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Call for Proposals

Submission of Presentations to be developed during the
European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean
Young Scientists' Networks Days 2022

Information for Applicants



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EUROPEAN UNION, LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN YOUNG SCIENTISTS' DAYS 2022

14-18 March 2022

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1. Introduction

The **partnership between the countries of the European Union (EU), Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)** is based on close historical and cultural ties, as well as shared values and aspirations, such as the commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, the pursuit of sustainable development for prosperous, inclusive, and environmentally committed societies and aligned with measures to tackle climate change. Over the years, the two regions have progressively built a relationship based on mutual respect and open dialogue. In 1999, the **Bi-regional Strategic Partnership** was established, which provides a consensual and dynamically evolving framework for political dialogue and cooperation in specific areas of mutual interest.

By decision of the Heads of State and Government in 2010, the **EU-LAC Foundation** was created and has been operating since 2011 in Hamburg (Germany) as an instrument to promote this bi-regional partnership, enhancing its visibility and fostering the active participation of the respective civil societies. In May 2019, the EU-LAC Foundation became an international intergovernmental organisation. Its members are the EU and CELAC countries and the EU itself. The Foundation is an instrument of the EU-CELAC partnership and its activities contribute to the intergovernmental dialogue, in line with the Action Plans, Ministerial Declarations and Communiqués elaborated during bi-regional summits and meetings.

In chapter 9 of the EU-CELAC Action Plan 2015¹ and the ministerial declarations that followed (2016² and 2018³), the political authorities of both regions affirmed their determination to build the **EU-CELAC Common Area of Higher Education** to strengthen the bi-regional partnership, through dialogue and cooperation between academic actors of both regions. The EU-LAC Foundation has contributed to promoting these spaces for dialogue and facilitating knowledge and cooperation, particularly with Higher Education governing authorities and university associations at national, regional, and bi-regional level. Among other activities, the EU-LAC Foundation has coordinated a process of collective construction and updating of the **Matrix of Objectives and Strategic Lines for the Construction of the EU-LAC Common Area of Higher Education**⁴. The Matrix constitutes a reference document to visualise the diversity of cooperation initiatives aimed at turning the bi-regional Common Area of Higher Education into a reality; the areas of cooperation are very diverse and include, among others, accreditation, and quality assessment systems; mutual recognition of degrees; mobility; innovation and internationalisation in learning and teaching; open science; and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in universities.

Similarly, the EU-LAC Foundation has supported and disseminated the progress of the **EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI)**, which has its foundations in Chapter 1 of the

¹ EU-CELAC Action Plan 2015 (10-11 July 2015). Available online:

<https://intranet.eulacfoundation.org/en/system/files/EU-CELAC%20action%20plan.pdf>

² Ministerial Meeting EU-CELAC: Santo Domingo Declaration (26 October 2016). Available online:

https://intranet.eulacfoundation.org/sites/eulacfoundation.org/files/filefield_paths/eu-celac_ministerial_declaration_santo_domingo.pdf_.pdf

³ Second Ministerial Meeting EU-CELAC: Brussels Declaration (16-17 July 2018). Available online:

<https://intranet.eulacfoundation.org/en/system/files/declaration-en.pdf>

⁴ Matrix of Objectives and Strategic Lines for the Construction of the EU-LAC Common Area of Higher Education. Available online:

https://eulacfoundation.org/sites/default/files/documents/Matriz_CoopAcad_EU_ALC_06_2021_final.pdf





EU-CELAC Action Plan 2015⁵ and has been concretised in the **JIRI Strategic Roadmap 2021-2023**⁶ - a document approved by the High Authorities of 40 countries at the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting on Science and Technology (JIRI-SOM) in October 2020. Through specific activities, the Foundation aims to foster reflection on the possibilities for deepening collaboration on the Roadmap and the **four pillars of the JIRI**: cooperation on research infrastructures; mobility of researchers; global challenges (in particular health, environmental aspects of sustainable development/green transition, digital transformation); and innovation.

2. Objectives of the Call

Based on the framework of action indicated above, the EU-LAC Foundation is keen to incorporate the perspectives of the young generation of academics and researchers from Latin America and the Caribbean and the member states of the European Union in these processes of reflection and dialogue on Higher Education and Research, Technology and Innovation in its bi-regional dimension and, at the same time, give visibility and foster the work of the networks and associations of young academics that already exist in both regions. Therefore, and **in partnership with several university and academic organisations and associations from both regions – ANUIES, ASCUN, AUGM, CSUCA, ENLACES, EUA, EU-CELAC University Council, FAP-ALCUE, FAUBAI, INILAT, LERU, OBREAL Global, OEI, SEGIB, SBPC, UC, UDUAL – the EU-LAC Foundation is launching the present Call for proposals for presentations to be developed during the Latin American and Caribbean and European Union Young Scientists’ Networks Days, which will be held from 14 to 18 March 2022 in virtual format.**

The EU-LAC Young Scientists’ Networks Days are inviting representatives of networks and groups of young European, Latin American, and Caribbean scientists who are pursuing a PhD, or are engaged as junior researchers, whose field of study is relevant to Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean, or to the bi-regional partnership itself, in order to offer them a space for:

- (1) the articulation of their concerns, needs, ideas and perspectives on the EU-CELAC Common Area of Higher Education and bi-regional cooperation in Science, Technology, and Innovation;
- (2) the elaboration of proposals and inputs for dialogue with universities, university associations and decision-makers in the realm of science from both regions; and
- (3) the facilitation of their interaction, the increase of their visibility and the strengthening of their networks.

