COUNTRY BRIEFING
ON REGIONAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES

CHILE

PROGRAMME REVIEW – 2013
I. CHILE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMMES OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

Chile’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 Chile participate in 8 of the 14 approved projects of ALFA III. The Inter-university Development Centre (Cinda) is in charge of the coordination of 1 of the projects. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to those 8 projects is of EUR 12.8 million.

In the second Call for Proposals, 28 eligible HEIs from Chile participate in 12 of the 19 approved projects of ALFA III. The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the 12 projects is of EUR 20.5 million.

In the third Call for Proposals, 7 eligible HEIs from Chile participate in 7 of the 19 approved projects of ALFA III, in two of them in a coordinating role (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Pontifícia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso). The total amount of the European Commission contribution to the 7 projects is of EUR 9.38 million.

The next main ALFA events in Chile:
ALFA III (2011) 116 - CLAVEMAT: Annual project meeting in Temuco, 11-14 March 2013
ALFA III (2011) 146 – DHES: Workshop 2, Valdivia, Universidad Austral, 8-12 April 2013

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

Chile’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 Chilean HEIs took part in the programme involving 76 mobility operations to 9 EU countries (16 Doctorates, 14 masters, 1 Post-Doctorate, 5 academic staff and 40 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 17 Chilean HEIs and 59 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.

**Chile’s participation in EUROsociAL II**

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

- Access to justice
- Capacity building to the Ombudsman in attention to incarcerated persons
- 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
- Promotion of a voluntary accomplishment of fiscal obligations and fiscal education
- 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)
- Introduction of IT systems of management of employment policies and monitoring systems of labour markets
- National Professional Qualification Systems

The following Chilean public institutions participate in the Programme:

- Agency for International Co-operation (focal point)
- National System for the Certification of Labour Competences
- Supreme Court of Justice
- Public Ombudsman
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Finance (Department of Internal Taxation)
- Public Ministry
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Labour and Social Security (National Service for Capacitation and Employment)

The calendar of the events is updated regularly. For details, please consult the Programme website: [http://www.eurosocial-ii.eu/](http://www.eurosocial-ii.eu/)
Chile’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 Chile, two organisations implement Phase IV of AL-INVEST:

- EuroChile Business Foundation;
- National Chamber of Commerce, Services and Tourism in Santiago de Chile.

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

Chile’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, Chile led two: Santiago de Chile — Network 1 "The City and Drugs" and Valparaíso — Network 14 "Citizen Security in the City".

To date, and within the framework of URB-AL I and II, 188 joint projects have been selected, 78 of which counted with the involvement of Chilean local authorities. Additionally, 10 external members from Chile also participated in URB-AL I and II joint projects.

There are 4 local authorities involved in the current third phase of URB-AL, which represents approximately 3% of the total number. None of them, however, is responsible for the coordination of a project.

For further information on URB-AL, please refer to the website: http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/projects/urbal/index_en.htm

Chile’s participation in EUROCLIMA
The UN-ECLAC (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean), based in Santiago del Chile implements and coordinates activities concerning socio-economic aspects of climate change.

The focus of their contribution to the EUROCLIMA programme is on: improving of socio-economic knowledge of the impacts of climate change in the 18 Latin American countries, in selected sectors; provision to decision-makers with analysis of costs and benefits of the different options of
mitigation and adaptation, in order to facilitate decisions in implementing measures; and enhancing the mainstreaming of climate change issues in the economic, planning and sectorial institutions of the 18 countries involved, enabling a cost efficient transition to low-carbon economies.

The EUROCLIMA focal point in Chile is the Environmental National Committee (CONAMA).

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/

**Chile’s participation in RALCEA**

Presently, the government of Chile has not appointed a new focal point for the RALCEA project. The RALCEA person contact in Chile is the Environment Ministry.

The following Chilean Knowledge Centres have been selected to be members of the RALCEA network: Water Center of Arid and Semiarid areas of Latin America and Caribbean (CAZALAC), Foundation Chile (FCH), Water Center University Andres Bello (UNAB), Department of Environmental Sciences and Renewable Resources, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences University of Chile (UChile) and Program Environmental Law and Policy Faculty of Law, University Diego Portales (UDP) (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/

**Chile’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. Chile 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 Chile, the studies will focus on the cost-benefit analysis of electricity grids interconnections in the axis 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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**Chile’s participation in @LIS**

Like all of the Latin American countries, Chile has one partner in the RedCLARA, which is Red Universitaria Nacional — REUNA, and one in the Network of Regulators, which is Subsecretaria de Telecomunicaciones, SUBTEL.

Additionally, the ECLAC, which is the coordinator of Action 1 project, "@LIS 2 — Alianza para la Sociedad de la Información 2 — Diálogo político inclusivo e intercambio de experiencias", has its seat in Chile.

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

- "Consolidación de la red de Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones de América Latina" → REUNA, Red Universitaria Nacional
- "Extending and Strengthening RedCLARA as e-infrastructure for Collaborative Research and Support to Development" → SUBTEL, Subsecretaria de Telecomunicaciones
- "@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 or www.alis2.eu.
Chile’s participation in COPOLAD
The following Chilean public institutions participate in the Programme:

- National Council for Narcotics Control (CONACE)
- Investigation Police
- National Service for the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Drug and Alcohol Use (SENDA)
- University of Chile
- University Alberto Hurtado
- Ministry of Home Affairs and Public Security
- Chilean Army

The SENDA is also a partner in the consortium which is implementing the programme.

The next main COPOLAD events in Chile:
The 1st week of December 2013, 4º Taller Herramientas Temáticas, Santiago de Chile.

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