

**EU-CELAC JOINT  
INITIATIVE ON RESEARCH  
AND INNOVATION  
SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING**

28-29 NOVEMBER 2023  
Brussels, Belgium



Centre Albert Borschette, meeting room 4D  
36, rue Froissart, Brussels  
*(All times below are Brussels time)*

The meeting is co-chaired by Maria Cristina Russo (EU) and Inga Creese (CELAC)

28 November 2023 morning		
9:00 – 9:30	Registration and coffee	
9:30 – 10:30	Opening remarks	<p><b>Maria Cristina Russo</b>, Director for International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Douglas Slater</b>, National Coordinator of the CELAC Pro-Tempore Presidency, <b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b> (<i>video message</i>)</p> <p><b>Gonzalo Arévalo Nieto</b>, Director-General for Research Planning, Ministry of Science and Innovation, <b>Spain</b></p> <p><b>María Camila Díaz Casas</b>, Vice Minister of Talent and Social Appropriation of Knowledge, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, <b>Colombia</b></p> <p><b>Javier Niño Pérez</b>, Deputy Managing Director, Americas, <b>European External Action Service</b></p>
10:30 – 11:30	<p><b>EU-CELAC partnership: the role of R&amp;I policy, strategy and implementation</b></p> <p>From Summit to implementation: the role of JIRI in translating political priorities into cooperation objectives.</p> <p><i>With the latest geopolitical challenges and evolution of the political debate and relations, how should the JIRI adapt to reflect these shifting conditions?</i></p>	<p><b>Claudia Gintersdorfer</b>, Head of Division, Americas.1 - Regional Affairs, <b>European External Action Service</b></p> <p><b>Radka Wildová</b>, Director General for Higher Education, Science and</p>

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		<p>Research, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, <b>Czech Republic</b></p> <p><b>Brigitte Decadt</b>, Senior advisor for federal, interfederal and international coordination, Belgian Science Policy Office, <b>Belgium</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Nédellec</b>, Director for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Higher Education and Research, <b>France</b></p>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Global Gateway Investment Agenda: investing into ideas and innovation.</b>	Olivier <b>Luyckx</b> , Head of Unit, South America and Regional Operations 1, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, <b>European Commission</b>
12:00 – 12:30	<p><b>EU-CELAC Common Research Area: global challenges, panel 1</b></p> <p><b>Green transition</b></p> <p>1. <b>Overarching topics</b> – Earth observation and space</p>	<b>Astrid-Christina Koch</b> , Space data economy & International cooperation, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, <b>European Commission</b>
12:30 – 12:40	<b>Family photo</b>	

**Lunch break**

*Buffet lunch provided by the European Commission, Centre Albert Borschette 4<sup>th</sup> floor*

