Group 3 Day 1

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How can EU-LAC Health best interact and support the SOM working group on health?

- Technical nature of EU-LAC. Need to engage other stakeholders especially for the prioritizations, such as public health policy makers, experts in implementation, consumers. Get their perspective, engagement and buy-in
- Look at systems approaches, integrative approaches, synergies and efficiencies that allow addressing several issues with an approach

- Take stock before moving forward. Begin by looking at relevant regional agendas and policies from both sides of the Atlantic. Capture relevant background and context information.
- Identify networks working on the cross cutting aspects of the relevant research.
- Use validated scientific methods for the prioritization in which consumers see themselves reflected.
- Prioritization should reflect the added value of EU-LAC Health, they should reflect the priorities of the regions (region trumps country)
- Focus on options offering integrated approaches (integrated approaches, determinants of health)

- Consider the full cycle of research all the way to scaling up, implementation, knowledge translation
- We need to address how to move from research topics to specific research questions that need to be addressed

How to best interact with ongoing initiatives?

- Identify and approach strategically global alliances and networks (e.g. diabetes, cancer, Global alliances in which EU is participating, as mentioned yesterday).
- Intersections: for example, rare diseases.
- Take stock of initiatives, networks, policies and agendas, so that we can show a great level of integration and a comprehensive approach. This requires being open and democratic. Consider building on tools such as HRWeb to collate information from agendas and priorities,
- Check the political interests to frame proposals: universal health coverage, primary care, life cycle. Proposals can be framed around these approaches.

How can the EU-CELAC Health research and innovation community participate in the design of research agendas?

See above

What pilot actions can be proposed to enhance the scientific and technological cooperation between both regions?

- ERANET has a pilot action. Focuses on existing programs and supports them –scaling up.
- Capacity building secondments, putting infrastructure in both sides.
- Organize meetings of bioregional networks (eg. Cancer networks from EU and LAC)
- Mapping all the funding and initiatives and agencies in health research
- Ministers to be consulted, that can be done at a workshop (for PAHO at Governing Bodies meeting, yearly in Autumn)
- Pilot actions from existing initiatives in both regions