



EU LAC 2013+ **Next steps in EU-LAC cooperation in the fields of** **Higher Education, Research and Innovation**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

26th October 2012

At ICHEC Brussels Management School
Site de «Manoir d'Anjou»
Rue au Bois 365
1150 Brussels

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00	Welcome Addresses Prof. Christian Ghymers, IRELAC –ICHEC Prof. Giorgio Alberti, VertebrALCUE
10.30 – 11.30	Multiple perspective on the future of EU-LAC cooperation Emb. Jorge Valdéz, Executive Director EULAC Foundation – Hamburg Representatives of Latin American and EU Caribbean Countries
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 12.30	The VertebrALCUE Green Paper: a starting point Dott. Claudio Dondi, President of SCIENTER
12.30 – 13.00	Open Debate in Plenary
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break (ICHEC Cafeteria)
14.00 – 15.00	3 parallel sessions on Higher Education, Research and Innovation (Chairpersons and Rapporteurs to be confirmed)
15.00 – 15.30	Reports from parallel sessions
15.30 – 16.30	Round Table – A Renewed Agenda for Cooperation
16.30	Closing of the International Seminar: recommendations in view of the Santiago EU-LAC summit. Prof. Giorgio Alberti, VertebrALCUE Dott. Claudio Dondi, President of SCIENTER

The venue for the seminar is kindly offered by IRELAC-ICHEC.



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AIM OF THE EVENT

The EU-LAC Common Higher Education Area and the common knowledge Areas are policy macro-objectives supported by a fragmented set of instruments and by a discontinuous level of political priority. However, the academic community of the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean continue to increase their level of cooperation and confirm their intention to become more “integrated”, while respecting identities and valuing diversity.

In view of the Santiago EU-LAC Summit in January 2013 and in the year in which EU policies and instruments are fine-tuned, the VertebrALCUE Project takes the initiative of organizing a workshop to present its “Green Paper” – and to collect ideas and stimuli for the next decade from people involved in policy making, in international collaboration in HE and Research, in knowledge based Innovation.

Several signals indicate that a deep re-consideration of past models of collaboration and specific EU intervention is necessary.

The HE modernization agenda and the changing power relationship at global level, the fast development of several LA countries and the problematic EU situation in financial economic and political terms, the role taken by ICT in supporting all working processes, including research and teaching/learning, are all elements that suggest to propose a substantially renewed articulation of action lines and new approaches to process monitoring of the implementation of the agreed policy objectives.

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