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PROGRAMME REVIEW – 2013
Brazil’s participation in ALFA III - Latin America

Academic Co-operation

In the context of the first Call for Proposals, 10 eligible Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from Brazil participate in 8 of the 14 approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to those 8 projects is of EUR 14.4 million.

In the second Call for Proposals, 27 eligible HEIs from Brazil participate in 12 of the 19 approved projects of ALFA III. Out of these, one project is coordinated by the Fundação Universidade Federal do Acre. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the 12 projects is of EUR 21.7 million.

In the third Call for Proposals, 11 eligible HEIs from Brazil participate in 10 of the 19 approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the 10 projects is of EUR 13.02 million.

The next main ALFA events in Brazil:
ALFA III (2011) 2 - MISEAL: Medias de inclusión social y equidad en América Latina, Brazil 20 - 23 March 2013
ALFA III (2010) 55 - CapWEM: interim project meeting, 2nd half of April 2013
ALFA III (2010) 123 - IGUAL: Result Analysis and Quality meeting in Bage, Brazil, 22 - 26 April 2013
ALFA III (2011) 146 – DHES: Seminary 2; (Universidad de Brasilia), September 2013
ALFA III (2010) 84 – RIAPE3: Regional Meeting LA-EU (in the framework of an education seminar organised within the Memorial de America Latina), São Paulo, Brazil, 23/25 September 2013
ALFA III (2011) 174 - ADU_2020: 2nd General Conference; December 2013

For up to date information on ALFA, please refer to the website: www.alfa3programme.eu

Brazil’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, 30 Brazilian HEIs took part in the programme.
involving 674 mobility operations to 11 EU countries (164 Doctorates, 37 masters, 24 Post-Doctorate, 61 academic staff and 388 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 27 Brazilian HEIs and 85 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.

**Brazil’s participation in EUROsociAL II**

National School of Public Administration is one of the three LA coordinating partners in the implementing consortium. Brazil takes part in the following thematic activities implemented by the Programme:

- Access to justice
- Reinforcement of alternative mechanisms of conflict resolution
- Fight against gender violence (investigation of crimes, attention to victims and inter-institutional coordination)
- Support to territorial development
- Reinforcement of policies of retention in secondary obligatory schools
- Reinforcement of platforms of dialogue on social cohesion (as offering institution)
- Promotion of a voluntary accomplishment of fiscal obligations and fiscal education
- Improvement of the articulation between planning and budget and of the evaluation of public policies
- Reinforcement of institutions in charge of social protection
- Strategies for labour integration of beneficiaries of Conditional Cash Transfer programs and development of solidarity economy
- Improvement and extension of public systems of special care (young children, old and disabled persons)
- Implementation of IT systems of management of employment policies and monitoring systems of labour markets
- National Professional Qualification Systems

The following Brazilian public institutions participate in the Programme:

- National School of Public Administration (focal point)
- Public Ministry
- Ministry of Social Development and Hunger Alleviation
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Finance
- School of Finance Administration
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- Ministry of National Integration
- Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management
- Ministry of Labour and Employment
- Ministry of Culture and Sports
- Judiciary

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

Brazil’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 Industria (CNI) from Brazil. In Brazil, the CNI is responsible for the implementation of Phase IV of AL-INVEST through its network of 27 Industry Federations in the states and the Federal District.

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

Brazil’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 then designed and implemented within the networks. Out of the six cases, where a thematic network was coordinated by a Latin American local authority, Brazil led 2 cases: Prefeitura de Porto Alegre - Network 9 ‘Local Finance and Participative Budget’ and Prefeitura de São Paulo - Network 10 ‘The Fight against Urban Poverty’.

To date, and within the framework of URB-AL I and II, 188 joint projects have been selected, 92 of which counted with the involvement of a Brazilian local authority (49 % of the projects). Additionally, 11 external Brazilian members also participated in URB-AL I and II joint projects.

