science and technology research centres closer to two of the calls for proposals that the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions currently have in force: Doctoral Networks and Postdoctoral Fellowships.

Cristina Gomez, NCP MSCA for Spain was in charge of explaining the bases and characteristics of the calls, and Lucía Campanella, MSCA Fellow, gave her testimony, adding advice and recommendations for researchers interested in applying.

Open actions

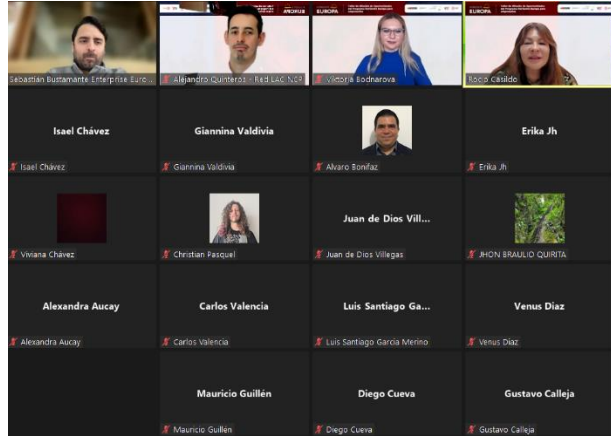
	Open	Deadline	Budget
MSCA Doctoral Networks	30 th of May, 2023	28 th of November, 2023	434.80 thousand EUR
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	12 th of April, 2023	13 th of September, 2023	260.47 thousand EUR



Peru - Dissemination Workshop on Horizon Europe Programme Opportunities for Entrepreneurs

15th of May

The National Council for Science, Technology and Technological Innovation of Peru (CONCYTEC), the LAC NCP Network, Euraxess and the Delegation of the European Union in Peru organised the workshop "Cooperation Opportunities with the European Union: dissemination workshop on Horizon Europe Programme Opportunities for Entrepreneurs", which was attended by more than 40 national entrepreneurs.



The welcome was given by the President of CONCYTEC, Benjamín Maticorena and Rocío Casildo, NCP of Peru. The event was addressed by María Cristina Russo, Director of Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&I of the European Commission.

The presentations were given by Viktoria Bodnarova, EURAXESS Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, who presented the funding opportunities for companies through the Euraxess Programme; and by Alejandro Quinteros, AUCI Project Officer, who developed the participation of the Peruvian Business Sector in the Horizon 2020 programme and other EU programmes (AL-INVEST Green, Adelante 2, EEN). Finally, Sebastián Bustamante, Co-founder and Director of Impact Hub Medellín, presented the case of Enterprise European Network in Colombia.

For those interested, you can access the recording of the workshop through the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXu11TjDo1I>

Guatemala - Exploratory Information Workshop on Horizon Europe

23rd May



The National Secretariat of Science and Technology of Guatemala (SENACYT) organised together with the Delegation of the European Union in Guatemala, the LAC NCP Network and AUCI the workshop "Exploratory Information on Horizon Europe", with the participation of the 21

National Contact Points, researchers and representatives of universities in this country.

The welcoming remarks were given by Marveliz Roa, Cooperation Attaché in charge of Gender and Justice programmes of the Delegation of the European Union in Guatemala, and by Ana Chan, National Secretary of Science and Technology of SENACYT. Then, Claudia Romano and Alejandro Quinteros gave an introduction to the Horizon Europe programme, which included the use of the portal and support networks, the search for partners, consortium building and proposal preparation. Eliana Ulate Brenes, NCP Coordinator of Costa Rica, detailed the organisation of the NCPs in her country, highlighting the experiences learned during her tenure. Finally, a question and answer session was opened for the participants.



Ecuador - Horizon Europe 2023 Days

30th and 31st May

The LAC NCP Network, the Secretary of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ecuador, the Ecuadorian Corporation for the Development of Research and Academia, the Delegation of the European Union in Ecuador, the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, the University of Cuenca and Euraxess, organised the Horizon Europe 2023 Days, in which more than 500 researchers from all over Ecuador participated.



