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## I. ARGENTINA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMMES OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

### Argentina's participation in ALFA III - Latin America

#### Academic Co-operation

In the context of the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals, **13** eligible Higher Education Institutions (*HEIs*) from Argentina participate in **12** of the **14** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to those **12** projects is of **EUR 17.3 million**.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals, **38** eligible *HEIs* from Argentina participate in **11** of the **19** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the **11** projects is of **EUR 19.7 million**.



In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for Proposals, **10** eligible *HEIs* from Argentina participate in **9** of the **19** approved projects of ALFA III, one of them in a coordinating role (*Universidad de la Fundación Isalud*). The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the **9** projects is of **EUR 13.64 million**.

#### The next main ALFA events in Argentina:

ALFA III (2010) 89 - TUNING Project – March 2013: Meeting of thematic areas and National Tuning Centres coordinators

ALFA III (2011) 174 - ADU\_2020 project – March 2013: Network Meeting 3

ALFA III (2010) 84 – RIAIPE3 – 29/30 June 2013: Sub-regional meetings and participation to the XV World Congress of Comparative Education, Buenos Aires

For up to date information on ALFA, please refer to the website: [www.alfa3programme.eu](http://www.alfa3programme.eu)

### Argentina's participation in ERASMUS MUNDUS

The first Erasmus Mundus – External Cooperation Window (EMECW) Call for Proposals dedicated to the Latin American region was launched in December 2008. From 2009 to 2012, 17 Argentinian *HEIs* took part in the programme involving 252 mobility operations to 9 EU countries (75 Doctorates, 38 masters, 39 Post-Doctorate, 44 academic staff and 56 undergraduates).

In December 2011, a Call for Proposals for the Erasmus Mundus II Action 2 – Strand 1 – Partnerships with Latin America was published. This Call for Proposals led to 3 new projects involving 14 Argentinian *HEIs* and 67 mobility operations.

In **December 2012** a new Call for Proposals for the Erasmus Mundus II Action 2 — Strand 1 — Partnerships with Latin America was published. The call will be open until **April 2013**.

### **Argentina's participation in EUROsocial II**

Argentina takes part in the following thematic activities implemented by the Programme:

- Access to justice
- Reinforcement of alternative mechanisms of conflict resolution
- Capacity building of the Ombudsman in attention to incarcerated persons
- Support to territorial development
- Consolidation of policies of retention in secondary obligatory schools
- Strategies for labour integration of beneficiaries of Conditional Cash Transfer programs and development of solidarity economy
- Implementation of IT systems of management of employment policies and of monitoring systems of labour markets

The following national public institutions participate in the Programme:

- Department for International Co-operation of the Chief of the Cabinet of Ministers (focal point)
- Supreme Court of Justice
- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security
- Public Ombudsman
- Ministry of Justice and Human rights
- Judiciary



The calendar of the events is updated regularly. For details, please consult the Programme website: <http://www.eurosocial-ii.eu/>

### **Argentina's participation in AL-INVEST**

The AL-INVEST IV project, titled "*Internationalisation and competitiveness of SMEs in MERCOSUR, Chile and Venezuela for a sustainable development*", is implemented by a consortium of business organisations led by the *Confederação Nacional da Indústria* (CNI) from Brazil. In Argentina, the following two organisations are partners of the consortium:

- *Unión Industrial Argentina*;
- Chamber of Commerce in Buenos Aires.

For further information on AL-INVEST, please refer to the website: <http://www.al-invest4.eu>

## **Argentina's participation in URB-AL**

In its second phase, the URB-AL programme creates and develops **thirteen thematic networks** co-ordinated by a single local authority. All local actors that wished to cooperate on a given theme could participate in the corresponding network, which served as focal point and forum for discussion. Joint projects were designed and implemented within the networks. Out of the six cases, where a thematic network was coordinated



by a Latin American local authority, one was led by the **Intendencia Municipal de Rosario**, i.e., **Network 7: Control and Management of Urbanisation**. To date, and within the framework of URB-AL I and II, **188 joint projects** have been selected, **95** of which involving Argentinean local authorities.

Additionally, **11 external members** from Argentina also participated in URB-AL I and II joint projects.

