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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 newsletter N° 28, the first edition of 2024.

Since the creation of the Network in 2017, our goal is to democratize and bring information closer to researchers, universities, companies, civil society organizations and any type of institution that tends to promote science, technology and innovation in the Latin American and Caribbean region (LAC).

In this line, we work to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean (NCP) so that all of them are in a better position to disseminate, inform and assist researchers, public and private organizations, civil society associations, encouraging their participation in the European Union's framework programs.

The team is available to energize the network, to increase the participation of the region in the Horizon Europe Program and to face the challenges ahead.

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Furthermore, it is made up of all the NCPs in the region, whom we would like to thank especially for their work.

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Project on Research Infrastructures between Latin America and the Caribbean.

29 February - 1 March, 2024



The Kick-off Meeting of the ResInfra PLUS project was held, covering twenty institutions from 15 countries in Europe: Spain, Portugal, Germany, Italy, Finland, Romania and the United Kingdom; and in Latin America and the Caribbean: Uruguay, Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Peru and Argentina.

The overall objective of the project is to increase the collaborative synergies established in EU LAC RESINFRA between research infrastructures (RIs) of the European Union (EU) and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), fostering mutual openness, continuing and reinforcing the policy dialogue on this issue by supporting the EU-LAC Senior Officials' Meeting on Research Infrastructures (EU-LAC RI WG).

Its specific objectives are:

- **Identify new and ongoing priorities for bi-regional cooperation** based on the different roadmaps at both regional and country level.
- To foster the **exchange of best practices** between the EU and LAC on **topics of common strategic relevance**, such as regional roadmapping processes, IR management, funding of research infrastructures (RIs) throughout the life cycle, data sharing and **joint research and innovation capacity building**.
- **Identify bottlenecks** in bi-regional cooperation, both at technical and political level.
- Support and incentivise **capacity building** of both researchers and IR managers/administrators. The approach will be through cascade training, or the existence of training nodes.
- Define and implement a dissemination and communication plan that is understandable and that really helps to **disseminate the progress and results of the project**.

The project has a duration of 2 years, ending in December 2025.



The event was led by Inmaculada Figueroa, Deputy Director General for the Internationalisation of Science and Innovation of the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities and Sabina Guaylupo Head of the Ibero-American Office. EU-LAC and Resinfra Project Manager at the

Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT).

Institutions involved in the project:

Institution	Country	Role
Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación	Spain	Coordinator
Fundación Española para la Ciencia y Tecnología	Spain	Affiliate
Presidencia de la República – Agencia Uruguaya de Cooperación Internacional	Uruguay	Partner
Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt eV	Germany	Partner
Fundacao para a Ciencia e a Tecnologia	Portugal	Partner
Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche	Italia	Partner
Teknologian Tutkimuskeskus vtt oy	Finlandia	Partner
Unitatea Executiva Pentru Finantarea Invatamant	Rumania	Partner
Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovacao Consultador	Portugal	Partner
Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Cientifico	Brasil	Partner
INSTRUCT-ERIC	Reino Unido	Partner
E-science European Infrastructure for Biodiversity	Spain	Partner
Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas, Medioambientales y Tecnológicas	Spain	Partner
Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología de Costa Rica	Costa Rica	Partner
Ministerio de Ciencia Tecnología e Innovación	Colombia	Partner
Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente	Cuba	Partner
Agencia Nacional de Investigación y Desarrollo	Chile	Partner
Universitat de Valencia	Spain	Partner
Consejo Nacional de Ciencia Tecnología e Innovación	Peru	Partner
Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación*	Argentina	Associate

*Renamed to Secretaría de Innovación, Ciencia y Tecnología

The Caribbean continues to learn about the Horizon Europe Programme.

February 29th, 2024



The "CARIFORUM- Webinar on the European Union's Horizon Europe Framework Programme", organised by the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), was held with the objective of bringing closer the opportunities that the largest programme in science, technology and innovation of the European Union offers. More than 60 representatives of ministries and institutions of education, science and technology in the region participated.

During the first part of the workshop, Viktoria Bodnarova, Regional Coordinator of EURAXESS Latin America and the Caribbean, presented the Horizon Europe programme, with special emphasis on the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. Nadia Stratta, technician of the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI) - Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) provided tools to support Caribbean institutions in the process of finding partners for the formation of international consortia.

The second block was dedicated to the European Union's student mobility programme ERASMUS+. Bruno Castro, Policy Officer - Erasmus+ and EU Relations with the Americas, introduced the five actions that this programme has for Latin America and the Caribbean.



New NCP nomination process

The European Commission, through the Service Facility in support of the Global Approach to Research and Innovation, communicated the new nomination procedure for National Contact Points, enabling a new self-management portal within Funding & Tenders.

Prepared by the Service Facility

The European Commission (EC) will formally invite the national authorities of your country in order to provide the name and e-mail of **one Main Contact Point** that will be responsible for administering the electronic platform on the Portal (**the NCPM Register – for ‘National Contact Points Members’**) which will be used for the nomination of all Horizon Europe National Contact Points. The Main Contact Points will also have the opportunity to add **Assistant Main Contact Points** with similar access rights who will be able to perform exactly the same operations under their supervision.

