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Understanding Latin
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MSCA-DN: Understanding Latin American Challenges in the 21st Century - LAC-EU



THE PROJECT

- **Call:** HORIZON -MSCA-2022-DN -01
- **Type of action:** HORIZON -TMA-MSCA-DN
- **Grant agreement ID :** 101120060
- **Project title:** Understanding Latin American Challenges in the 21st Century
- **Project acronym:** LAC -EU
- **Duration:** 48 months
- **PhD training:** 36 months
- <https://www.lac-eu.network/>

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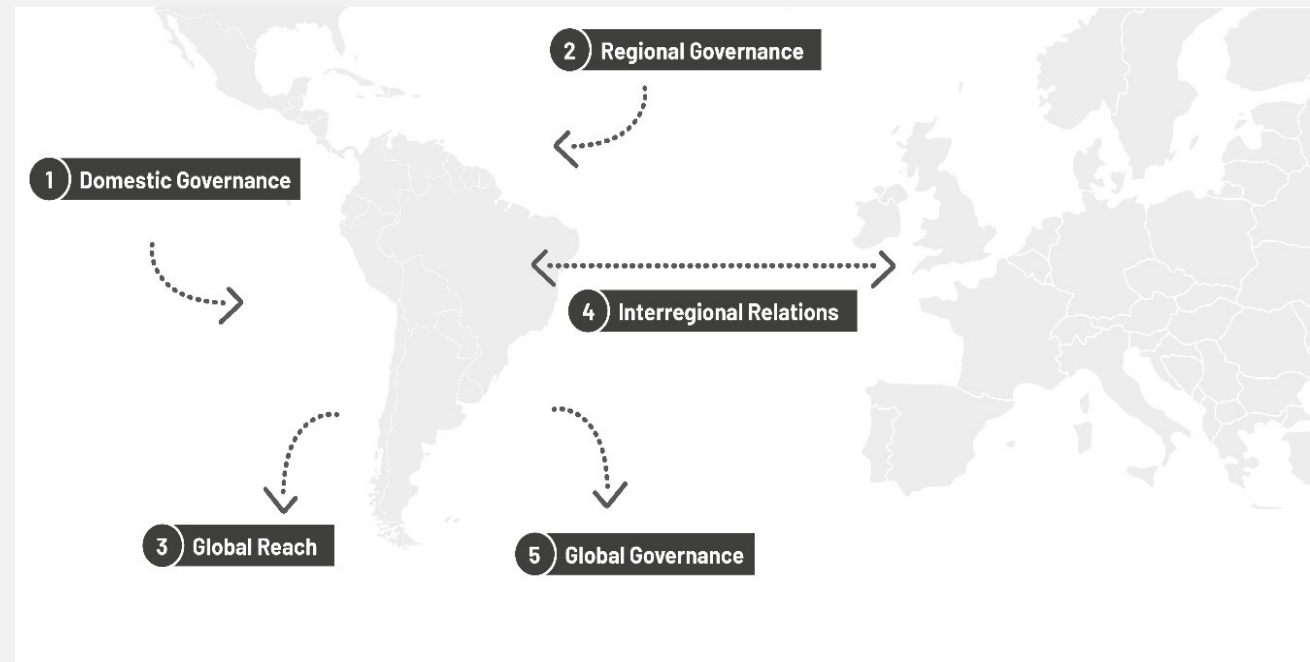
The screenshot shows the CORDIS project page for 'Understanding Latin American Challenges in the 21st Century'. The page includes a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'THEMATIC PACKS', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'VIDEOS & PODCASTS', 'NEWS', 'DATALAB', 'ABOUT US', and 'SEARCH'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The project title is prominently displayed, followed by a 'Fact Sheet' button. The 'Objective' section describes the project's goal of addressing social, political, and cultural transformations in Latin America and the Caribbean through a doctoral network. It details the program's structure, including a four-year PhD programme and interdisciplinary research. The 'Fields of science' section lists various disciplines such as political sciences, sociology, governance, humanities, and law. A 'Project Information' sidebar on the right provides details on the grant agreement ID, DOI, EC signature date, start and end dates, funding source (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions), total cost (€0.00), and EU contribution (€2,547,007.20). The project is coordinated by Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, Fundació Privada in Spain.