There are **11 local authorities** involved in the current third phase of URB-AL, which represents approximately **8%** of the total number of participating entities. One of them, **Provincia de Santa Fé**, coordinates a project titled *"Institutional Innovation in Intermediate Governments: Regionalisation as a Key Instrument to Promote Democracy of Proximity"*. The **Provincia de Santa Fé** also forms part of a consortium that has established, within the framework of URB-AL III, an Office of Coordination and Orientation, based in Barcelona.

For further information on URB-AL, please refer to the website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/urbal/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/urbal/index_en.htm)

## **Argentina's participation in EUROCLIMA**

The EUROCLIMA focal point in Argentina is the Sustainable Development and Environment Secretariat.

For further information on EUROCLIMA, please refer to the website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/euroclima/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/euroclima/index_en.htm) or <http://www.euroclima.org/>

## **Argentina's participation in RALCEA**

The RALCEA focal point in Argentina is the Sustainable Development and Environment Secretariat.

Argentinian Knowledge Centres that have been selected to be members of the RALCEA network are: the Water Transdisciplinary Studies Center of the University of Buenos Aires (CETA-UBA), the Institute for Sanitary Engineering, University of Buenos Aires (IIS/UBA) and the Faculty of Engineering and Water Sciences, National University of Litoral, Santa Fe.

For further information on RALCEA, please refer to the website: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/ralcea/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/ralcea/index_en.htm) or <http://www.aquaknow.net/>

## **Argentina's participation in LAIF**

### **Regional Climate Change Programme**



The LAIF Board approved, on the 23rd of November 2010, a regional project led by **KfW** (*Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau* -Germany) and co-financed by **CAF** (*Corporación Andina de Fomento*), with a focus on **Climate Change investments projects**. Argentina is one of the beneficiary countries.

The project aims to facilitate and enhance public and private investments in climate friendly infrastructure. This will allow to meeting the growing infrastructure demand in LA through climate friendly solutions. It will also promote changes adaptation and mitigation, e.g. through the reduction of energy consumption and CO2 emissions.

Key facts of the project:

- Total cost: EUR 303 million.
- LAIF contribution: EUR 3 million.
- Leading finance institution: KfW (EUR 150 million loan).
- Co-financing institution: CAF (EUR 150 million loan).
- Type of LAIF support: Technical Assistance and studies.
- Foreseen end: End of 2014.
- Beneficiaries: **Argentina**, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Specifically in the case of **Argentina**, the technical assistance and studies will focus on the cost-benefit analysis of electricity grids interconnections in the axis of Argentina-Paraguay-Brazil. Such interconnections will lead to a reduction in costs and an improvement in the electricity supply. Moreover, they will contribute to invigorating the regional economic integration as well as to the development of renewable energies.

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## **Argentina's participation in @LIS**

Like all of the Latin American countries, Argentina has one partner in the RedCLARA, which is **RETINA** – the *Red Teleinformática Académica* –, and one in the Network of Regulators, called **CNC**, the *Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones*.

The **three @LIS** projects currently on-going in Argentina and **their members** are the following:

- "*Consolidación de la red de Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones de América Latina*" → **CNC**, *Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones*
- "*Extending and Strengthening RedCLARA as e-infrastructure for Collaborative Research and Support to Development*" → **INNOVARED**, *Red Nacional de Investigación y de Educación de Argentina*
- "*@LIS 2 – Alianza para la Sociedad de la Información 2 – Diálogo político inclusivo e intercambio de experiencias*" → **Government representatives**

For further information on @LIS, please refer to the website:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alis/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alis/index_en.htm) or [www.alis2.eu](http://www.alis2.eu).

### **Argentina's participation in COPOLAD**

The following national public institutions participate in the Programme:

- Secretariat for Programming Drug Abuse Prevention and the Fight against Drug Trafficking (SEDRONAR)
- School of Public Health
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Public Security
- Drug Observatory
- *Prefectura Naval*

The SEDRONAR is also a partner in the consortium which is responsible for the implementation of the programme.

For further information on COPOLAD, please refer to the website: <http://www.copolad.eu> (with possibility to subscribe to the electronic newsletter).