



Network of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean Countries on Joint Innovation and Research Activities

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Consortium:

18 partners from 16 EU-CELAC* partner countries:

EU: Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey

LAC: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay

General objectives:

Supporting the implementation of the **Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation JIRI** and strengthening the bi-regional partnership in Science, Technology and Innovation by planning and implementing concrete joint activities and by establishing an innovative and sustainable framework for future bi-regional joint activities.

Activities:

- Implementing two **Joint Calls**;
- Promoting **mutual opening and coordination** of existing research programmes, infrastructures and innovation programmes (through coordinated joint actions);
- Coordinating a **consultation process** to inform funding agencies and research institutions from both regions about the joint actions;
- Building an **information and communication platform** for EU and CELAC funding agencies.

* Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños

Topic recommendations:

Were prepared by the five thematic Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) working groups and endorsed by the EU-CELAC SOM. In the development of the topic recommendations, the SOM working groups were supported by the projects ALCUE NET and EU-LAC Health.

Thematic areas:

Energy, Bioeconomy, Biodiversity/Climate Change, Health, ICT.

	<u>1st Joint Call</u>	<u>2nd Joint Call</u>
Open	Sep 16 – Nov 27, 2014	Dec 1, 2015 – Mar 10, 2016
Partners	20 F.O. from 17 EU-CELAC countries	32 F.O. from 26 EU-CELAC countries
Topics	6 out of 4 thematic areas	10 out of 5 thematic areas
Budget	10.6 m€	15.9 m€

„Common Virtual Pot“ mode, i.e. each funding organization finances its own expenses and decides on the budget to be allocated.