The first day was held in hybrid form at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, and was structured in four blocks. The opening remarks were given by Andrea Ibáñez, Secretary of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (Senescyt), Charles-Michel Geurts, EU Ambassador to Ecuador, Cristina Russo, Director of Global Approach and International Cooperation in R&I of the European Commission, Claudia Romano, AUCI Manager and Coordinator of the LAC NCP Network, and Dr. Fernando Ponce León, S.J., Rector of the PUCE. The second block focused on Pillar II of Horizon Europe, "Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness" and included a presentation by Viktória Bodnárová, EURAXESS Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean. The third focused on National Contact Points, with a presentation by Joline Jaraiseh on the structure and dynamics of NCPs in Ecuador. In addition, Claudia Romano presented the LAC NCP Network, and Alejandro Quinteros, AUCI project officer, explained how to apply to Horizon Europe calls for collaborative projects. At the end of the day, a space for exchange of experiences was opened, in which Ecuadorian partners shared advice and opinions.

The second day was held at the University of Cuenca, and the opening remarks were given by Carlos Guzmán, Director of Information and Communication Technologies at CEDIA, Charles-Michel Geurts, EU Ambassador in Ecuador, Claudia Romano and María Augusta Hermida, Rector of UCuenca. The second block of the day focused on how to contribute to Ecuador's research environment. Gabriela Cáceres, CEDIA's Funds Coordinator, was in charge of presenting recommendations in this regard. The third block included two discussions on Pillar I of Horizon Europe "Excellent Science", with the participation of researchers and institutions with excellent participation in the different actions. The day ended with a discussion on Research Networks, focusing on how to improve access to world-class research infrastructures and networks. Claudia Romano, in her role as Technical Secretary of the Research Infrastructures Working Group, participated in the discussion, sharing good practices, lessons learned and challenges that we have as a region in this area.



Colombia - Horizon Europe Information Days

6th-9th of June, University of Caldas



Workshops on the Horizon Europe programme were held at the University of Caldas, organised by the Vice-Rector for Research and Postgraduate Studies, the Vice-Rector's Office for University Projection and the Internationalisation Office with the support of the LAC NCP - AUCI Network, attended by more than 60 researchers, project managers, research centres and national contact points of 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 programme and to encourage the participation of its research teams, research centres in collaborative projects and private companies from Manizales and Caldas. Information was provided on the Horizon Europe programme, the Funding & Tenders Platform, calls for international cooperation, strategies for the creation of the international profile and search for partners, providing tools for both the writing of proposals and the search for partners, the formulation and uploading of institutional profiles.

On the last day we worked on the planning and scheme of work, role and tasks with the national points of the university. They are NCP leader in the "Cluster 2 Cluster in Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society", together with the Regional NCP: Chamber of Commerce of Santa Marta for Magdalena (Caribbean) + Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios + Universidad de Manizales. Sectoral NCP: RedLat: Network of Latin American cultural producers.



ARTVOC project with the participation of the University of Caldas won in MSCA-SE (Marie Skłodowska Curie Action-Staff Exchange) - Horizon Europe 2023.

The GICTA-ClayOMICs Group of the University of Caldas as a partner of the Estonian University of Life Sciences headed by the researcher Radu Ionescu (Romania), will be funded with the ARTVOC project with a grant of € 349,600, to cover 76 months of research stays in Europe (Estonia, Romania, Poland), under the modality of exchange of scientific personnel MSCA-SE (Marie Skłodowska Curie Action-Staff Exchange).

NCPs Uruguay Meeting

15th of May

Graciela Morelli NCP National Coordinator and NCP MSCA; Ana Buti, NCP MSCA; Claudia Romano NCP National Coordinator, NCP MSCA and NCP for culture, creativity and inclusive society; Nancy Ghan and



Ana Vásquez NCPs European research infrastructure, NCPs Health and NCPs Climate, energy and mobility, met in person with the aim of evaluating the actions undertaken and planning the next steps in the dissemination of the Horizon Europe programme, and in particular, of the MSCA actions.

