



## **EU-CELAC cooperation in STI: 1st ERANet-LAC Joint Call started successfully**

**The first transnational call under the ERANet-LAC project was successfully completed on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The 20 participating funding organizations from Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean countries received a total of 90 proposals. More than 530 research institutions and Small and Medium Enterprises from 17 countries are involved in the international consortia.**

The proposals submitted in the first joint call address the following thematic fields: Biodiversity (18%) Bioeconomy/Energy (57%) and Health (25%). Each consortium is composed of experts from at least two countries in each region. Approximately a quarter of the proposals involve innovation actors. Since ERANet-LAC has a particular focus on the innovation dimension, the project strives to involve innovation actors in all types of activities of the project.

### **Further ERANet-LAC activities:**

ERANet-LAC plans to launch a second joint call in September 2015. In addition, an Innovation Forum will be organized in the 2nd semester of 2015. It will be open to public and private institutions and involve innovation agencies and private sector organizations in order to identify future collaboration opportunities and to establish a long term strategic cooperation frame.

Simultaneously, ERANet-LAC promotes mutual opening and coordination of existing programmes and infrastructures from both regions. For this purpose, a call for Pilot Coordination Actions (PCA) was launched in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014 arousing great interest: A total of 25 proposals was submitted by research as well as innovation actors, involving institutions from 23 countries in both regions.

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