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Challenges in the 21st Century

- **Main objective:** Provide a three-year PhD training programme, including research visits and secondments to 10+2 doctoral students
- **Research objective:** Deepen our understanding of LAC challenges
- **Theoretical contribution:** Development of an interdisciplinary (social and political sciences, law and humanities) framework to assess LAC multilevel governance and its relationship with the EU
- **Policy objective:** Ensure revised and updated guidelines for EU-LAC relations

LAC-EU CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Focus on different governance levels, under an overarching framework: 1) **domestic governance**, to identify social and political issues within countries; 2) **regional governance**, to identify issues with a new significance for the region as a whole; 3) **global reach**, to assess soft power sources and instruments; 4) **interregional relations**, to examine the dynamics of bi-regional interactions in both formal and informal settings; and 5) **global governance**, to identify the region's new global role in world politics



LAC-EU WORK PACKAGES

LAC-EU



INTEGRATION AND CONTRIBUTION OF PHD

PROJECTS TO THE LAC- EU RESEARCH PROGRAMME

	LAC domestic governance	LAC regional governance	LAC global reach	EU-LAC inter-regional relations	Global governance
WP1- Democracy, politics, and human rights	<p>Democratic resistance and mobilising civil society (UoY)</p> <p>Data and technology in cities' governance (Sciences Po)</p>	<p>The governance of migration flows in LAC (FLACSO-Argentina)</p>	<p>Translating LAC: Fighting political stereotypes in European publishing houses (UB)</p>	<p>EU-LAC relations in UN Human Rights Council (KUL)</p>	<p>LAC involvement in transnational and global cities networks (IBEI)</p>
WP2- Trade, climate change and market risks	<p>Governing the gender-health nexus: Delivering sexual and reproductive health (UoY)</p>	<p>Gender, social policy, and trade in LAC regional governance (IBEI)</p>	<p>Trade, identities, and market success: LAC women writers in Europe and beyond (UB)</p>	<p>EU-LAC investment relations and green finance (FLACSO-Argentina)</p> <p>EU soft power and a democratic green transformation in LAC (Oslo)</p>	<p>LAC countries' engagement in multi-lateral trade governance (KUL)</p>



BENEFICIARIES AND ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

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1. Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)
2. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
3. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO Argentina)
4. Universitat de Barcelona
5. Sciences Po
6. University of Oslo
7. University of York (funded by UKRI)
1. Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)
2. CIDOB
3. PUC-Rio
4. Universidad de Chile
5. EU-LAC Foundation
6. IPRI-NOVA
7. FLACSO Ecuador
8. CRLA Archivos
9. OPENDEMOCRACY

ROLE OF BENEFICIARIES AND ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

	Beneficiaries	Associated partners
Recruitment of PhD researchers	✓	✗
Training and/or hosting of seconded PhD researchers	✓	✓
Participation in Supervisory Board	✓	✓
Participation in network events	✓	✓

PHD
PROJECTS

Researcher no.	Recruiting participant	PhD awarding entity	Planned start month	Duration (months) 3-36	Individual project title (focus)
R01	IBEI	UPF	09	36	LAC involvement in transnational and global cities networks
R02	IBEI	UPF	09	36	Gender, social policy, and trade in LAC regional governance
R03	UB	UB	09	36	Translating LAC: Fighting political stereotypes in European publishing houses
R04	UB	UB	09	36	Trade, identities, and market success: LAC women writers in Europe
R05	KUL	KUL	09	36	EU-LAC relations in the United Nations Human Rights Council
R06	KUL	KUL	09	36	LAC engagement in multilateral trade governance
R07	UoY	UoY	09	36	Democratic resistance and mobilising civil society
R08	UoY	UoY	09	36	Governing the gender-health nexus: Delivering sexual and reproductive health
R09	FLACSO Argentina	FLACSO Argentina/UPF	09	36	The governance of migration flows in LAC
R10	FLACSO Argentina	FLACSO-Argentina/KUL	09	36	EU-LAC investment relations and green finance
R11	Sciences Po	Sciences Po	09	36	Data and technology in cities' governance
R12	Oslo	Oslo	09	36	EU soft power and a democratic green transformation in Latin America
TOTAL				360	

