

Dialogue Sessions “Cafés Mimir Andino”

– Concept Note –

The International European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Foundation (EU-LAC Foundation), OBREAL Global Observatory (OBREAL Global) and the Colombian Association of Universities (ASCUN) convene to jointly organise the Dialogue Sessions "**Cafés Mimir Andino: Strategies to promote research and innovation in universities**".

The Mimir Andino Project

This series of capacity building in Higher Education is open to the interested public and, at the same time, serves as one component of the Mimir Andino Project (Modernisation of institutional management of research and innovation in the Andean region and Latin America), co-financed by the European Union, in the framework of the Erasmus+ CBHE (Capacity Building in Higher Education) Programme.

With a duration of four years, the Mimir Andino Project is primarily designed to assist and encourage partner universities in Andean countries to better understand the status quo of their research management approaches, from performance and evaluation to management structures and effectiveness. The project will provide partner universities with a research management model that will help them achieve their research and innovation objectives with respect to national and regional development. Consequently, the partner universities will share experiences to build and strengthen capacities on the organisation and management of innovation and research, and deepen their knowledge on current models, principles, and standards. In addition, the project will support internal knowledge transfer among the South American partners, who share common geographical, economic, and scientific interests and have a strong interest to deepen their regional cooperation and integration in higher education and research.

What are the 'Cafés Mimir Andino'?

The series of virtual dialogue sessions is intended to strengthen capacities and research leadership of Andean partner universities. In each session one or two expert(s) from Europe and / or from Latin America will share reflections and examples on a particular theme; a person in charge of R&I management associated with the Mimir Andino Project will moderate the session and direct questions to the expert(s); a group of rectors and vice rectors of Andean Universities will listen to the initial conversation and be invited to contribute with their ideas, experiences, and questions to the dialogue with the expert(s).

Objectives

- To exchange ideas around the implementation of the research management and the model elaborated in the context of the Mimir Andino Project;
- To offer a networking space among leaders in research management;



- To promote dialogue at bi-regional and international level, relating the specific themes of the conversations to different political, economic, and social contexts.

Themes of the Cafés Mimir Andino

- Specialisation in research and public investment: Impact, responsibility, and community
- How to communicate research results: universities and public opinion
- Scientific recognition and incentives for the career development of researchers
- Management and information systems for the institutional development of research in universities
- Patent and technology transfer policies

Participants

- Rectors, vice-rectors associated to Andean Universities participating in the Mimir Andino Project, as well as other partner universities in Latin America.
- All other persons interested in the topic are invited to follow the sessions via live streaming (ASCUN Youtube channel).

Format

- Each dialogue session will last 90 minutes.
- The invited expert(s), the moderator/interviewer and a selected group of rectors and vice rectors will participate in the dialogue session through the zoom platform.
- If needed, simultaneous translation (Spanish-English) will be provided for.
- The general public will be invited to follow the dialogue sessions via live streaming on the Youtube channel of the Colombian Association of Universities. OBREAL Global and the EU-LAC Foundation will promote the sessions through their respective communication channels.