



# Bi-regional EU-LAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)

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## Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation: Background



- The JIRI was adopted at the S&T SOM in Buenos Aires (Feb. 2010) and endorsed by the S&T Ministerial Forum in Madrid (May 2010)
- The VI EU-LAC SUMMIT (Madrid, May 2010) “Towards a new stage in the bi-regional partnership: innovation and technology for sustainable development and social inclusion” approved the final Madrid Declaration and an **Action Plan**
- Action Plan 2010-2012: identifies instruments and activities to concrete results guaranteeing ownership and capacity building in key areas, one of which is **Science, research, innovation and technology**;
- **Science, research, innovation and technology**: main objective is to develop the “EU-LAC Knowledge Area” through: i) improving cooperation in research and innovation; ii) strengthening scientific and technological capacities, and infrastructures; iii) to enable sustainable research, innovation and knowledge sharing taking into account the contribution of ancestral and traditional knowledge; iv) to boost the use of new technologies and technology transfer underpinning sustainable socio-economic development and v) to foster cooperation between both regions as regards the digital economy and the reduction of the digital divide for improving competitiveness while making social inclusion a cross-cutting issue.
  - Work Programme: (a,.....,p) c. Commence the development and implementation of the new mechanism, the “**EULAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation**” combining instruments at national, regional and bi-regional level as appropriate in a complementary and synergistic manner.

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Roadmap to implement the JIRI:

4 specific areas selected for implementation (Working Groups):

- **Bioec. Inc. food sec.**
- Renewable Energy
- TIC
- Biodiversity and CC

## Policy Dialogue on S&T

EU-LAC Area of Knowledge



EU-LAC 'Senior Officials' Meeting on Science and Technology  
1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006

Salzburg, February

III European Union- Latin America and Caribbean Summit of Heads of State and Government  
Guadalajara, May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004

II European Union- Latin America and Caribbean Summit of Heads of State and Government  
Madrid, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Ministerial Conference  
Brazilia, March 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002

EU-LAC 'Senior Officials' Meeting on Science and Technology  
Bruges, December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001

EU-LAC 'Senior Officials' Meeting on Science and Technology  
Lisbon, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2000

I European Union- Latin America and Caribbean Summit of Heads of State and Government  
Rio de Janeiro, June 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999

Dialogue in S&T entered into bi-regional agenda



# JIRI & EULAC Health



- Health was included as a priority area by the JIRI.
- During the last SOM meeting it was established that EULAC HEALTH, as an FP7 health research platform project involving partners from both regions, could serve as a potential precursor for an additional thematic bi-regional working group. In order to do that, mechanisms will be explored to open participation to new partners.
- A “Concept Note for EU-LAC S&T SOM cooperation on Health” was proposed by the project and presented by Argentina and Spain during the last SOM in Concepción, march 2012 as a proposal to be generally supported. The proposal focused on health as “an area of great potential for EU-LAC cooperation”. This potential is determined by the presence in both regions of capacities to address diseases of common interest, and the likelihood of multiplying their performance by collaborating with each other and coordinating their initiatives.
- **Next step:** during the workshop discussion regarding this issue can be held under Scenario 3.

# Partners



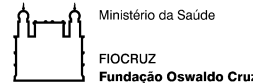
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