During the meeting, it was agreed to continue working in a coordinated manner with the aim of disseminating the opportunities offered by Horizon Europe, especially through a joint communication campaign in the dissemination networks of the organisations they represent. In this line, it was agreed to organise an information event on 14 June on the open MSCA actions (doctoral and postdoctoral), in order to inform Uruguayan researchers of the current proposals and to resolve any doubts they may have.

Open calls – Horizon Europe

Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Shared Societies



I) European Partnership: A health against microbial resistance

Opening date: 3rd of October, 2023

Closing date: 7th of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 10 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2024-heritage-01-05>

II) Protest politics and oppositional cultures in democracy

Opening date: 4th of October, 2023

Closing date: 7th of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 9 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2024-democracy-01-01>

III) Europe's cultural and artistic heritage: promoting our values within and beyond our borders

Opening date: 4th of October, 2023

Closing date: 7th of February, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 13 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2024-heritage-01-04>

IV) Minimising the costs and maximising the benefits of job creation and job destruction

Opening date: 4th of October, 2023

Closing date: 7th of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 10 000 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2024-transformations-01-03>

Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society



I) Robotics: autonomous or semi-autonomous UGV systems to complement skills for use in hazardous environments

Opening date: 29th of June, 2023

Closing date: 23rd of November, 2023

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 6 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2023-drs-01-04>

II) Risk-based integrated border control that mitigates public security risk, reduces false positives and strengthens privacy

Opening date: 26th of June, 2024

Closure: 20th of November, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 10 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-bm-01-03>

III) New methods and technologies in the service of community policing and transferable best practice

Opening date: 29th of June, 2023

Closing date: 23rd of November, 2023

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 4 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2023-fct-01-03>

IV) Cost-effective sustainable technologies and crisis management strategies for large-scale protection of the population and NR infrastructure after a nuclear explosion or an incident at a nuclear facility

Opening date: 27th of June, 2024

Closing date: 20 November 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 6 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-04>

V) Operability and standardisation in response to biological toxin incidents

Opening date: 29th of June, 2023

Closing date: 23rd of November, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 6 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2023-drs-01-02>



VI) Enhancement of tools and capabilities to combat advanced forms of cyber threats and cyber-dependent crimes

Opening date: 29th of June, 2023

Closing date: 23th of November, 2023

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 8 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2023-fct-01-06>

VII) Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of chemical, biological and radiological threats to agricultural production, food and feed processing, distribution and consumption

Opening date: 27th of June, 2024

Closing date: 20th of November, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 8 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-01>

VIII) High-tech capabilities for crisis response and recovery after a natural technological disaster (NaTech)

Opening date: 27th of June, 2024

Closing date: 20th of November, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 4 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2024-drs-01-03>

IX) Improving social and societal preparedness for response to disasters and health emergencies

Opening date: 29th of June, 2023

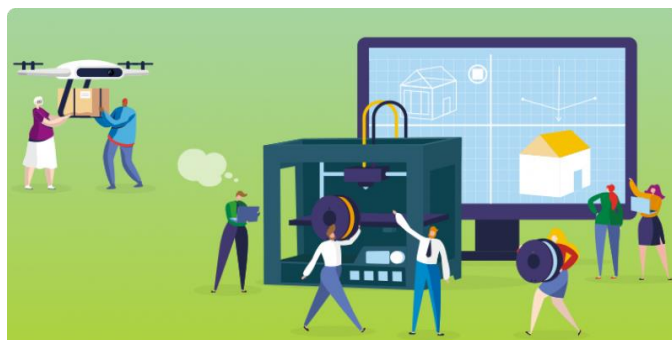
Closing date: 23rd of November, 2023

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 6 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl3-2023-drs-01-01>

