



Latin American and Caribbean National Contact Point Network

(LAC NCP Network)

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Dear CELAC colleagues,

It's a pleasure for the Latin American and Caribbean Network of National Contact Points (LAC NCP Network) to welcome you to this communication channel.



Our goal as network is to strengthen the capacities of the National Contact Points of Latin America and the Caribbean, to increase their ability to disseminate the programme and to inform and support the researchers, public and private organisms, civil society associations, promoting their participation in the Programme Horizon 2020.

Latin America and the Caribbean have an excellent innovative capacity that makes us very good partners in the different calls that already exist and those upcoming in the framework of the new programme of Horizon Europe.

We wish for a year of more joint work to bring closer and improve the participation of CELAC countries in Horizon 2020, for the benefit of Science, Technology and Innovation. Happy 2020! All members of our team is at your disposal to dynamize the network.

We invite you to visit our website [MEC CUBIST](http://www.mec.cubist.gub.uy/) <http://www.mec.cubist.gub.uy/>

Team of the Liaison Office with the European Union of Uruguay:

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We wish all of you the greatest success.

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Training sessions for Peruvian researchers

Workshop on the European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme

With the aim of continuing the dissemination process of the Horizon 2020 Program, materials were prepared and coordinated for the training sessions for Peruvian researchers provided by Claudia Romano, Coordinator of RedLAC NCP in the cities of Jaen - Cajamarca and Lima, Peru between December 11-13.

The workshop on Horizon 2020 was held together with the support of the Service Facility, CONCYTED and the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as its representation in Cajamarca and Jaen University.

In that workshop, the generalities, opportunities of participation in the last calls and the practical aspects of preparation and presentation of the proposals of the Horizon 2020 Programme were presented. Moreover, the participants developed proposals related to the calls.



Workshop with National Contact Points to strengthen Horizon 2020 cooperation

The second day, which took place in Lima on December 13, was attended by 30 NCPs. As a result, a management commitment was made between them and CONCYTEC, where each one committed to at least one informative talk on the Horizon 2020 program per year and to participate in the dissemination of the calls.



Horizon 2020 workshop in Lima, Peru

On the 13th, there were also representatives of public and private institutions, universities and business chambers, among others, that attended the event. The highest authorities participated: Dr. Fabiola León Velarde, President of CONCYTEC; Diego Mellado, Ambassador of the European Union in Peru and Andrés Vicente Acosta Burga, Director of the Center for Higher National Studies.

This instance allowed the attendees to become familiar with Horizon 2020, as well as to learn about the open calls.

RISE Calls - Research and Innovation

We coordinated the last video conference of the year 2019, for which we invited the National Contact Points (NCP) of the MSCA in Spain: Cristina Gómez Corchete and Cristina Gracia Rodríguez. This last coordinator EURAXESS and both representatives of the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT).

It is important to us to close the year reporting on these actions since they opened on December 5 and close on April 28, 2020, so it is now essential to strengthen their dissemination. The results are shown in the attached document.

More than 80 people participated, including National Contact Points, researchers, university representatives, research centre representatives, and government representatives, among others. Among the countries we visualized were: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Germany and Uruguay, among others. We understand that the same one was a great instance of closing of year, which generated many consultations that we understand derived in participations in the Actions Maria Skłodowska-Curie specifically in the modality RISE.

Other relevant science news:

Training about the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Krakow was a meeting place for the Net4Mobility+ Project

On 23-25 October, the training and coaching session with the National Contact Points of the Net4Mobility+ project partners took place in Krakow, Poland.

The aim is to exchange experience on the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) and to have theoretical and practical elements to improve working skills.

Meeting of the Working Group on Research Infrastructures EU – CELAC

In the framework of the shared space between the European Union and CELAC, the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Research Infrastructures was held in Costa Rica. It was attended by senior authorities from CELAC countries working on science and technology issues and members of the European Commission.

It aimed to continue advancing efforts to develop a common European Union-CELAC research area, which focuses on three strategic pillars: mobility of researchers, access to research infrastructures and the joint solution of shared global challenges. In this instance, synergies will be sought with other areas working on the subject in different parts of the world, in order to avoid duplication of efforts and to contribute to the construction of the common area.



The EU-CELAC partnership project on Horizon 2020 Research Infrastructures was approved

The project will build on the prioritisation results of the EU-CELAC Senior Officials Meeting on the Science and Technology Infrastructure (STI) Working Group (WG) and, more specifically, will take as a reference the mapping exercises developed in previous EU-funded projects. [Access to the link](#)

We are sharing the new page of the Working Group on Research Infrastructure of the CELAC countries

It aims to develop a mapping of the Research Infrastructures in the mentioned countries.

