



# **EU-LAC Health**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Roadmapping Workshop**

### **PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS A EU-LAC SHARED STRATEGY ON HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES RESEARCH (HSSR)**

**HSSR Working Party**

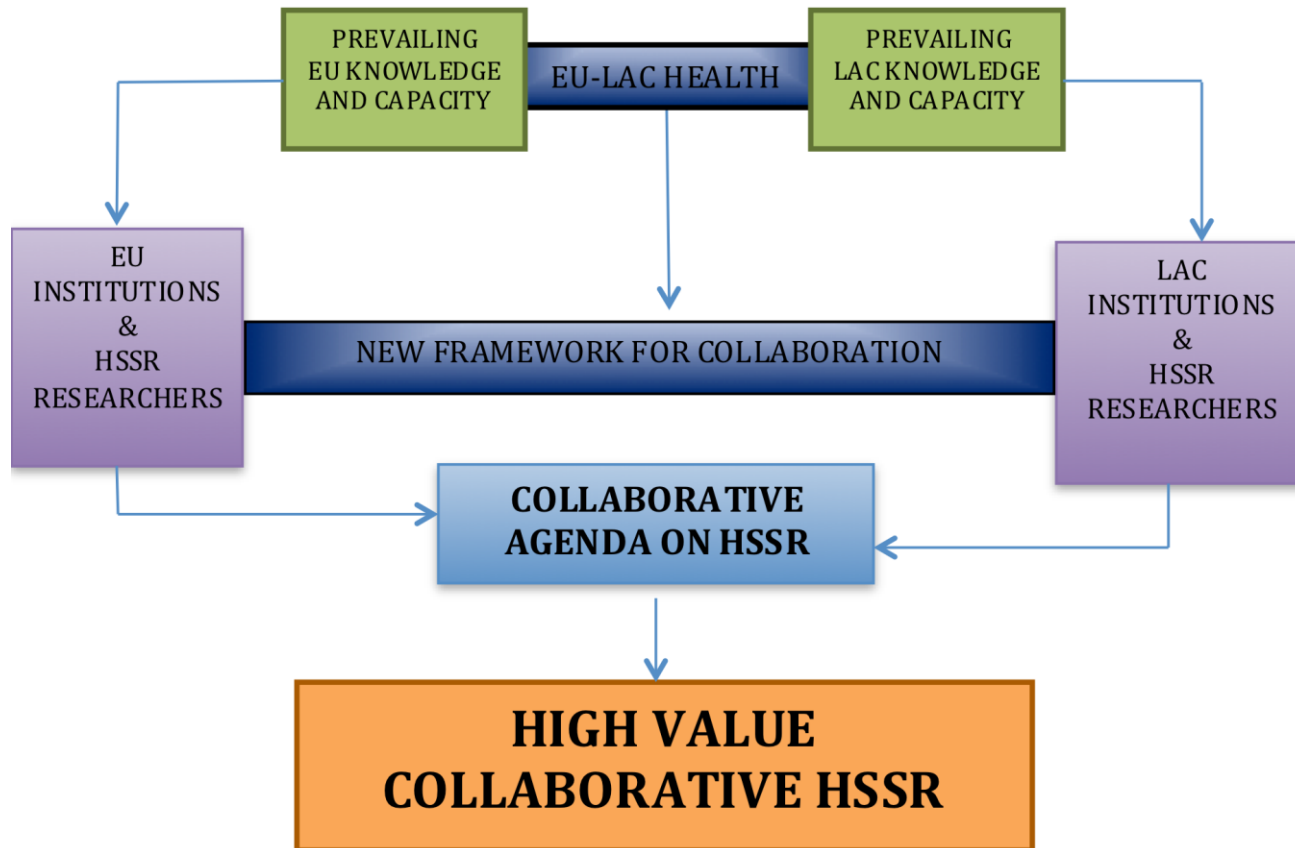
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# INTRODUCTION



- EU-LAC Health is meant to strengthen Health Research links between both European and, Latin America and Caribbean regions. Since its inception, the project promotes a continuous dialogue in which EU and LAC institutions, and their respective communities are committed to building a new framework for collaboration.