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R01	IBEI	UPF	09	36	LAC involvement in transnational and global cities networks	PUC-Rio/CIDOB
R02	IBEI	UPF	09	36	Gender, social policy, and trade in LAC regional governance	UdC/EU-LAC Foundation
R03	UB	UB	09	36	Translating LAC: Fighting political stereotypes in European publishing houses	Univ-Poitiers/DA/OD
R04	UB	UB	09	36	Trade, identities, and market success: LAC women writers in Europe	UdC/Univ-Poitiers
R05	KUL	KUL	09	36	EU-LAC relations in the United Nations Human Rights Council	PUC-Rio/IPRI-Nova
R06	KUL	KUL	09	36	LAC engagement in multilateral trade governance	FLACSO Ecuador/EU-LAC Foundation
R07	UoY	UoY	09	36	Democratic resistance and mobilising civil society	PUC-Rio/CIDOB
R08	UoY	UoY	09	36	Governing the gender-health nexus: Delivering sexual and reproductive health	FLACSO Ecuador/EU-LAC Foundation
R09	FLACSO-Argentina	FLACSO-Argentina a/ UPF	09	36	The governance of migration flows in LAC	UdC/CIDOB
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LAC-EU WEBSITE AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA



Latest news



Several LAC-EU researchers take part in an international conference in Buenos Aires

The Department of International Relations at FLACSO Argentina, in association with the Jean Monnet Policy Network EU-RENEW have organised the international conference "Latin America-Europe Relations in Global Reordering", to be held in Buenos Aires between the 16th and the 20th of September 2024.



Call for proposals: a study on inequalities in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean

One of LAC-EU's associated partners, the EU-LAC Foundation, has launched together with CLACSO a call for proposals for a comparative study focusing on the continuities and new nuances of inequalities in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.



Watch the policy roundtable "Agendas and coming steps in EU-LAC relations"

On the morning of March 22, IBEI hosted a policy roundtable on the relations between the European Union and the Latin American and Caribbean states, the birregional agenda and upcoming steps.



