



EULAKS connects socio-economic research on the dynamics of the Knowledge Society in the European Union and Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries.

EULAKS aims at fostering a shared understanding of the challenges in the construction of Knowledge Societies in Europe and Latin America through the support for networks and partnerships between social science communities of both regions.



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EULAKS pursues the following objectives

- to promote the role of the social sciences and humanities (SSH) in the EU-LAC policy dialogue on science and technology (S&T) cooperation
- to support current and future collaborative research endeavours in the field of SSH between the EU and LAC
- to strengthen networks that link social science communities and institutions to policymakers and practitioners in the EU and LAC

The objectives of the project will be met through the implementation of activities such as

Analytical studies

- a survey of patterns of cooperation in the SSH between the EU and LAC
- case studies of collaborative EU-LAC research networks
- case studies on the role of ICT in the development of knowledge networks in the EU and LAC
- analysis of the role of SSH research in the design and transformation of science, technology and innovation (STI) policy agendas in LAC countries
- a comparative analysis of Knowledge Society indicators in the EU and LAC

Conference, workshops, and a summer school

- an expert workshop about the use of foresight in guiding STI policy in the EU and LAC
- policy workshops
- a conference on the challenges of the Knowledge Society in the EU and LAC
- a joint summer school for young SSH scientists

Dissemination activities

- publication of an electronic newsletter
- establishment of a virtual learning network
- a policy paper and policy briefs

EULAKS is managed by a consortium of 7 partner institutions from 6 countries

(in alphabetical order):

- ARGENTINA Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento (UNGS)
- AUSTRIA Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- FRANCE L'Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)
- MEXICO Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Sede México (FLACSO)
- MEXICO Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Unidad Xochimilco (UAM)
- UNITED KINGDOM London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- URUGUAY Universidad de la República (UdelaR)

Mission Statement

The creation and consolidation of a EU-LAC Knowledge Area, which according to the Guadalajara Declaration (2004) "should be built on the results of the successful science and technology bi-regional dialogue and include reinforcement of cooperation in science and technology, higher education, innovation and information and communication technologies", is an important pillar for the strategy to deepen the S&T policy dialogue between the European Union and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, the recent elaboration of two large regional agendas - the Regional Action Plan eLAC2007, which is based on a dialogue and cooperation among all LAC countries involving various regional organisations and networks, as well as the agenda i2010 by the countries of the European Union - has opened the debate on the alignment of policies and underlines the need for regional cooperation in view of the challenges the EU and LAC are facing due to the emerging Information and Knowledge Society.

EULAKS supports knowledge-sharing activities that promote a shared understanding of the dynamics of the emerging Information and Knowledge Society in both regions. Furthermore, EULAKS is committed to making the EU-LAC Knowledge Area a reality through the support for networks and partnerships between SSH research communities with a focus on science, technology and innovation (STI) policies.

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