ERANet-LAC 1st Joint Call

Projects

submitted **90**

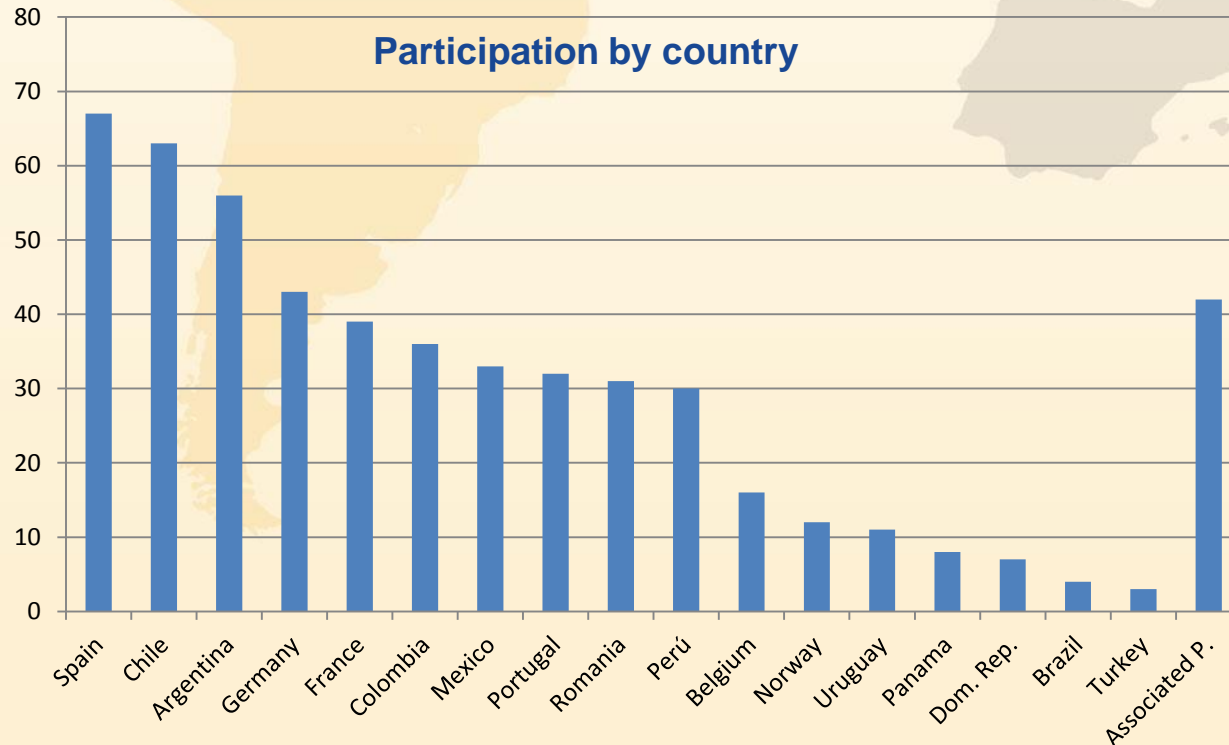
evaluated **61**

granted **15**

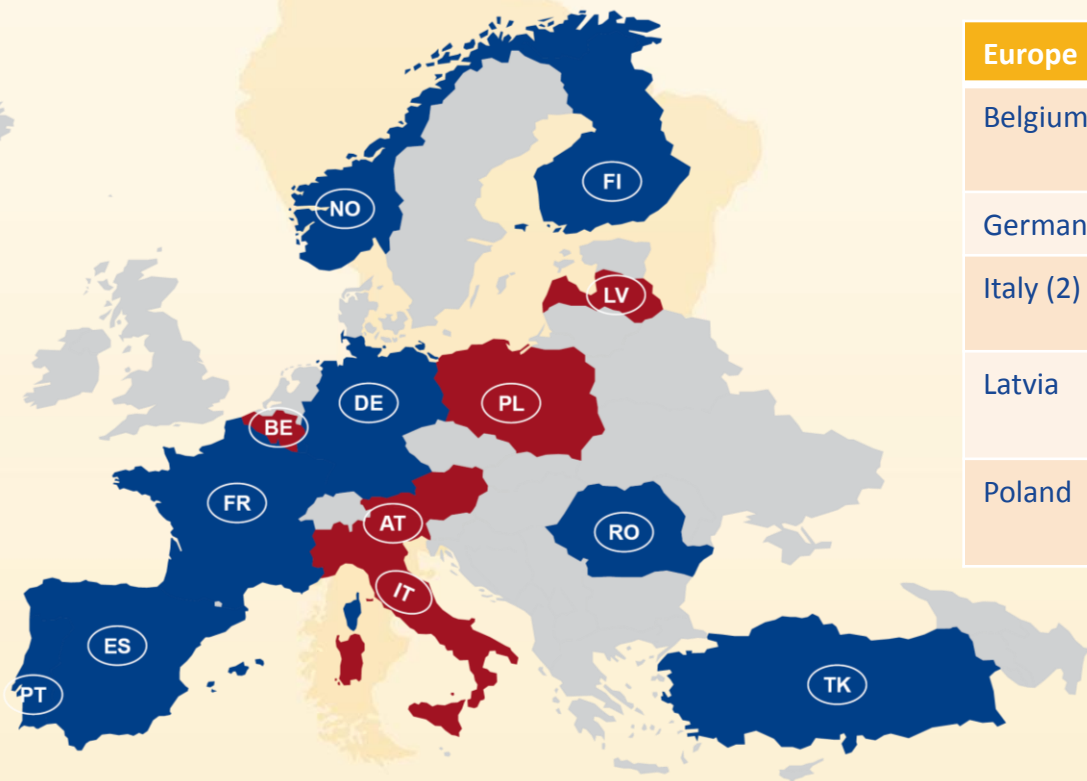
Participation

total insitutions in all projects: 533 from 17 countries

total insitutions in the 15 funded projects: 83 from 15 countries



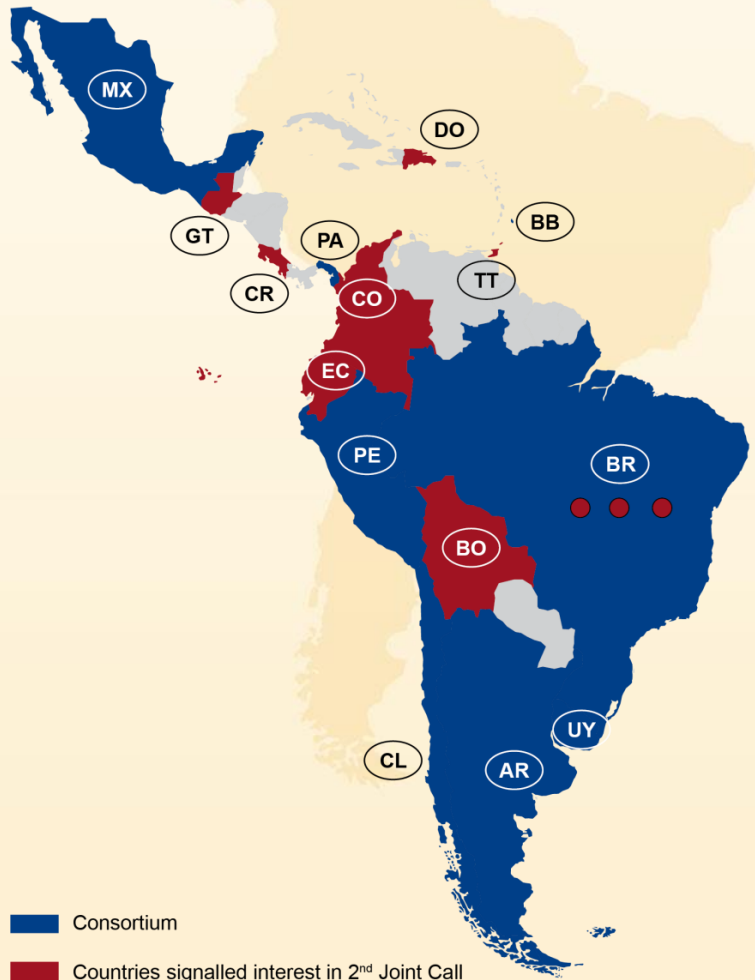
7 non-partner Funding Organizations from Europe are interested in participating in the 2nd joint call