The Main Contact Points and their Assistants will be able to add the **NCPM Correspondents** in the system (or become correspondents themselves) for each NCP function, who will have the capacity to encode or update the NCPM Register and add the names of the persons (‘Contact Persons’) who will act as National Contact Points across different functions.

The individuals who will be appointed as National Contact Points will be considered as Contact Points and they will be requested to create an EU account (if they have not done so yet), update their contact details and confirm that they accept the respective terms and conditions corresponding to their role as NCPs. It is noted however, that the National Contact Points which have already been nominated in the past using the previous process will automatically be imported in the system.

For any queries, please contact: ncp@servicefacility.eu

The Service Facility will advise when the new mechanism comes into effect, and the LAC NCP Network will publish it here.

Results of Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023 – Participation of Latin American and Caribbean organisations and individuals

The European Commission announced the winners of the latest call for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Postdoctoral Fellowships on 13th February 2024. With a total budget of €260 million, 1,249 experienced researchers have been selected to work on research and innovation projects spanning all scientific disciplines. Selected projects are in the fields of social sciences and humanities (25.2%), life sciences (21.7%), chemistry (14.4%), information science and engineering (13.3%), physics (11.35%), environment and geosciences (10.2%), mathematics (2.15%) and economic sciences (1.7%).

Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) organisations were involved in 69 proposals, including 67 for Global Postdoctoral Fellowships, of which 6 have been shortlisted for funding. Organisations involved are based in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico, and they will host 6 postdoctoral researchers for up to two years.

Individual researchers from the region were active in this call and submitted a total of 562 proposals for European Postdoctoral Fellowships, of which 80 have been selected. This represents a success rate of 14.2%. Most applicants and researchers selected are from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and Chile. Around 71% of the researchers selected resided outside the LAC region at the time of applying.

Participation by organisations based in Latin America and Caribbean countries – Selected projects (Global Postdoctoral Fellowships)

Organisation name	Country	Participations	Type of fellowship	Nationality of the researchers
Faculdades Catolicas Associacao Sem Fins Lucrativos	Brazil	1	Global Fellowship	United Kingdom
Universidad Nacional De Colombia	Colombia	1	Global Fellowship	France
Pontificia Universidad Catolica De Chile	Chile	1	Global Fellowship	Italy
Universidad De Buenos Aires	Argentina	1	Global Fellowship	Italy
Universidade De Sao Paulo	Brazil	1	Global Fellowship	Italy
Colegio De La Frontera Sur	Mexico	1	Global Fellowship	Mexico

Success rate by country of the organisation (Global Postdoctoral Fellowships)

Country of organisation	Selected proposals	Non selected proposals	Success rate	Grand Total
Argentina	1	9	10%	11
Bolivia	0	3	0%	3
Brazil	2	25	7.4%	27
Chile	1	6	14.3%	7
Colombia	1	4	20%	5
Costa Rica	0	1	0%	1
Mexico	1	11	8.3%	12
Peru	0	1	0%	1
Uruguay	0	1	0%	1
Grand Total	6	67	9%	67

Selected fellows by nationality and host country (European Postdoctoral Fellowships)

Researcher Nationality	Country of the main host organisation																Total n° of fellows
	AT	BE	DK	EE	FI	FR	DE	IE	IT	NL	NO	PL	PT	ES	SE	UK *	
Argentina	1	1	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	1	-	-	1	10	-	2	22
Brazil	-	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	4	3	4	26
Chile	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Colombia	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	11
Costa Rica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cuba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mexico	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	8
Nicaragua	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Uruguay	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Grand total	1	7	3	1	3	7	5	2	4	4	1	1	3	23	3	12	80

*Successful applicants with a host organisation based in the United Kingdom will not be eligible to receive funding but will be able to apply for funding under the UK's Horizon Europe guarantee.

Residence of selected researchers and gender balance (European Postdoctoral Fellowships)

Nationality	N° of researchers	% and N° of women researchers	N° of researchers residing in LAC	% of researchers residing in LAC
Argentina	22	27.2% - 6	7	31.8%
Brazil	26	46.15% - 12	8	30.8%
Chile	6	20% - 1	2	33.3%
Colombia	11	36.36% - 4	4	36.4%
Costa Rica	1	0%	0	0%
Cuba	2	0%	1	50%
Ecuador	1	0%	0	0%
Mexico	8	50% - 4	0	0%
Nicaragua	1	0%	0	0%
Uruguay	2	50% - 1	1	50%
Grand Total	80	35% - 28	23	28.75%

Successful proposals and success rate by nationality of researcher (European Postdoctoral Fellowships)

Nationality	Selected proposals	Non selected proposals	Success rate	Total N° of proposals
Argentina	22	77	22.2%	99
Bahamas	-	1	0%	1
Bolivia	-	1	0%	1
Brazil	26	197	11.7%	223
Chile	6	42	12.5%	48
Colombia	11	46	19.3%	57
Costa Rica	1	5	16.7%	6
Cuba	2	13	13.3%	15
Dominican Republic	-	1	0%	1
Ecuador	1	9	10%	10
Guatemala	-	2	0%	2
Honduras	-	2	0%	2
Mexico	8	60	11.8%	68
Nicaragua	1	-	100%	1
Paraguay	-	2	0%	2
Peru	-	11	0%	11
Trinidad and Tobago	-	1	0%	1
Uruguay	2	3	40%	5
Venezuela	-	9	0.0	9
Grand Total	80	482	14.23%	562

Source: European Commission Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, February 2024.

