



EULANEST

European-Latin American Network for Science and Technology

What is EULANEST?

EULANEST aims to promote and coordinate research cooperation between EU Member States (MS) and Latin American Countries (LAC), thereby increasing the impact of national programmes in international cooperation in science and technology (S&T). EULANEST fosters the networking of European policy-makers and programme managers involved in promoting research cooperation with Latin America in all fields of science.

This ERA-NET action will support its partners in the development and implementation of joint transnational research activities. EULANEST will map and set the benchmark for the cooperation activities in S&T between European and LAC, identifying best practices and preparing for a Joint Action Programme. The final goal is to coordinate selected activities and launch a joint call between the partners.

EULANEST is financed by the European Commission (EC) and managed by a consortium of nine institutions from five European countries. These stakeholders have worked actively in international scientific cooperation with LAC.

Further information and results are available on www.s2lat.eu/eulanest

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Objectives of EULANEST

- To bring together the key EU organisations funding international scientific cooperation with Latin America
- To direct the coordination actions and develop a common agenda for S&T cooperation between EU partners and LAC
- To convey this common agenda as a Joint Action Plan, underpinned by pilot projects during the first four years
- To establish a network of national and international research cooperation between the EU and at least five LAC
- To launch joint transnational research activities between the partners
- To launch a joint call in 2009 among the partners on international scientific cooperation with LAC
- To contribute significantly to the strengthening of the European Research Area

Activities within EULANEST

EULANEST will achieve these objectives by:

- Facilitating the structured exchange of programme information, expertise and best practices, ensuring coordination between member states
- Fostering transparency and trust between the European and Latin American partners and exploiting synergies between national programmes
- Coordinating European and Latin American S&T programmes with activities developed by the EC
- Providing the opportunity for the partners to collaborate and design the future of international cooperation with third countries at EU level
- Securing a strong financial and scientific basis to support further multilateral and transnational programmes of scientific cooperation with LAC
- Facilitating high level and expert meetings between EU and Latin American decision makers in the field of S&T
- Setting up a common basis to launch a joint call between the partner countries

Project consortium

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| France | Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs – MAEE
Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research – MENESR
Research Institute for Development – IRD |
| Germany | Federal Ministry of Education and Research – BMBF
International Bureau of BMBF – IB-BMBF |
| Norway | Research Council of Norway – RCN |
| Portugal | Foundation for Science and Technology – FCT |
| Spain | Ministry of Science and Innovation – MICINN |

General information on the ERA-NET

ERA-NET (European Research Area Networking) will intensify the cooperation and coordination of research activities carried out at national or regional levels in the Member States and associated states, through networking and the mutual opening of research programmes. EULANEST's activities will contribute to the building of the ERA-NET and particularly, to strengthening its international dimension by coordinating multilateral programmes of research cooperation between European and Latin American countries.