■ Consortium
■ Countries signalled interest in 2nd Joint Call

Europe	Name
Belgium (2)	Belgian Science Policy Office, BELSPO Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, FNRS
Germany	AiF Projekt GmbH
Italy (2)	Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, CNR Ministero della Salute, SANITA
Latvia	State Agency for Education and Development, VIAA
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development, NCBiR

8 non-partner Funding Organizations from Latin-America are interested in participating in the 2nd joint call



L.A.	Name
Bolivia	Viceministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología, VCYT
Brasil (2)	Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, FAPERJ Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado do Sao Paulo, FAPESP
Colombia	Departamento Administrativo de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, COLCIENCIAS
Dominican Republic	Ministerio de Educación Superior Ciencia y Tecnología, MESCYT
Ecuador	Secretaría de Educación Superior, Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, SENESCYT
Guatemala	Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, CONCYT
Trinidad Tob.	National Science Centre, NIHERST

- **Alignment of ERANet-LAC Partners (start phase of the project)**

- Collection and analysis of expectations and experiences of partners
 - Integration of partners with less or without international experience
- Staff exchange programme

- **Consultation process**

- Online surveys and personal meetings with 200 funding and innovation agencies from 52 countries in both regions in order to identify their expectations and needs and thus:
- Establish sustainable R & I partnerships and
 - Involve new partners from both regions

- **Funding agencies' platform**

Will secure networking and sustainability beyond project life-time:

- > Enhance visibility of EU-CELAC Funding Agencies
- > Connect EU-CELAC Funding Agencies
- > Exchange experiences, programmes, interests of EU-CELAC Funding Agencies
- > Promote and support cooperation between EU-CELAC Funding Agencies

■ **Dissemination**

Some of the smaller partner countries with little international experience lack dissemination channels on national level for the call publication and thus cannot guarantee that the call text reaches all relevant national institutes and researchers on time.

- Make the partners concerned attentive to the importance of guaranteeing a wide dissemination of the call in their country / region.

■ **Visibility of the National Funding Regulations**

Some 30 % of the submitted proposals were considered “not eligible” as they did not respond correctly to the National Funding Regulations. Most of the ineligible proposals resulted from not having read the regulations carefully.

- Raise awareness on National Funding Rules / keep them as short as possible / disseminate “short versions”

■ **Budget Commitments**

In some cases, the allocated budgets are very much disproportionate to the number of proposals that were ranked. I.e. one or two proposals consume the entire budget of a partner. Possible solutions:

- Fix a maximum funding amount per proposal in the national call texts;
- Fix a minimum number of proposals that must be funded in the call notwithstanding the funding amount given in each project;
- Set up a fund to which each of the partners contributes a certain sum (amounts to be defined). This fund will balance the funding gaps.

To be considered in P-P-partnerships beyond Europe

Identify expectations / demands of new Funding Organizations: Align the partners and circumspectly involve them in the proceeding

Clear and thorough formulation of ToR, including the needs of all partners; transparency in all details

High flexibility re. national regulations, maintenance of time-lines, organizational details, etc.

National / institutional legislation and funding rules -> Avoid formal errors

Different national / regional holiday seasons -> time consuming

Different national / regional budget periods -> severely influences call time-line

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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