3. Preparation, implementation, and structure of the EU-LAC Young Scientists’ Networks Days

- The EU-LAC Young Scientists’ Networks Days will be held from **14 to 18 March 2022 in a virtual format**. The Foundation will provide a digital platform. The link to the platform will be shared with the preregistered persons in due course.

⁵ EU-CELAC Action Plan 2015 (10-11 July 2015). Available online: <https://intranet.eulacfoundation.org/en/system/files/EU-CELAC%20action%20plan.pdf>

⁶ EU-CELAC 2021-2023 Strategic Roadmap for the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and EU-CELAC Action Plan on Science, Technology, and Innovation. Available online: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/research_and_innovation/strategy_on_research_and_innovation/documents/eu-celac_strategic-roadmap-2021-2023.pdf





- **The EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days will be held in English and Spanish** - the two working languages of the Foundation. It is therefore requested that papers and presentations be presented in one of these two languages. **Simultaneous English-Spanish translation services will be provided.**
- **Until 20 February 2022, those interested in participating in the EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days** should submit their statements of interest and proposals to participate in the Conference **via the link and email below.**
- All submitted proposals will be reviewed by an internal committee of the EU-LAC Foundation.
- **The selection results will be communicated on 25 February 2022** only to pre-registered applicants whose proposals have been selected.
- **Based on the selected proposals, a detailed programme will be established, including:**
 - (a) a **session of presentation** of networks and associations of young researchers and doctoral students;
 - (b) various **thematic sessions** in which participants will present their ideas related to Higher Education and EU-CELAC Research, Technology, and Innovation; in each session, representatives of the university associations and partner organisations of the call will participate as commentators and observers of the dialogue;
 - (c) a **final session** during which participants can agree on their intentions to follow up on the discussions and elaborate ways of working and/or a common agenda.
- All persons who register as attendees, but not as speakers or moderators, at the event, will receive a link to the digital platform used.
- The EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days will be held in the morning hours – as of Latin America and the Caribbean - and in the afternoons - for Europe, on 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 March 2022.

4. Requirements and modalities for participation

Eligibility criteria:

- The applicant should be a European, Latin American and/or Caribbean citizen and be a PhD student or junior researcher, affiliated with a scientific or research institution;
- The applicant's field of study should be thematically related to Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, or the bi-regional partnership itself;
- The applicant should be a member or representative of a network, an association, a programme, a working group or a research consortium.





Modalities for participation:

- Attendance at the EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days,
- Moderation of a session proposed by the EU-LAC Foundation (in English or Spanish);
- Presentation of a paper of approx. 8 min. in a thematic session (in English or Spanish);
- Presentation of the network, association, programme, working group or research consortium of which the applicant is a member (in English or Spanish).

Topics of interest for presentations in the thematic sessions:

- horizons and limits of bi-regional cooperation in scientific research;
- innovation and internationalisation in learning and teaching;
- infrastructures and resources for research;
- physical and digital mobility;
- recognition of the scientific quality of research;
- career development; criteria for academic merits;
- open science;
- inclusive education;
- gender equity in academia and science;
- contributions of the academic community to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the response to global challenges (such as pandemics/health, climate change/green transition, digital transformation);
- other themes (linked to Higher Education and Science, Technology, and Innovation).

5. Dates for the Call of Proposals

The deadline for submission of proposals for this Call is **20 February 2022**. Each network, association, programme, consortium or working group may participate with a maximum of three representatives. All complete proposals received by this deadline meeting the above requirements will be considered.

The EU-LAC Foundation expects a response time of about five days (until 25 February 2022) to structure the conference sessions and announce the detailed programme. Please do not contact the Foundation regarding your pre-registration during this period.





6. Documents to be completed

The documentation to be submitted consists of:

- (a) Registration in English or Spanish on the following registration form (until 20 February 2022): <https://www.surveymonkey.de/r/6DX63X9>
- (b) Letter of Confirmation of institutional affiliation to an academic/scientific institution (see simple letter in annex)
- (c) Letter of Confirmation of membership in a network, an association, a programme, a working group or a research consortium (see sample letter in the annex).

Please provide Letters (b) and (c) in PDF or MS Word format, and send them in a single e-mail, by 20 February 2022, to the following e-mail address: call@eulacfoundation.org with the subject "EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days".

The EU-LAC Foundation commits to keeping all personal data strictly confidential; the data will be used only for the purpose of conducting this activity.

7. Successful Proposals

The selection results will be communicated on 25 February 2022 only to pre-registered applicants whose proposals have been selected.

All persons who register as attendees (without presentation) at the event, will receive a link to the digital platform used in due course.

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(Model Letter of Confirmation of membership in a network / association / ... – English)

Name of Network / Association / Consortium / Programme / Working Group
Address

Date

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that Mr / Ms (first name, surname) is currently a member of (name of the Network / Association / Consortium / Programme / Working Group) in (city, country).

We fully support Mr / Ms (first name, surname) in his / her application for the Call for submission of proposals for presentations to be developed at the EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days the EU-LAC Foundation.

Kind regards,

(Name and signature of legal representative of institution)

(Model Letter of Confirmation of institutional affiliation – English)

Name of Institution

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Address of Institution

Date

To whom it may concern,

This is to confirm that Mr / Ms (first name, surname) is currently affiliated with (name of the institution) in (city, country).

Currently, Mr. / Mrs. (name and surname) is collaborating as (Doctoral student / Researcher / ...) and (if applicable) is a member of the (Department / Programme / ...).

We fully support Mr / Ms (first name, surname) in his / her application for the Call for submission of proposals for presentations to be developed at the EU-LAC Young Scientists' Networks Days the EU-LAC Foundation.

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