EU-CELAC Common Research Area

Research Infrastructures pillar Workshop
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Why a Common Research Area?

**EU-CELAC Partnership**: strategic relevance of STI in the bi-regional agenda

- EU-CELAC Action Plan: 1st pillar - Science, research, innovation and technology
- EU-CELAC 2010 Summit: Launch of the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation
- EU-CELAC Summit 2015: call for moving towards a Common Research Area

**EC places great importance on regional cooperation**

- Commissioner Moedas strategy on open science, open innovation, open to the world – focus on development of a Global Research Area
- International Cooperation Strategy: tackling global challenges by developing international partnerships
From EU-CELAC Knowledge Area to Common Research Area

**KNOWLEDGE AREA**

- Improving cooperation in research and innovation;
- Strengthening scientific and technological capacities, and infrastructures;
- To enable sustainable research, innovation and knowledge sharing taking into account the contribution of ancestral and traditional knowledge;
- To boost the use of new technologies and technology transfer underpinning sustainable socio-economic development and;
- To foster cooperation between both regions as regards the digital economy and the reduction of the digital divide for improving competitiveness while making social inclusion a cross-cutting issue.

**COMMON RESEARCH AREA**

- Increased Mobility of Researchers
- Improved access to and development of research infrastructures of global nature
- Jointly addressing grand challenges
What is the EU-CELAC Common Research Area?

**Mobility of Researchers**
- Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions for international mobility and other EU instruments such as Erasmus +; European Research Council grant schemes and implementing agreements
- Latin American schemes to promote mobility of researchers

**Access to Research Infrastructures**
- Exchange of good practice in mapping of existing RI, roadmapping, process and methodology
- Flagship: BELLA project and link to academic networks and community

**Jointly addressing grand challenges**
- Focus areas: Health, Environment and Climate change, including Sustainable urbanisation
- Participation in global multilateral initiatives: GACD, GLOPID-r, Belmont Forum
Common Research Area- Access to Research Infrastructures

- **Objective**: Promotion of access to research infrastructures of global interest to improve sharing of data and scientific excellence

- **What is needed?**
  - Identification of the right counterpart: funding agency, decision making body, university **in all CELAC countries**
  - Identification of national / RI capacity of regional interest
  - Creation of an appropriate forum for mutual learning and coordination
  - Exchange of good practices: showcase EU experience in roadmapping and developing RI with international cooperation focus
  - Explore synergies with the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures - ESFRI
Next Steps

Key milestone: **EU-CELAC High-Level Senior Officials Meeting on Science and Technology in Spring 2017**

- Objective: revise the Governance of the Common Research Area along its three strategic pillars

Ahead of the next SOM (**research infrastructures pillar**):
- Raise awareness at national level (following the workshop)
- Create a JIRI Working Group on RI (2016)
- Support landscaping at national level in CELAC (2016-2017)
More Information

http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?pg=latin-america-caribbean

http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm

Thank you!