COUNTRY BRIEFING
ON REGIONAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES

VENezuela

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

Venezuela’s participation in ALFA III - Latin America Academic Co-operation
In the context of the first Call for Proposals, 1 eligible Higher Education Institution (HEIs) from Venezuela participates 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 6.8 million.

In the second Call for Proposals, 13 eligible HEIs from Venezuela 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 10.4 million.

In the third Call for Proposals, 4 eligible HEIs from Peru participate as partners 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 7.8 million.

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

Venezuela’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, 5 Venezuelan HEIs took part in the programme involving 62 mobility operations to 8 EU countries (10 Doctorates, 10 masters, 4 Post-Doctorate, 11 academic staff and 27 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 2 Venezuelan HEIs and 9 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.

Venezuela’s participation in EUROsociAL II
The participation in the Programme's thematic activities is open to all national public institutions.

The calendar of the events is updated regularly. For details, please consult the Programme website: http://www.eurosocial-ii.eu/
**Venezuela’s participation in AL-INVEST**

The AL-INVEST IV project "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 Venezuela two organisations are implementing the Phase IV of AL-INVEST:

- Conindustria;
- Consecomercio.

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

**Venezuela’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. To date, and within the framework of URB-AL I and II, **188 joint projects** have been selected, **16** of which counted with the involvement of Venezuelan local authorities (**9%** of the projects). There were **no external members** from Venezuela participating in URB-AL I and II joint projects.

Presently, no local authorities are involved in the current third phase of URB-AL.

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)

**Venezuela’s participation in EUROCLIMA**

Venezuela has not appointed a EUROCLIMA focal point.


**Venezuela’s participation in RALCEA**

Presently, the government of Venezuela has not appointed a new focal point for the RALCEA project.

Venezuela’s participation in @LIS
In accordance with the structure of the Network of Researchers (ALICE II), and the Network of Regulators, all Latin American participant countries have a member in each one. For ALICE, the Venezuelan member is REACCIUN and for the Network of Regulators it’s CONATEL, Consejo Nacional de Telecomunicaciones.

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

- "Consolidación de la red de Reguladores de Telecomunicaciones de América Latina" → CONATEL, Consejo Nacional de Telecomunicaciones.
- "Extending and Strengthening RedCLARA as e-infrastructure for Collaborative Research and Support to Development" → REACCIUN, Red Académica de Centros de Investigación y Universidades Nacionales
- "@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.

Venezuela’s participation in COPOLAD
The National Anti-Drug Office takes part in Programme’s activities.

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