Cluster 4 Digital, Industry and Space



I) Facilitating participation in the development of global ICT standardization

Opening date: 15th of November, 2023

Closing date: 19th of March, 2024

Type of action: CSA

Budget: € 6 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-human-01-61>

II) AI-driven data operations and compliance technologies (AI, data and robotics partnership)

Opening date: 15th of November, 2023

Closure: 19th of March, 2024

Type of action: AI

Budget: € 9 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl2-2024-democracy-01-01>

III) Technologies for the extraction and transformation of critical raw materials

Opening date: 19th of September, 2023

Closing date: 7th of February, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 15 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-resilience-01-11>

IV) Technologies/solutions supporting circularity in manufacturing (Made in Europe Partnership)

Opening date: 19th of September, 2023

Closing date: 07th of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 30 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-twin-transition-01-05>

V) AI-driven data operations and compliance technologies (AI, data and robotics partnership) (AI)

Opening dates: 15th of November, 2023

Closing dates: 19th of March, 2024

Type of action: AI

Budget: € 38 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-data-01-01>

Cluster 5 Climate, Energy and Mobility



1) Enhancing light harvesting and carbon sequestration with synthetic biology and/or bio-inspired/biomimetic pathways for the production of renewable direct solar fuels

Opening dates: 12nd of September, 2023

Closing dates: 16th of January, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 8 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d3-01-04>

Cluster 6 Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment.



I) Impact of the development of novel foods based on alternative protein sources

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 9 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-farm2fork-01-7>

II) Nutritional requirements of animals and nutritional value of feed under different production management conditions

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: AMS

Budget: € 7 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-farm2fork-02-5-two-stage>

III) Societal and economic dependence on pollinators

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 13 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-biodiv-01-3>

IV) Digital for nature

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Action type: IA

Budget: € 16 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-biodiv-01-2>

V) Conservation and protection of carbon-rich and biodiversity rich forest ecosystems

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 18 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-biodiv-01-8>



VI) Microbiome for taste and texture in organoleptic dietary change

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 9 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-farm2fork-01-9>

VII) Ocean models for seasonal to decadal regional climate feedbacks and impacts

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 9 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-climate-01-6>

VIII) New circular solutions and decentralised approaches to water and wastewater management

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 15 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-circbio-02-4-two-stage>

IX) Best available techniques to recover or recycle fertiliser products from secondary raw materials

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: CSA

Budget: € 4 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-zeropollution-01-2>

X) Tackling plant pest outbreaks

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €13 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-farm2fork-02-4-two-stage>

XI) New sustainable production and business models for farmers and rural communities

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 12 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-communities-02-2-two-stage>

XII) Invasive Alien Species

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 12 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-biodiv-01-1>

XIII) Regional innovation ecosystems to foster food system transformation

Opening date: 16th of October, 2023

Closing date: 28th of February, 2024

Type of action: CSA

Budget: € 4 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-governance-01-2>

XIV) Programmed biodegradation capacity of bio-based materials and products, validated in specific environments

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 8 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-circbio-01-5>

XV) Transformative action on combinations of policy, governance and digitisation to address biodiversity loss

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €4 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-biodiv-01-5>

XVI) Participation and empowerment of Arctic coastal, local and indigenous communities in environmental decision-making

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22nd February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: €3 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-communities-01-3>

XVII) Socio-economic, climatic and environmental aspects of malaria

Opening date: 17th of October, 2023

Closing date: 22th of February, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 5 000 000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl6-2024-climate-01-2>

Results of MSCA Staff Exchanges 2022 – Participation of Latin American and Caribbean organisations

Document elaborated by the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission.