**28 November 2023 Afternoon**

14:00 – 15:45	<p><b>EU-CELAC Common Research Area: global challenges, panel 1</b></p> <p><b>Green transition</b></p> <p>1. <b>Overarching topics</b> – Climate, energy, biodiversity, bioeconomy</p> <p>2. <b>Land</b> – cities, agriculture, soil, forests</p> <p>3. <b>Water</b> – Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean, freshwater</p> <p>4. <b>Air</b></p>	<p><b>Davor Percan</b>, Head of Unit, Regional and Bilateral Environmental Cooperation, Directorate-General for Environment, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Marco Fritz</b>, Climate &amp; planetary boundaries, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p>
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		<p><b>Liliana Pasecinic</b>, Member States, Partnerships and International Relations, Joint Research Centre, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Laura Hetel</b>, Urban Transitions, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Luis Vivas-Alegre</b>, Research and Innovation, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Juliana Chaves Chaparro</b>, Team leader in the action to foster EU-Caribbean marine research cooperation</p> <p><b>Szilvia Nemeth</b>, Ocean, Seas and Waters, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Noa Sainz Lopez</b>, Bioeconomy &amp; Food Systems, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Nédellec</b>, Director for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Higher Education and Research, <b>France</b></p>
15:45 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>EU-CELAC Common Research Area: global challenges, panel 2</b></p> <p><b>Digital</b></p> <p>1. Data</p>	<p><b>Carlos Oliveira</b>, Directorate-General for Communications, Networks, Content and Technology, <b>European Commission</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Digital infrastructure enabling research and innovation, standards, cybersecurity</li> <li>3. High-performance computing, quantum</li> <li>4. Artificial intelligence</li> </ul> <p><b>Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bi-regional partnership: vaccines, health systems, infectious diseases</li> <li>2. Multilateral R&amp;I initiatives</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>Aviation, transport, security, etc.</p>	<p><b>Olga Baus Gibert</b>, Mexico, Central America, Caribbean and Regional Operations 2, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Indridi Benediktsson</b>, Health Innovations &amp; Ecosystems, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Jeanne Rique</b>, Social Inclusion and Protection, Health and Demography, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Nédellec</b>, Director for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Higher Education and Research, <b>France</b></p>
<p>17:30– 18:00</p>	<p><b>EU-CELAC Common Research Area: mobility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mobility of researchers and innovators</li> <li>2. Training</li> <li>3. Support networks – Euraxess, NCPs, alumni</li> </ul>	<p><b>Claire Morel</b>, Head of Unit, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Dalila Andrade Oliveira</b>, Director of Institutional and International Cooperation and Innovation, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, <b>Brazil</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Nédellec</b>, Director for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Higher Education and Research, <b>France</b></p>
<p>18:15 – 20:00</p>	<p><b>Reception for the delegates</b> Hosted by the European Commission <b>Residence Palace, 155 Rue de la Loi (10 minute walk)</b></p>	

End of day 1

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29 November 2023 morning		
9:00 – 9:10	<p><b>Welcome and short summary of Day 1</b></p>	<p><b>Maria Cristina Russo</b>, Director for Global Approach &amp; International Cooperation in R&amp;I, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p>
9:10 – 10:45	<p><b>EU-CELAC Common Research Area: research infrastructures, open science</b></p> <p><b>Research infrastructures</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research infrastructures Working Group</li> <li>2. Research Infrastructures in thematic areas</li> <li>3. Projects, exchange activities</li> <li>4. Openness and data</li> </ol> <p><b>Open science</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open science and open access policies</li> <li>2. Digital infrastructures, platforms, journals, repositories</li> <li>3. Assessment</li> </ol>	<p><b>Martin Penny</b>, Head of Unit, International Cooperation I (Europe, Americas and thematic coherence), Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b>; Co-chair of the EU-CELAC RI WG</p> <p><b>Patricia Postigo McLaughlin</b> and <b>Javier Lopez Albacete</b>, Open Science and Research Infrastructures unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Lucie Nůñez Tayupanta</b>, Head of Unit of the European Research Area, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, <b>Czech Republic</b></p> <p><b>Patrick Nédellec</b>, Director for European and International Affairs, Ministry for Higher Education and Research, <b>France</b></p>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>EU-CELAC Common Research Area: innovation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Framework conditions: legal, regulatory, financial framework</li> <li>2. Funding, access to finance, scaling up, risk</li> <li>3. Supporting EU and CELAC innovators in joint activities</li> </ol>	<p><b>Massimo Gaudina</b>, Innovation Policy &amp; Access to Finance, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Luis Samaniego Moffre</b>, International Cooperation I (Europe, Americas and thematic coherence), Directorate-General for Research</p>

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		<p>and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p> <p><b>Julie David</b>, National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, <b>Trinidad and Tobago</b></p>
12:00 – 12:30	Closing remarks	<p><b>Inga Creese</b>, CELAC Pro-Tempore Presidency, <b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b></p> <p><b>Maria Cristina Russo</b>, Director for International Cooperation, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, <b>European Commission</b></p>

End of day 2