New opening dates for MSCA 2024 calls for proposals

Action	Opening	Closure	Budget
MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships	9 of April	11 of September	European Fellowships € 230 139 000
			Global Fellowships € 40 613 000
MSCA Doctoral Networks	28 of May	27 of November	€ 451 153 000
MSCA Staff Exchange	9 of October	5 of March, 2025	€ 81 226 000

Calls for proposals

Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society



Forthcoming

1. Harmonised / Standard protocols for the implementation of alert and impact forecasting systems as well as transnational emergency management in the areas of high-impact weather / climatic and geological disasters

Opening date: 27 June, 2024

Deadline: 20 November, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 6.000.000

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

2. Hi-tech capacities for crisis response and recovery after a natural-technological (NaTech) disaster

Opening date: 27 June, 2024

Deadline: 20 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-01-04>

3. Cost-effective sustainable technologies and crisis management strategies for large-scale protection of population and infrastructures after a nuclear blast or nuclear facility incident

Opening date: 27 June, 2024

Deadline: 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-01-05>

4. Integrated risk-based border control that mitigates public security risk, reduces false positives and strengthens privacy

Opening date: 27 June, 2024

Deadline: 20 November, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 5.000.000

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

5. Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of biological and chemical threats to agricultural production, forestry and to food processing, distribution and consumption

Opening date: 27 June, 2024

Deadline: 20 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>

6. Radicalisation and gender

Opening date: 27 June, 2024

Deadline: 20 November, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 3.000.000

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

Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space



Forthcoming

1. *Support to transnational activities of the National Contact Points in the thematic areas of Digital, Industry and Space*

Opening date: 3 April, 2024

Deadline: 10 September, 2024

Type of action: CSA

Budget: € 5.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl4-2024-human-02-34>

Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility



Forthcoming:

1. *Size & weight reduction of cell and packaging of batteries system, integrating lightweight and functional materials, innovative thermal management and safe and sustainable by design approach (Batt4EU Partnership)*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: IA

Budget: € 16.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d2-02-03>

2. *Development of smart concepts of integrated energy driven bio-refineries for co-production of advanced biofuels, bio-chemicals and biomaterials*

Opening date: 17 September, 2024

Deadline: 21 January, 2025

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 7.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d3-02-03>

3. *Robust Knowledge and Know-How transfer for Key-Deployment Pathways and implementation of the EU-CEM (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: CSA

Budget: € 4.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-05>

4. *Optimising multimodal network and traffic management, harnessing data from infrastructures, mobility of passengers and freight transport*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 10.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-06>

5. *Scenario-based safety assurance of CCAM and related HMI in a dynamically evolving transport system (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 14.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-02>

6. *Robust Knowledge and Know-How transfer for Key-Deployment Pathways and implementation of the EU-CEM (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: CSA

Budget: € 4.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-05>

7. *Effects of disruptive changes in transport: towards resilient, safe and energy efficient mobility*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 7.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-11>

8. *AI for advanced and collective perception and decision making for CCAM applications (CCAM Partnership)*

Opening date: 7 May, 2024

Deadline: 5 September, 2024

Type of action: RIA

Budget: € 10.000.000

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-cl5-2024-d6-01-04>

Upcoming events



Europe and the world.

Registration: <https://horizoneuropencportal.eu/stage/european-research-and-innovation-days-ri-days-2024>

20-21 March: European Research and Innovation Days (R&I Days) 2024

Bringing together policy makers, researchers, entrepreneurs and the general public to discuss and shape the future of research and innovation in

22 April: Horizon Europe Information Day - WIDERA Work Programme 2023-2025

To inform interested applicants about the new themes of the ERA call in the WIDERA Work Programme 2023-2025.

Registration: <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/3Znsogm6yPeW11QpxraUg/overview>



25-26 April: EU Missions Information Days

To inform potential applicants about the new themes included in the EU Missions Work Programme 2024.

Registration: <https://research-innovation-community.ec.europa.eu/events/3WjiVunxm0t5j4zQIVax3O/overview>



Reference Material



MSCA-NET project



- FAQ Blog - by Gabriella Chuprenska

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpDJuN2PB-s>



- ESR Analysis - by Sandra Vidovi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N--QjHyYexw&feature=youtu.be>



- Self-assessment Tool - by Amr Radwan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ejs4fLy0urc>



- Synergies with other projects and networks - by Lili Kankaya

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3irtRO93_a4



- Personalised Skills Development Plan - by Audur Þorgeirsdottir

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



Below we share a series of support materials about 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 “Horizon2020”. 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:



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