

INCO Conference Programme

**“Strengthening international cooperation in Research & Innovation
Experiences from Latin America and the Caribbean, and Mediterranean Partner
Countries”** (*working title*)

17 – 19 June 2013, Marseille, France

Topic :

The main topic of the 4th INCONTACT conference will be **the future of international cooperation in Research and Innovation between Europe and third countries**. The conference will have a particular, but not exclusive focus on Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC). The conference will present opportunities for developing and emerging countries in Horizon 2020 and other funding sources for projects of mutual interest between EU and the focused regions by the conference.

Objectives

During the one day conference, the following objectives are foreseen:

- Share information on international R&I cooperation
- Examine experiences of international R&I partnerships
- Collect the views of developing and emerging countries towards international cooperation in R&I
- Discuss opportunities and challenges for third countries in Horizon 2020 and other programmes
- Outline the frame for international cooperation in European and other programmes

The 3 days programme is :

- Monday - 17/06/2013: Project meetings or side events
- Tuesday - 18/06/2013: Main day of the conference
- Wednesday - 19/06/2013: NCP meeting and training

Participants (around 120-150) - open to all stakeholders interested in international scientific cooperation

- INCO NCPs
- Representatives of EU member states
- EU Commission (DG RTD, DG DEVCO, EEAS)
- FP7 project coordinators with international partners
- Researchers involved in FP7 projects comprising partners from developing and emerging countries

Location

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Day 1 : 17 June 2013 Project meetings and other side events (Open to project members only)	
Afternoon	- INCONTACT consortium meeting - INCONTACT policy dialogue platform meeting - (<i>optional</i>) INCO project meetings
Evening	Welcome drink and poster exhibition "Water at the Heart of Science" (<i>Open to all stakeholders interested in international scientific cooperation</i>)

Day 2 : 18 June 2013 "Strengthening international cooperation in R&I: Experiences from LAC and MPC" (Open to all stakeholders interested in international scientific cooperation)	
08.30 – 09.00	<i>Participants registration</i>
Opening session	
09.00 – 10.00	<p>Welcome words: Michel Laurent, President of the Institute of Research for Development (IRD), France Director of Directorate D, DG Research and Innovation, EC (TBC)</p> <p>Introduction of INCONTACT: Epaminondas Christofilopoulos, INCONTACT Coordinator PRAXI / HELP-FORWARD Network, Greece</p> <p>Key note: Innovation for Development, Caroline PAUNOV, OECD (TBC)</p>
10.00 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 1 – State of play and perspectives of cooperation in research and innovation with developing and emerging countries	
10.30 – 12.30	Presentation of the European External Action Service (EEAS) (TBC)
	Overview of international cooperation with developing and emerging countries: from FP7 to Horizon 2020 - Elisabeth Lippiatou, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, EC
	Opportunities of international STI cooperation by the DG DevCo – EuropeAid (EC, DG DevCo)
	Questions and answers section

12.30 – 13.30	Buffet lunch
Session 2 – Breakout groups: Future opportunities for STI partnerships	
<p><i>The objective of the breakout groups is to present and discuss international cooperation between EU and the concerned region in European and International RDI programmes. Each group will be introduced by an overview from an EUCom representative and LAC/MPC representative, followed by short presentations on funding opportunities of cooperation between the two regions. The main objective is to consider future collaborations through European and International RDI programmes in order to strengthen and foster the STI partnerships between LAC/MPC and EU/MS.</i></p>	
13.30 – 15.30	Session on Latin America and the Caribbean
	Political context of EU/LAC STI cooperation, (EC and LAC representatives)
	INCONTACT Regional Dialogue Platform (LAC) (TBC)
	INCONET/BILAT: challenges and opportunities in STI cooperation between EU and LAC (INCONET coordinator)
	Experiences in collaborative research between the EU and LAC in FP7 (researchers)
	STI opportunities in international programmes
	Discussions
	Session on Mediterranean Partner Countries
	Political context of EU/MPC STI cooperation (EC and MPC representatives)
	INCONET/BILAT: challenges and opportunities in STI cooperation between EU and MPC (INCONET coordinator)
	Experiences in collaborative research between the EU and the MPC in FP7 (researchers)
	STI opportunities in international programmes
	Discussions
	15.30 – 16.00

Session 3 – Opportunities for Developing and Emerging Countries in European and International R&D&I programmes

16.00 – 16.30	Rapporteurs' summary of breakout session
16.30 – 17.30	<p>High-ranking panel discussion</p> <p>Chaired by Michel Laurent, President of the Institute of Research for Development (IRD), France, (<i>TBC</i>)</p> <p>Elisabeth Lipiatou, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation, EC</p> <p>One representative of SFIC for international cooperation activities (<i>TBC</i>)</p> <p>One representative of a LAC Ministry of Research</p> <p>One representative of a MPC Ministry of Research</p>
17.30	Conclusions of the Chair
17.45	Results and perspectives: INCONTACT 2020
19.30 – 22.30	<i>Dinner in Marseille</i>

Day 3 : 19 June 2013
NCP Networking Day
 (open to the INCO NCPs only)

09.00 – 12.00	NCP meeting
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch Buffet</i>
13.00 – 16.00	NCP training