1. CONTEXT

The European Commission announced the winners of the 2022 call for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchanges on 2nd June 2023. With a total budget of €77.5 million, 73 Staff Exchanges projects were selected out of 189 submitted and eligible proposals to pursue frontier research in various scientific disciplines. Selected projects will be working in the following areas:

- Engineering and ICT: 34% (25 projects)
- Chemistry: 16% (12 projects)
- Social sciences and humanities: 15% (11 projects)
- Environment and geosciences: 11% (8 projects)
- Life sciences: 10% (7 projects)
- Physics: 8% (6 projects)
- Economics: 3% (2 projects)
- Mathematics: 3% (2 projects)

These projects will involve 656 distinct organisations from 76 countries, including 160 companies and 104 SMEs. 234 of these organisations are located in third countries not associated to Horizon Europe. This was the second call of MSCA Staff Exchanges under the Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation. Previously named ‘Research & Innovation Staff Exchanges’ (RISE), the Staff Exchanges action is the most international action under the MSCA, with high third country participation. It funds collaborative research & innovation projects through the short-term exchange of staff. The aim is to develop sustainable collaborations between different organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors, in Europe and beyond. Researchers at all stages of their career, as well as technical, managerial and administrative staff can be involved in these exchanges.

Organisations based in Latin America and the Caribbean can participate to the Staff Exchanges action. These organisations can host and send any type of staff for a period between 1 and 12 months.

To do so, they should form or join an international consortium of organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors and submit a proposal to exchange staff. Proposals should always involve countries of the EU or associated to Horizon Europe. The following conditions apply:



- Organisations in low and middle income countries are automatically eligible for funding and can both receive and send staff members under the project's costs.
- Organisations in high-income countries can join international consortia and send staff at their own costs. They can receive staff members from the EU and countries associated to Horizon Europe under the project's costs.

The full participation modalities and provisions can be consulted on the Staff Exchanges page on the MSCA website and on the Funding and Tenders Opportunities Portal.

LAC National Contact Points

The Horizon Europe programme has eighteen areas for National Contact Points (NCPs). These are professionals responsible for providing advice and information to all those interested in participating in research and innovation projects in the European Commission's Framework Programme - Horizon Europe.

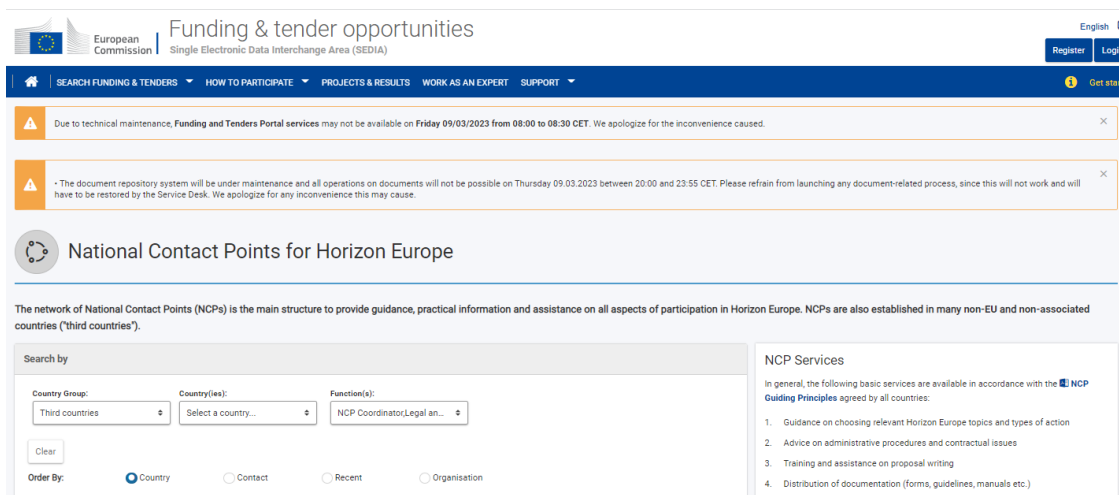
Their profile is technical and they are in charge of:

- Disseminate and inform about the funding opportunities of the Horizon Europe programme among the research community in their country.
- Advising and assisting potential applicants in the preparation, submission and follow-up of their proposal.
- Offer support during the implementation of projects

Latin America as of June 2023 has **290 new national contact points** for the eighteen areas of the Horizon Europe Programme.

