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EU-LAC Health Workshop: an overview on the next Health opportunities in Horizon 2020

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The objective of this final EU-LAC Health workshop in Brazil was to provide comprehensive information and practical clues for participating in the Horizon 2020 EU Research and Innovation Funding Program, especially oriented to EU-LAC collaborations, as well as providing a preview of the opportunities for the next 3 years of the H2020 Programme and to be prepared for the future calls for the strategic period 2018-2020. Over 100 participants, among whom Heads of research, researchers, grant offices and funding agencies, participated in the event.

The work carried out by the EU-LAC Health consortium and the main outputs of the project were presented in the opening of the workshop by Prof. Cristiane Quental and outlined the relevance of the EU-CELAC policy dialogue for EU and CELAC and its implications for health research.



During the first session, Caterina Buonocore from APRE (Italy) - Agency for the Promotion of European Research, the National Contact Point for Societal Challenge 1, Health wellbeing and demographic change, presented the main characteristics of H2020, its international dimension and the Health opportunities which are supporting collaborative research among different institutions in EU and outside. A special attention was given to areas of science where countries belonging to the LAC (Latin America and Caribbean) are explicitly targeted

(Non communicable Diseases, Neglected infectious disease, Personalised Medicine). An overview on the next possibilities was given, highlighting the Brazilian research community that their participation is very important.

Global alliances were mentioned to be of strategic importance such as the Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPidR), the Global Alliance for Chronic diseases (GACD) and the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine (ICPerMed). Subsequently, the audience was informed about the distributed infrastructure for life-science and health Field funded by ESFRI (European Strategic Forum for Research Infrastructure).

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The opportunity for transnational access for non-EU researchers was presented and encouraged by using the online facility provided by the RICH project. One example of life science Infrastructure like MIRRI was presented by Prof Manuela Da Silva (Fiocruz).

Elisa Natola, from CONFAP, the Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies / National Contact Point for Marie Slowdowska Curie Actions Programme, presented some tips for a successful participation in H2020, she explained the evaluation criteria, the proposal structure and tools for submission like the Participant Portal. She informed the audience about the specificities of the different types of projects in the Marie Curie Programme like Individual Fellowships, RISE, etc.

In the second session of the workshop some brilliant examples of participation of Brazilian teams in collaborative research and innovation project were highlighted: the experience on an ICT project PodiTrodi, presented by Alexandre Costa from Carlos Chagas Institute (ICC)/Fiocruz, developing a Point Of Care Diagnostics for tropical diseases, a project on Zyka, Zykaplane. Prof. Moacyr Martucci from University of São Paulo (USP), National Coordinator of NCPs in Brazil presented the opportunities of the ERC (European Research Council) which funds basic research.

EURAXESS portal was presented by Charlotte Grawitz, Euraxess representative in Brazil, while the INCOBRA EU-funded project supporting the EU-Brazil Science and Technology cooperation was presented by André Barbosa from Portuguese Innovation Society (SPI), Portugal.

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