



# EU-LAC Health Conference

## EU-CELAC Policy Background

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# EU-CELAC Policy Dialogue - Background

## Bi-regional cooperation



### EU-CELAC Summit process

- Main forum strength International Cooperation between both areas (former dialogue EU-Rio Group)
- Heads of State and Government Declaration / joint policy statements and commitments - cooperation between the two regions: **priorities for EU-Latin America and The Caribbean cooperation** were set: ...among others **Science, Technology & Innovation (ST&I)**
- 7 summits since the first (Rio 1999) to Santiago Summit 2013 (**next Brussels 2015**)
- Regular bi-regional dialogue on **ST&I: Senior Officials Meetings (SOM)**



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- VI Madrid Summit (2010) → Madrid Action Plan → **EU-CELAC (JIRI)**
  - **Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (considered as the main outcome of the agenda of the EU-CELAC Summits)**
- **Action Plan 2010-2012 (Madrid) / 2012-2015 (Santiago):** identifies instruments and activities to concrete results, guaranteeing **ownership** and **capacity building** in key areas.
- EU-CELAC SOM March 28-29, 2011 in Brussels:
  - Working mechanism and roadmap forward JIRI implementation
  - Focus on 4 thematic areas (WGs) 4 + 1 (transversal issues)

**Framework to implement the EU-CELAC Knowledge Area**  
**Contribute to sustainable development and social inclusion in**  
**priority areas of cooperation related to global societal challenges**



- **SOM Thematic WGs** define specific issues and objectives and prepare an implementation plan that will be reported annually to the SOM

### Working Groups:

1. Renewable Energies → Mexico (CONACYT) + Spain (MINECO)
  2. Bio-economy, including food security → Argentina (MINCYT) + Francia (Min Edu)
  3. Biodiversity and Climate Change → Colombia (COLCIENCIAS) + Francia (Min Edu)
  4. ICT → Chile (CONICYT) + Finlandia (VTT)
  5. **Health (2013)** → **Spain (MEC) + Brasil ( Fiocruz+CNPq)**
  6. Cross-cutting issues → Mexico (CONACYT) + Portugal (FCT)
- \*\* Mobility (Integrated as 5th, 2014) → Chile (CONICYT) + Finland

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## WGs objectives



- 1) Identify research and innovation **basic lines (areas and subareas)**, of high interest for EU-CELAC cooperation
- 2) **Working documents** on EU-CELAC joint priorities considering:  
Societal challenges & Research challenges
- 3) **Proposals** for activities in the thematic areas for each objective mobilizing expertise and resources among countries or institutions (funding agencies)
- 4) Preliminary identification of **funding schemes**

The process is supported mainly by the **ALCUENET Project (FP7)**, with the SOM's mandate to act as **General Secretariat**



# European Union- Latin America and Caribbean INCO

## EU-CELAC SOM

Cross-cutting issues / Mobility

ICT

Energy

Biodiversity  
Climate

Bioeconomy

Health

Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation

ALCUE-NET

ERA-NET LAC

Priority definitions

Implementation

EULARINET

EUCARINET

ENLACE

LEADERSHIP

ENSOCIO

EU-LAC HEALTH

Americas

ALCUE-KBBE

CONNECTA2020

Bilateral

B.BICE +

CEST+I

ABEST III

EUMEX-Innova

Senior officials of EU-  
CELAC governm.

INCOnets +  
ERAnet

Regional -  
thematic

Projects supporting the JIRI



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## Main results of cooperation

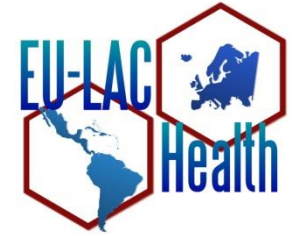


### *Impact of representative projects and programs*

- ✓ Bi-regional policy dialogue: technical support and follow-up scheme
  - SOMs meetings; with CELAC and EU representatives + EC (annually)
  - Strong technical support - structure (INCONETS - **ALCUENET**)
- ✓ **Implementation of bi-regional activities - ERANetLAC:**
  - First multilateral joint call (16 agencies, 8 topics - 4 areas)
  - Pilot coordination actions – opening and the coordination of programs and infrastructures at a UE-CELAC scale
  - Tool Box - systematic and accessible architecture of existing opportunities
  - Platform for coordination of funding agencies (beyond the project)
- ✓ Synergies between EU-CELAC projects and other regional initiatives and programs with potential for EU-CELAC collaboration



# Conclusions



Consolidated dialogue - working group participants and different stakeholders at the national, regional and bi-regional scale

➔ INCO initiatives

Built upon a mature relationship and prior cooperation, enhanced by multilateral and bilateral projects (EC support)

➔ Schemes (ERANet and others and combination of instruments)

National funding mechanisms for implementing pilot initiatives (dialogue to agree with national funding agencies for pilot initiatives)

➔ SOM ST&I

## The Challenge

**To establish an EU-CELAC platform (permanent) - actors involved in R&I orientation, funding and implementation and other relevant stakeholders from the public and private sector and the civil society**







# Thank you

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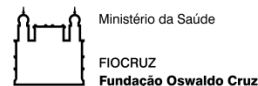
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