There are 10 local authorities involved in the current third phase of URB-AL, which represents approximately 7 % of the total number. There are two project coordinators: the Municipality of Ponta Porã, for the project "Re-urbanization of the common area between two twin cities of neighbouring countries as an instrument of social cohesion and citizenship building with its own identity for the joint management of the two cities"; and the Region of Pernambuco and Recife, for the project "Local Policies for violence prevention in urban marginal areas".
For further information on URBA, please refer to the website: http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/urbal/index_en.htm

**Brazil’s participation in EUROCLIMA**
The EUROCLIMA focal point in Brazil is the Ministry of External Relations.

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/

**Brazil’s participation in RALCEA**
The following Brazilian Knowledge Centres have been selected to be members of the RALCEA network: Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Urbanism of the University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Hydraulic Research Institute of Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (IPH/UFRDS) and Federal University of San Carlos (UFSCar) (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/

**Brazil’s participation in FLEGT SOUTH AMERICA**
The project is analysing the specific forest governance context and defining the strategic working plan for action in the country.

**Brazil’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. Brazil 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).
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- 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 Brazil, the studies will focus on industrial environmental protection on the fields of household appliances in the cooling sector, which still widely uses CFCs, as well as reforestation and wood processing industry.

Sustainable Transports Networks
On the 28th March 2011 the LAIF Operational Board an EU contribute of EUR 3 million supporting the project lead by AFD (Agence Française de Développement) co-financed by CAF targeting Sustainable Transport Networks.

The project aims to foster and enhance public investments in climate friendly infrastructure, particularly in mass public transport infrastructure to meet the growing urban infrastructure demand. It will contribute to climate change mitigation through the reduction of GHG emissions and of energy consumption in Latin American cities. By easing mobility, public transportation systems also greatly contribute to improve the competitiveness and economic development of the considered territories through environmentally sound solutions.

Key facts of the project:
- Total cost: EUR 403 million.
- LAIF contribution: EUR 3 million.
- Leading finance institution: AFD (EUR 200 million loan).
- Co-financing institution: CAF (EUR 200 million loan).
- Type of LAIF support: Technical Assistance and studies.
- Foreseen starting date: First half of 2011.
- Foreseen end: End of 2015.
- Beneficiaries: Brazil, Colombia and Mexico.

LAIF grant is financing technical assistance and studies that will be carried out for several countries, selected among the CAF member countries, where public transport infrastructure activities are planned. The LAIF grant will help: i) building knowledge and capacity at the local level (states and municipalities), ii) developing methodologies and mechanisms to better plan and prepare public transportation projects and iii) strengthening the business model of mass urban transport infrastructure and service. It will also encompass the transport sector with a holistic approach and address issues in: i) Public transport infrastructure; ii) Traffic industry and energy
management of the traffic; and iii) Ecological development of densely populated areas.

These studies will increase the efficiency and the effectiveness of the investments that contribute to improve infrastructure services in Latin American countries. The AFD-CAF credit line will be mainly dedicated to the financing of mass transport infrastructures. To be eligible, projects will have to demonstrate high environmental and socio-economic value, maximisation of positive impacts on growth and the environment (i.e. climate) and mitigation of their negative impacts.

AFD and CAF will provide funding that will be channelled through CAF to finance municipalities or local governments in Latin America for public transport investments, according to each state and city context and needs, whatever the relevant modes of transport are: bus, bus rapid transit (BRT), light rail transit (LRT), cable, underground, train, etc.

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**Brazil’s participation in @LIS**

Like all countries of Latin America, two Brazilian institutions are playing a key role in @LIS, both in the RedCLARA, the RNP – Rede Nacional de Ensino e Pesquisa and in the Network of Regulators ANATEL – Agencia Nacional de Telecomunicações.

The 3 @LIS projects currently on-going in Brazil and their members are the following:

- "Consolidación de la red de Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones de América Latina" → ANATEL, Agencia Nacional de Telecomunicaciones
- "Extending and Strengthening RedCLARA as e-infrastructure for Collaborative Research and Support to Development" → RNP, Rede Nacional de Ensino e Pesquisa
- "@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).

**Brazil’s participation in COPOlad**

The following Brazilian public institutions participate in the Programme:

- National Observatory on Drugs (OBID)
- Ministry of Justice, National Secretariat for Drug Policies (SENAD)
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- Brazil's Family Health Association
- Primary health care services, Central Region of São Paulo
- National Institute of Criminalistics, Federal Police
- Ministry of Health, Technical Area of Mental Health, Alcohol and Drugs
- University of São Paulo

The SENAD is also member of the consortium which is implementing the programme.

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