Reiterate that they can count on the support and support of the LAC NCP Network team for advice.

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



The screenshot shows the European Commission's 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The page title is 'National Contact Points for Horizon Europe'. Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining that the network of NCPs is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe. To the right, there is a section titled 'NCP Services' which lists four basic services available in accordance with the NCP Guiding Principles: 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 (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.).

Training for National Contact Points

All National Contact Points are invited to participate in the training sessions. They aim to provide both NCPs and participants with access to the knowledge, support tools and services developed by NCPs to support participation in Horizon Europe.

European Union for Beginners



The aim of this course is to provide a general overview of the European Union for NCPs from Member States, associated countries and third countries. In the first part, the process of formation of the European Union is described, as well as the functioning of its 8 Institutions. In addition, 4 of the most relevant Research and Innovation Institutions are presented, including their intersection with the programme. In the second stage, the evolutionary process of the European Union is explained, with special emphasis on the links with the R&I programme. Finally, the NCPs and their roles are presented.

About the Horizon Europe programme

This course provides an overview of the general outline of the Horizon Europe programme, including legal, financial and life-cycle aspects. The programme is intended for newly nominated NCPs.



From the thematic idea to the presentation of the proposal



The main objective of this course is to understand the application journey, starting with the call topic, through the development of the idea and ending with the writing of the proposal for the application.

The following questions will be addressed: How to develop the project idea? Understanding the topic of the call, developing the general idea and translating it into a "one-page idea", finding partners How to write proposals? Presentation of the general proposal template, what to consider, what not to include in the proposal, and the preparation of the timetable.

Participants of Horizon Europe projects

The course presents the basic conditions for participating in Horizon Europe projects. Firstly, it explains which entities from which countries are eligible for EU funding. Secondly, the characteristics, roles and responsibilities of consortium members are presented. It also includes those third parties that can participate, and finally explains the administrative aspects that apply to them.



General link to access the courses: <https://courses.horizoneuropencportal.eu/>



EU LAC RESINFRA project participates in INTERCOONECTA programme

Document elaborated by Sabina Guaylupo, Resinfra EU-LAC Project Manager

EU LAC Resinfra is organising an activity within the INTERCOONECTA programme.

Intercoonecta is a call of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECID) aimed at carrying out innovative programming and training projects that, integrated within the framework of Spanish Cooperation, promote spaces for co-creation and experimentation in which the exchange of knowledge, the generation of networks and the implementation of actions that allow, in addition to identifying development opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean, to seek solutions and promote change and action, as well as to incorporate and make use of new technologies, especially digital ones.

The EU LAC ResInfra project will carry out one of these training programmes, together with the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (MICINN) and the International Cooperation Agency of Uruguay (AUCI). The programme will also include the participation of several of the project partners (European Infrastructures such as LifeWatch, Instruct ERIC and RICAP) as well as Fernando Amestoy, co-chair of the EU CELAC working group on Infrastructures.

The main aim of this activity is to reinforce the work carried out to date by the EU LAC RESINFRA project, particularly in the scientific areas of food and environmental security, establishing synergies and possibilities for collaboration between the different infrastructures in Latin America and the Caribbean and Spain.

The main objectives include the use of existing collaboration experience and the promotion of joint actions for the exchange of knowledge and experiences, to facilitate access to and shared use of instruments, methods and high-level scientific data, and the exchange of best practices in the management of research infrastructures.

The activity is aimed at researchers from research centres and universities, infrastructure managers/directors, Innovation Agency representatives, policy makers and any other qualified professional interested in the theme of the meeting.



Brazil – Invitation

The VII FGV Research Symposium will take place on September 12th, 13th and 14th at the headquarters of the Fundação Getulio Vargas in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Bringing together specialists from different areas, research institutions, companies, government institutions, and research funding agencies, the Symposium aims to structure networks of researchers from Brazil and abroad to promote the realization of multidisciplinary research projects with a high impact on the country's socioeconomic development. The 2023 edition will include discussions on: the link between research, innovation and the productive sector; research ethics and integrity; climate change; communication and the new social order; sustainable health, among others. FGV will provide accommodations for researchers who register for the event but live outside the city of Rio de Janeiro. The complete program and registration link will be released soon. Please, save the dates!