# DIAGRAM



# The HSSR Case



- In the particular case of HSSR, the framework illustrated has been built upon a number of operational objectives, including:
- Describing the state of the art of HSSR in EU-LAC regions, focusing both on scientific literature and grey policy-oriented research outputs.
- Eliciting the EU-LAC decision-makers knowledge needs, and the foreseen reforms.
- Analysing whether the current capacity is able to deal with the research requirements.

# The Mexico road-mapping workshop



- **The Mexico road-mapping workshop seeks to better define the expected achievements and to describe the upcoming challenges of the HSSR working party. In particular, the working party aims at**
  1. Examining the steps taken towards having an operational agenda of HSSR, and
  2. Discussing issues related to the added value of the EU-LAC collaboration in HSSR.

# *Specific objectives for the Mexico workshop*



- The working party is at present working simultaneously on the aforementioned objectives. During the workshop, participants will be asked to:
  1. discuss the different activities and the progress attained in those four objectives.
  2. provide feed back on the roadmap outlined by the working party on HSSR (objective 1 to 3), and
  3. further the discussion about the added value of the EU-LAC collaboration in HSSR (objective 4).

# Societal Challenges in EU-LAC



- There are societal challenges unevenly addressed, sometimes within the same country:
  1. moving towards universal insurance coverage,
  2. assuring equitable access to effective health and social care,
  3. improving societal efficiency, shifting the system towards primary care,
  4. pursuing the integration between Health and Social care

# Aim of the HSSR Working Party



- Along these lines, EU-LAC HSSR working party will be particularly interested in how health and social systems and organizations are facing these new challenges, with a particular emphasis on chronic conditions in a context where fiscal constraints have become more severe.



# RESEARCH CHALLENGES



- The rough picture about research production in EU and LAC countries -presented in Rome- highlighted some gaps affecting both regions: namely, uneven research capacity, uneven production. Moreover, a recent bibliometric study has confirmed an unfortunate imbalanced production in high-profile HSSR journals, favouring EU countries. As agreed in Rome, a more systematic and comprehensive study on the research production needs to be carried out.

# The Way Forward



- Therefore, for any proposal to be useful, it will have to promote a HSSR agenda that addresses the needs and expectations of local stakeholders – civil society, policy makers and researchers.
- For that purpose, two actions have been initiated by the HSSR Working Group:
  - 1) mapping out in-country policies and planned reforms and
  - 2) the assessment of the actual research production.

# Mapping out policies and reforms



- ***1<sup>st</sup>: Contact a number of key informants from EU-LAC countries.***
- ***2<sup>nd</sup>: Gather ongoing reforms or policies in a structured way.***
- ***3<sup>rd</sup> – Assess the information obtained from the key-contacts.***

## Extracting knowledge needs from the actual scientific production

***1. Grey literature***

***2. Published literature***

# Potential benefit of an eventual EU-LAC collaboration in HSSR



- Fulfilling the stakeholders' knowledge needs is a necessary, although not sufficient, condition for deriving benefit from collaboration.
- For the sake of sustainability, any proposal towards a trans-regional research agenda should also consider the added value of possible cross fertilization and mutual learning from collaborating beyond the local environment.

# Questions for Workshop to Address



- How should we build up the collaborative research agenda and how flexible should we be?
- Should the bias be to collaboration that is of *long-duration* or that is *policy specific* and *problem solving*?
- How is sustainability to be fostered?
- How do we address the publication imbalance noted?
- Should we begin with a pilot set of research institutions?

# APPENDIX 1: EXAMPLES OF ONGOING POLICIES AND REFORMS



- **I. Plan for access to explicit health guarantees (AUGE - Chile)**
  - Plan de Acceso Universal de Garantías Explicitas (AUGE)
- **2. Law on the Fiscal Federalism (Law No. 42, 2009) – Italy**

# APPENDIX 2: PRELIMINARY LIST OF ARGUMENTS UNDERPINNING EU-LAC ADDED VALUE



- On the EU side the emphasis is on increasing efficiency
- On the LAC side, increasing equity in access to universal coverage, the main target.
- There is also serious concern with the quality and safety of care, with the accessibility and calibre of referral centres, and with the pricing of health services in the different countries.
- Similar regional reforms but context different
- UHC, common regional objective – country experiments?

# Partners



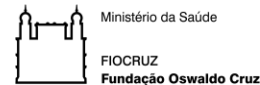
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