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Background and objectives

The EU-Chile Association Agreement of 2002 and the Scientific and Technological (S&T) Co-operation Agreement, signed by the European Community and the Republic of Chile during 2002, represent a concrete major step to support collaborative activities and to stimulate new S&T bilateral cooperation activities. Since then, this cooperation has witnessed major steps forward, mainly due to the implementation of the first CHIEP project funded under the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6), and the creation of the S&T promotion Liaison Office at the National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research (Comisión Nacional de Investigación científica y tecnológica – CONICYT). As a natural step forward, the overall aim of the CHIEP II project is to strengthen Chilean/European S&T partnerships based on bilateral policy dialogues and coordination of policy

initiatives, in order to improve existing collaboration schemes and identify new activities. For this purpose, the project will develop new information facilities and services to better identify and help forming research partnerships.

CHIEP II will contribute to the elaboration of strategic collaboration schemes strongly interrelated with the new Chilean Innovation Strategy at national level, and the Europe-Latin America platform EULARINET, an INCO-NET project funded by FP7 within the International Cooperation Programme at regional level, and with S&T cooperation policies at both EU and Member States level. In addition, CHIEP II expects to improve Chilean participation in FP7 and other related EU programmes.

Overall strategy

CHIEP II will reinforce the FP7 participation of the Chilean S&T community improving the process of providing information through more focused and permanent assistance regarding participation modalities, programmes, and research partnerships.

At national level, CHIEP II will improve and enhance awareness of new targeted groups such as enterprises, public bodies and stakeholders. It will also contribute to the new international dimension of the Chilean Innovation Strategy proposed by the Chilean government for RS&TI.

At European level, the project aims to enhance awareness of existing and new potential European partners having a cooperation potential with Chile, developing a better articulation with bilateral S&T cooperation schemes defined with EU Member States.

CONICYT will be fully involved together with the other S&T promotion Liaison offices in Latin America in the INCO-NET project for the Latin American Region funded under FP7 (EULARINET).

<http://www.chiep.cl>



Implementation and dissemination activities

The CHIEP II project will be developed by CONICYT with the participation of European cooperation counterparts already established in the country: the regional office of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS); the Institute of Research for Development (IRD) of France, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Research Foundation (DFG) offices of Germany. Their representatives will be active and permanent members of the Project Steering Committee.

The project will be divided in two sub-projects, closely interconnected, with two work packages (WPs) each. Management and coordination activities represent an additional and transversal WP.

■ WP 1: Management and coordination activities

The management is designed to allow for a permanent follow-up of project development, ensuring transparent and efficient use of financial resources.

Sub-project 1: The reinforcement of the S&T promotion Liaison Office

This sub-project is divided in two interrelated activities.

■ WP 2: Information and dissemination

Objectives:

Improve information facilities and services in order to develop greater assistance in identifying suitable research partners both in Chile and in EU Member States.

Disseminate information useful to new partners and create new partnerships for joint research projects.

Activities:

- implementing a search engine allowing better access to the country's specialised databases on projects, researchers, institutions and publications;
- organising dissemination meetings in Chile addressed to Chilean experts, to provide them with specific information related to their interests;
- producing dissemination documents with information about FP7 and other Europe-related programmes, as well as international cooperation activities, for the Chilean S&T community;

- preparing four bilingual scientific thematic state-of-the-art documents according to the FP7 priority areas for Chile. They will be an important input for the bilateral Policy Dialogues (WP4).

■ WP 3: Enhancing policy making and networking capabilities

Objective:

Enhance policy making and networking capabilities of the Chilean/European S&T promotion Liaison Office, in order to contribute to the elaboration of new collaboration schemes of mutual interest and focused strategies in articulation with national priorities on S&T development.

Activities:

- elaborate an analytical report of S&T cooperation between the EU, the Member States and Chile. The documents will be an important input for the bilateral Policy Dialogues discussions.
- organise training sessions for the Liaison Office staff to share experiences and strengthen policy making and articulation capabilities.

Sub-project 2: Strengthening of Chilean/European S&T partnerships

This sub-project is divided in two interrelated WPs.

■ WP 4: Development of policy dialogues

Objectives:

Promote policy dialogues in specific national priority fields of mutual interest, relevant to the Joint Committee of the S&T agreement, in order to share experiences and best practices, develop a common vision, and elaborate strategic collaboration schemes and new activities.

Activities:

- Identify the main thematic policy areas, in order to organise three bilateral policy dialogues in line with Chilean and European priorities.
- Organise two bilateral policy dialogues with the participation of stakeholders from public bodies, enterprises, and the research community related to the specific chosen thematic area.
- Define an action plan according to the results of the bilateral policy dialogues.

■ WP 5: Improvement of bilateral S&T partnerships based on mutual interest and benefit

Objectives:

Increase the participation of the Chilean S&T community in FP7, establishing balanced partnerships based on mutual interest and benefit criteria on specific thematic areas and increase the links between European and Chilean scientists through the organisation of S&T-oriented missions and specialised workshops.

Activities:

- Define, jointly with Chilean research groups and other relevant participants, those FP7 specific thematic areas in which they would like to participate.
- Define and carry out six missions with Chilean scientists, technologists and/or private sector representatives, to identify the best European partners to associate with in order to elaborate FP7 research thematic proposals.
- Define and carry out three bilateral specialised scientific thematic workshops in Chile with the identified European partners, with the objective of preparing specific research FP7 proposals.

Expected impact

The CHIEP II Project will result in wider and stronger cooperation between Chile, the EU and its Member States at scientific level, and will generate additional Chilean/European S&T partnerships, new collaboration schemes and new activities that will be reflected in:

- a greater Chilean participation in FP7 initiatives and other related EU programmes according to jointly defined priority areas;
- an increase of bilateral S&T cooperation with the EU Member States;
- development of the international dimension of the new Chilean Innovation Strategy for Productivity and Competitiveness;
- a reinforced S&T promotion Liaison Office as the main instrument for the development of S&T partnerships, identifying new activities and articulating collaboration schemes.