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

Bolivia's participation in ALFA III - Latin America

Academic Co-operation

In the context of the first Call for Proposals, **9** eligible Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Bolivia participate in **8** of the **14** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the **8** projects is of **EUR 12.9 million**.

In the second Call for Proposals, **20** eligible HEIs from Bolivia participate in **11** of the **19** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to those **11** projects is of **EUR 19.2 million**.



In the third Call for Proposals, **10** eligible HEIs from Bolivia 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 12.62 million**.

The next main ALFA events in Bolivia:

ALFA III (2011) 232 ACCEDES: II project's coordination event, *Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo"*, La Paz, 20/22 March 2013.

ALFA III (2011) 27 PARAGUAS: Coordinators meeting, Cochabamba, April 2013

For up to date information on ALFA, please refer to the website:

www.alfa3programme.eu

Bolivia'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, 7 Bolivian HEIs took part in the programme involving 96 mobility operations to 9 EU countries (16 Doctorates, 41 masters, 1 Post-Doctorate, 8 academic staff and 30 undergraduates).

In December 2011, a Call for Proposals for the Erasmus Mundus II Action 2 – Strand 1 – Partnerships with Latin America was published. It led to 3 new projects involving 13 Bolivian HEIs and 69 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**.

Bolivia's participation in EUROsocial II

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

- National policies to promote and articulate regional development
- Monitoring of equity in access to health services and equity in availability of human resources in health services
- Improvement of the articulation between planning and budget and of the evaluation of public policies
- Promotion of a voluntary accomplishment of fiscal obligations and fiscal education
- Labour reintegration of condemned persons

The following Bolivian public institutions participate in the Programme:

- State Ministry of Planning and Development (focal point)
- Ministry of Economy and Finance (National Service of Internal Revenues)
- Ministry of Health and Sports
- Autonomy Ministry



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

Bolivia's participation in AL-INVEST

The AL-INVEST IV project titled "*Institutional Co-ordination for the Internationalisation of SMEs from the Andean Community*" is implemented by a consortium of business organisations led by the Chamber of Commerce, Services and Tourism of Santa Cruz (CAINCO). In Bolivia, 7 organisations implement Phase IV of AL-INVEST:

- Chamber of Commerce, Services and Tourism of Santa Cruz (CAINCO);
- Chamber of Commerce and Services in Cochabamba;
- Departmental Chamber of Exporters of Santa Cruz;
- Departmental Chamber of Industry;
- National Chamber of Commerce;
- National Chamber of Industry;
- Prefecture of the Santa Cruz department.

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

Bolivia'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 co-operate on a given theme, could participate in the

corresponding network, which served as focal point and forum for discussion. Joint projects were then designed and implemented within the networks. To date, and within the framework of URB-AL I and II, **188 joint projects** have been selected, 25 of which counted with the participation of Bolivian local authorities. **Two external members** from Bolivia were also active in URB-AL I and II joint projects.

There are now **11 local authorities** involved in the present, third phase of URB-AL, which represents approximately **8%** of the total number.



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

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/urbal/index_en.htm

Bolivia's participation in EUROCLIMA

The EUROCLIMA focal point in Bolivia is the Ministry of Environment and Water — Vice-Ministry of Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Forest Development and Management.

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

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/euroclima/index_en.htm or <http://www.euroclima.org/>

Bolivia's participation in EUROSOLAR

Bolivia participates in EURO-SOLAR through the Ministry of Development Planning, which delegated the implementation to the Ministry of Hydrocarbons and Energy through the Vice-Ministry of Electricity and Alternative Energy.

In Bolivia, 59 kits to produce renewable energy are being installed in rural communities without access to the electricity grid. The 59 kits consist of photovoltaic panels providing electricity to support the development of basic services in the areas of education, health, information technologies as well as to foster productive activities.

The total EU contribution to the Programme's activities in Bolivia is of EUR 2.900.000.

The OEI (Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bolivian beneficiary to provide the necessary budget for the Internet services.

For further information on EURO-SOLAR, please refer to the website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/euro-solar/index_en.htm or <http://www.programaeuro-solar.eu>

Bolivia's participation in RALCEA

The RALCEA focal point in Bolivia is SENABSA (*Servicio Nacional para la Sostenibilidad de Servicios en Saneamiento Básico*).

The following Bolivian Knowledge Centres have been selected to be members of the RALCEA network: Centre of Water and Sanitation Environmental (CASA-UMSS) and Andean Center for Water Management and Use, University Mayor of San Simon (Centro Agua/UMSS) (being part of consortium CETA-UBA, the Water Transdisciplinary Studies Center of the University of Buenos Aires).



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

Bolivia'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**. Bolivia 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 climate 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 **Bolivia**, the studies will focus on the cost-benefit analysis of electricity grids interconnections in the axes of Bolivia-Chile. 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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Bolivia's participation in @LIS

Like all of the Latin American countries, Bolivia has one partner in the RedCLARA, which is **ADSIB** (*Agencia para el Desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Información en Bolivia*) and one in the Network of Regulators, called **SITTEL** (*Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones*).

The **2 @LIS projects** are currently on-going in **Bolivia and their members** are the following:

- *"Consolidación de la red de Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones de América Latina"* → **SITTEL**, *Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones*
- *"Extending and Strengthening RedCLARA as e-infrastructure for Collaborative Research and Support to Development"* → **ADSIB**, *Agencia para el Desarrollo de la Sociedad de la Información en Bolivia*

For further information on @LIS, please refer to the website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/latin-america/regional-cooperation/alis/index_en.htm or www.alis2.eu

Bolivia's participation in COPOLAD

The following Bolivian public institutions participate in the Programme:

- National Police
- National Council for the Fight against Illicit Drug Trafficking (CONALTID)
- Vice Minister of Social Defense and Controlled Substances
- Psychiatric Institute San Juan de Dios
- Ministry of Health and Sports
- Association of banana producers Ingavi B
- National Fund for Alternative Development (FONADAL)
- Vice-Ministry of Coca and Integrated Development
- Union of Associations of cacao producers
- Alto Beni Agro-ecological Integrated Center
- Project Jatun Sach'a

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