Website [Access to the link](#)



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Mapeo de las Infraestructuras de la Investigación en los países de la CELAC.

Accede a las mayores instituciones que realizan actividades de investigación científica y/o desarrollo tecnológico en la región.

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LAC NCP Network

What is it?

The **Latin American and Caribbean National Contact Point Network** (LAC NCP Network) comprises all National Contact Points officially designated by a State of CELAC through the highest authority in Science, Technology and Innovation and recognized by the European Commission through an official nomination.

What are your goals?

The **goal** of the LAC NCP Network is to promote and increase the participation of academia, companies and institutions in the Horizon 2020 Program in order to democratize the access to opportunities among the different countries of the region.

The aim is to create a more effective, dynamic, proactive and sustainable network in order to encourage a closer cooperation between all the national contact points in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Its **specific goals** are: reinforcing the designation and motivation of the NCPs in the CELAC region and improving these countries participation in H2020.

How does it work?

The NCPs are named for each of the thematic areas of the H2020 Program, as well as for cross-cutting areas. They are structured in the following way:

- 1) National NCP Coordinator
- 2) Legal and Financial aspects
- 3) SMEs
- 4) Access to Finance
- 5) European Research Council
- 6) Future and Emerging Technologies

- 7) Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions**
- 8) European Research Infrastructures**
- 9) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)**
- 10) Nanotechnologies, advanced materials and advanced manufacturing and processing**
- 11) Space**
- 12) Health, demographic change and wellbeing**
- 13) Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research and the bio economy & Biotechnology**
- 14) Secure, clean and efficient energy**
- 15) Smart, green and integrated transport**
- 16) Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials**
- 17) Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies**
- 18) Security**
- 19) Euratom***
- 20) Joint Research Centre**
- 21) Spreading excellence and widening participation**
- 22) Science with and for Society**

Support Material

Guides and manuals for researchers and institutions working on collaborative projects, Marie Skłodowska-Curie, were realized with the support of the European Union.

Link to guides:



[Guide for the establishment of Liaison Offices with the European Union in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)



[Manual for the participation in the Framework Program of Research and Innovation of the European Union](#)



[Guide for the successful participation of Latin American and Caribbean INSTITUTIONS in MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS](#)



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Videos

Here, we are going to share some background for the development of projects of Horizon 2020:



Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) in a nutshell

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Horizon 2020 supports the Budget for Results initiative

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Horizon 2020 - General overview

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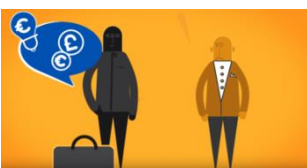
Intellectual Property in Horizon 2020

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Horizon 2020 - How to apply

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EU IPR Helpdesk Services: Get Your Ticket to Innovation (Intellectual Property)

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Introduction to Gendered Innovations [Access to the link](#)

Definition of sex and gender & how sex and gender interact

[Access to the link](#)



Understanding gender dimension for MSCA projects





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New Calls about the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

In the following link we remind you which are the Net4mobility projects, programs, materials and videoconferences carried out for the scientific community. [Access the link](https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/scientific-community/) <https://www.net4mobilityplus.eu/scientific-community/>

The inscriptions of the modality RISE opened to the public on December 5 of the current year and will close on April 28, 2020.



<p>Innovative Training Networks (ITN)</p>  <p>Deadline: 14.01.2020</p> <p>EC Website</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook 2020 with tips to write Part B2 Flyer for ITN Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video & Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog Statistics on ITN 2018 	<p>Research & Inno. Staff Exchange (RISE)</p>  <p>Deadline: 28 April 2020</p> <p>EC Website & Video</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook with tips to write Part B2 Flyer for RISE Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video and Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog RISE Statistics 2018 RISE Webinar 	<p>MSCA Individual Fellowships Action (IF)</p>  <p>Deadline: call close</p> <p>EC Website</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook with tips to write Part B2 Flyer for IF Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video & Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog IF Statistics 2017 2018 IF & COFUND Webinar 	<p>CO-Funding Programme (COFUND)</p>  <p>Deadline: call close</p> <p>EC Website</p> <p>Net4MobilityPlus Material</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handbook with tips to write Part B2 for PhD - for Fellow Expressions of Interest in Hosting Fellows Success Story Video and Success Stories for Widening Countries FAQ Blog Statistics on COFUND 2017 & 2018 IF & COFUND Webinar
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Happy 2020!



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