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**EL SALVADOR**



**PROGRAMME REVIEW – 2013**



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

### El Salvador's participation in ALFA III - Latin America

#### Academic Co-operation

In the context of the first Call for Proposals, **3** eligible Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from El Salvador participate in **3** of the **14** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to those **3** projects is of **EUR 5.3 million**.

In the second Call for Proposals, **13** HEIs from El Salvador participate in **9** of the **19** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the **9** projects is of **EUR 16.8 million**.



In the third Call for Proposals, **4** eligible HEIs from El Salvador participate in **5** of the **19** approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the **5** projects is of **EUR 7.7 million**.

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

[www.alfa3programme.eu](http://www.alfa3programme.eu)

### El Salvador'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, 3 HEIs from El Salvador took part in the programme involving 8 mobility operations to 2 EU countries (2 Doctorates, 4 masters and 2 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 5 HEIs from El Salvador and 54 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**.

### El Salvador's participation in EUROsociAL II

El Salvador takes part in the following thematic activities implemented by the Programme:

- Institutional co-ordination in prevention of juvenile violence
- Reinforcement of platforms of dialogue on social cohesion

- Reinforcement of institutional and social co-operation in fight against corruption
- Support to the reform of the fiscal system
- Promotion of a voluntary accomplishment of fiscal obligations and fiscal education
- Improvement of the articulation between planning and budget and introduction of the evaluation of public policies
- Reinforcement of institutions in charge of social protection
- Strategies for labour integration of Conditional Cash Transfer programs' beneficiaries and development of solidarity economy
- Introduction of IT systems of management of employment policies and monitoring systems of labour markets
- Monitoring of equity in access to health services and equity in availability of human resources in health services
- Labour reintegration of condemned persons



The following national public institutions participate in the Programme:

- Secretariat for Strategic Affairs of the Presidency (focal point)
- Economic and Social Council
- Social Investment Fund for Local Development (FISDL)
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Justice and Public Security
- Ministry of Labour
- Ministry of Finance (Department of International Taxation)
- Technical Secretariat of the Presidency
- Secretariat for Transparency and fight against corruption

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

### **El Salvador's participation in AL-INVEST**

The AL-INVEST IV project "*The Internationalisation of SMEs from Central America, Mexico and Cuba as an engine of economic development*" is implemented by a consortium of business organisations led by *Nacional Financiera* (NAFIN) from Mexico. In El Salvador *Corporación de Exportadores de El Salvador* (COEXPORT) implements Phase IV of AL-INVEST.

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

### **El Salvador'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, **15** of which counted with the involvement of El Salvadorian local authorities (**10%** of the projects). Additionally, **1 external member** from El Salvador also participated in URB-AL I and II joint projects.

There are **8 local authorities** involved in the current third phase of URB-AL, which represents approximately **6%** of the total number. One of them, the **Municipality of Santa Tecla**, coordinates one project: "*Gente diversa - gente equivalente. Hacia una convivencia ciudadana en equidad*".



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)

### **El Salvador's participation in EUROCLIMA**

The EUROCLIMA focal point in El Salvador is the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.

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/>

### **El Salvador's participation in EUROSOLAR**

El Salvador participates in EURO-SOLAR through the Ministry of Education.

In El Salvador, 48 kits to produce renewable energy are being installed in the rural communities without access to the electricity grid. The 48 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 El Salvador is of EUR 2.230.000.

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

## **El Salvador's participation in RALCEA**

The RALCEA focal point in El Salvador is the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources.

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/>

## **El Salvador's participation in LAIF**

**Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for SMEs in Central America (final approval)**



The LAIF Board approved on the 30th of April 2010 a regional project led by **KfW** (*Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau* - Germany) and co-financed by **CABEI** (Central American Bank for Economic Integration), which focus on **energy efficiency and renewable energy for SMEs in Central America**. El Salvador is one of the beneficiary countries of the action.

The project aims to facilitate access to financing for environmental investments related to energy efficiency and renewable energy technology for SMEs from the six Central American countries.

Key facts of the project

- Total cost: EUR 36.3 million.
- LAIF contribution: EUR 3 million.
- Leading finance institution: KfW (EUR 30 million).
- Co-financing institution: CABEI (a EUR 3.3 million loan).
- Type of LAIF support: Energy audits and feasibility studies.
- Foreseen starting period: second half of 2010.
- Foreseen end: 3-4 years.
- Beneficiaries: Costa Rica, **El Salvador**, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

The local finance institutions will channel the resources of the programme to SMEs for the environmental projects identified accordingly to the selection criteria.

The funds of the programme will support additional financing for projects that include, among others: replacement of lighting, boilers, engines, air conditioning units, solar photovoltaic cells and small wind projects.

The EU contribution finances the technical assistance component, focusing on the co-financing of energy-audits of SMEs, feasibility studies of small renewable energy projects and the promotion and implementation of the programme.

The programme will help SMEs (corresponding to 95 % of private enterprises, and up to 45 % of the labour force), in Central America, to face the volatility of oil prices that affects their economic stability and to comply with increasingly stricter environmental regulation.

The project will contribute to ease the dependency of oil in Central America, to reduce CO2 emissions, to increase renewable energy use in SMEs production cycles and to promote energy efficiency.

Extension of the existing hydro-power plant "5 de Noviembre" (final approval)

The LAIF Board approved on the 27th September of 2010, a project led by **KfW** (*Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau* - Germany) and co-financed by **CABEI** (Central American Bank for Economic Integration) aiming at the **expansion of the existing hydro-electric power plant "5th November"**.

The programme will focus on the construction of a second turbine facility, a new access channel to the reservoir, a new water intake and two pipelines. The beneficiary will be the public energy company "*Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa*" (CEL).

Key facts of the project

- Total cost: EUR 122 million.
- LAIF contribution: EUR 6 million.
- Leading finance institution: KfW (EUR 43 million).
- Co-financing institution: CABEI (a EUR 43 million loan).
- Beneficiary contribution: CEL (EUR 30 million loan)
- Type of LAIF support: Investment grant.
- Foreseen starting period: Second quarter of 2011.
- Foreseen end date: 2014.
- Beneficiaries: "*Comisión Ejecutiva Hidroeléctrica del Río Lempa*" (CEL).

The Project will contribute to respond to the growing electricity demand of the population through the extension of electricity generation from renewable energies. Simultaneously, it will improve substantially climate and environmental protection by saving approximately 92,000 t of CO2 per year.

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**El Salvador's participation in @LIS**

As all the Latin American partners, El Salvador has one partner in the Network of Researchers (ALICE II), **RAICES**. **SIGET** is the El Salvadorian partner in the Network of Regulators, which stands for *Superintendencia General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones*.

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

- "*Consolidación de la red de Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones de América Latina*" → **SIGET**, *Superintendencia General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones*
- "*Extending and Strengthening RedCLARA as e-infrastructure for Collaborative Research and Support to Development*" → **RAICES**, *Red Avanzada de Investigación, Ciencia y Educación Salvadoreña*
- "*@LIS 2 – Alianza para la Sociedad de la Información 2, - Diálogo político inclusivo e intercambio de experiencias*" → **Government Institutions and Agencies**

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).

### **El Salvador's participation in COPOLAD**

The following national public institutions participate in the Programme:

- National Anti-Drug Commission
- National Police, Anti-Drug Department
- Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance
- Metropolitan Area of Health (*Región Metropolitana de Salud*)

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