NET4SOCIETY (Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive society)

Document elaborated by Net4Society

Cluster 2 NCPs Support

Net4Society aims to provide Horizon Europe Cluster 2 NCPs with tools, info sessions, network meetings and thematic trainings thus helping them to build up support services for their national research communities. Net4Society is a welcoming and friendly project which aims to include all Horizon Europe Cluster 2 NCPs - from member states, associated countries and third countries - in their project activities.

Applicant Support

Our services to the research communities are services that Cluster 2 NCPs cannot provide at national level, such as international matchmaking events and tools designed to ease the participation of relevant scientific and non- scientific stakeholders in Cluster 2. In addition, we utilise our various communication channels and platforms to inform on open Horizon Europe calls in Cluster 2, as well as on other relevant funding opportunities for Social Science and Humanities (SSH) research. We focus on supporting the integration of the Social Sciences and Humanities across Horizon Europe beyond Cluster 2 and offer assistance in finding topics with SSH-relevance in other research programmes, including partnerships and missions. These events and information can be found on our website www.net4society.eu

Other focus areas

In addition, we focus on supporting the participation of new stakeholder communities by identifying potential new stakeholders, such as civil society organizations, GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) and Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) as well as on enabling participation from countries with lower-than-average success rates in Horizon 2020. We also actively contribute to the dialogues on designing the SSH dimension in Horizon Europe, by making the case for a strong inclusion of SSH research in the programme.

Contact

The whole network of Cluster 2 NCPs meets once a year during Net4Society network meetings, where you can get to know your colleagues and discuss the latest developments in SSH and in the network's activities.

In case you want to get in touch with the coordinator team, you can contact them most easily via contact@net4society.eu



ENRICH in LAC Call: Support in the Exploitation of Results for Horizon Projects

Document elaborated by the Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR)

The European Network of Research and Innovation Centres and Hubs in Latin America and Caribbean (ENRICH in LAC) has opened a Call for Support in the Exploitation of Results to provide a free-of-charge service for ten (10) Horizon 2020 (H2020) and/or Horizon Europe (HE) projects with geographical scope in Europe and/or LAC that need assistance in developing the exploitation of their project's results.

Projects with a focus on research and innovation in sustainable urbanization, bioeconomy, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) or Digitalization/Industry 4.0, through High-Performance Computing (HPC) deployment, and in Renewable Energy will be prioritized.

ENRICH in LAC will provide one online workshop and one mentoring session (one-on-one) to help in the exploitation of the results from finished and/or continuing research initiatives through three options of support services:

- Project Risk Analysis – Learn to identify the risks and potential obstacles to the exploitation of project results towards Europe and in LAC.
- Business Plan Development – Learn how to support projects towards commercialisation of their products or services.
- Assistance for Patenting – Learn the different stages of protection of intellectual property rights in LAC and/or in the EU.

The full Call document can be seen in the ENRICH in LAC website: <https://lac.enrichcentres.eu/enrich-in-lac-call-support-in-the-exploitation-of-results/>

The deadline for applications sent by email is 07/07/2023 by 7 pm CET.



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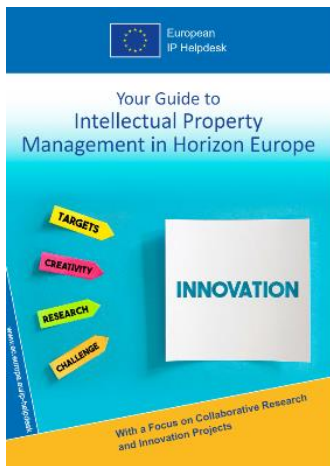


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Below we share a series of support materials linked to the Horizon Europe Program Guide:



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>

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