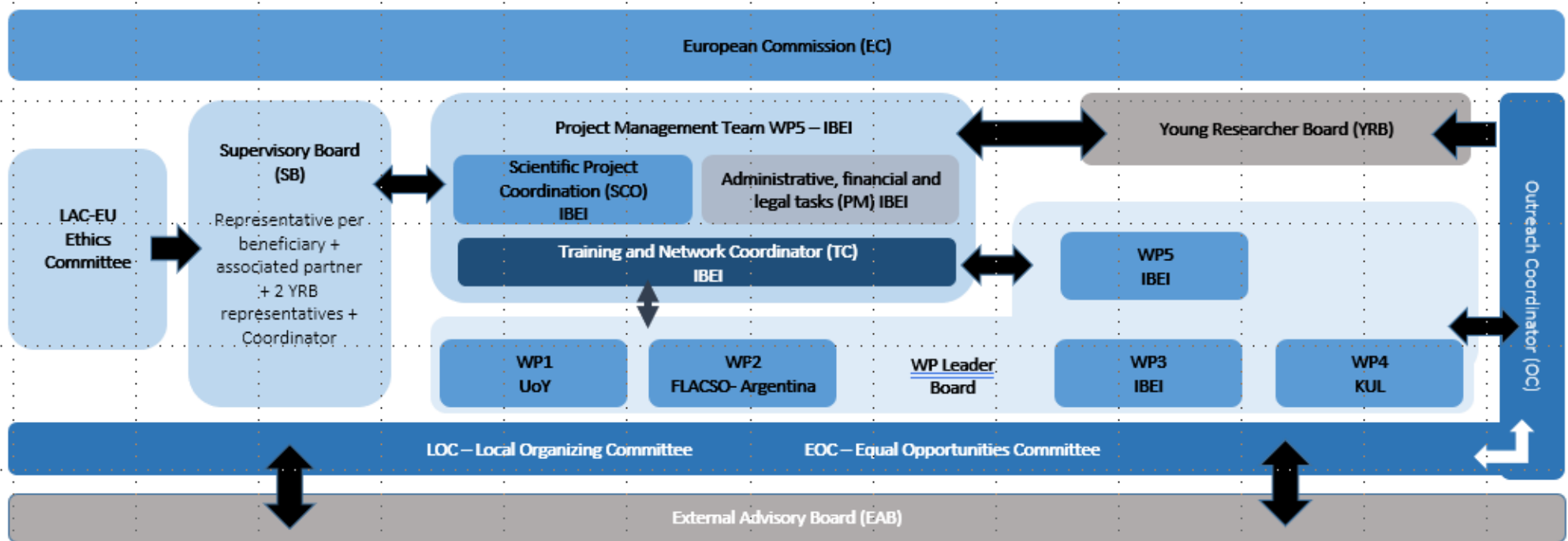
<https://x.com/LACEUNetwork>



LAC-EU Doctoral Network

LAC-EU STRUCTURE:WORK PACKAGES

WP n°	WP title	Lead beneficiary	Start month	End month	Activity type	Lead beneficiary short name	Researcher involvement
1	Research on democracy, politics, and human rights	1	04	48	Research	IBEI	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11
2	Research on trade, climate change and market risks	4	04	48	Research	FLACSO Argentina	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
3	Training activities	1	01	48	Training	IBEI	All
4	Dissemination and impact	2	01	48	Dissemination	KUL	All
5	Network management and internal communication	1	01	48	Management	IBEI	All



LAC-EU GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS

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- **Training (and network) coordinator** (IBEI)
- **Supervisory board:** 1 rep per beneficiary and associated partner + 2 rep Young Researcher Board (YRB)
- **External Advisory Board** (3 experienced researchers+1 practitioner)
- **Equal Opportunities Committee**
- Young Researcher Board
- IPR coordinator
- Outreach coordinator

OVERALL TIME FRAME, REPORTING AND FINANCIAL RULES

- Project = 48 months - 01/02/2024 to 31/01/2028
- PhD candidates: 36 months (including 2 secondments = 6 months in all)
- PhDs should start 8-10 months after the start of the project
- Deliverables and Milestones

LAC-EU ETHICS REQUIREMENTS

- Ethics clearance: The proposal is 'ethics ready'
- Ethics Committee

				Advanced course/specific research skills	General research, transferable, and entrepreneurial skills		
1	Kick-off meeting	0	IBEI	Presentation of beneficiary institutions and associated partners and their contribution to LAC-EU network; detailed layout of plans for recruitment of DCs and management; launch of communication and impact strategy and press release; meeting with EU and LAC policy makers to capture their assessment of LAC-EU foreseen activities and their own needs and ideas regarding the future of EU-LAC relations		01	
2	Network event 1	2.5	UoY	Advanced courses: 1) Research Design and Methods (FLACSO Argentina), 2) Questionnaire Design (UoY)	Project and time management for fellows; basic concepts in teamwork and leadership; ethics, gender sensitivity; debates from the literature; good scientific practice; open science, scientific communication	13	March 2025
3	LAC-EU Summer School: 'Reimagining EU-LAC relations'	2.5	UB	Advanced course: Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis (KUL)	Non-academic partner face-to-face-interactions with students; engaging in inter/multidisciplinary research	19	Sept. 2025
		2.5	UB	PI keynotes; policy debates and panels, invited experts' presentations on EU-LAC relations, discussion with policy officers.		19	Sept. 2025
During this event, the consortium will meet to discuss the mid-term review of the project to be submitted in M24							
4	Network event 2	2.5	FLACSO Argentina	Advanced courses: 1) Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets (KUL) 2) Qualitative Data Analysis (IBEI)	Presentations of DC's projects; IPR	24	Feb. 2026
5	Network event 3	2.5	UoY	Advanced courses: 1) Quantitative Data Analysis (UoY); 2) Network Analysis (IBEI)	Workshop on academic and non-academic writing; presentation of DCs papers	29	July 2026
6	Network event 4	2.5	IBEI	Workshop: targeting appropriate journals/book publishers; preparing grant applications; gender and diversity; how to maximize research impact, preparing for work experience in the public, private, and non-profit sectors		40	June 2027
Presentation and discussion of DCs dissertation drafts							
7	Final LAC-EU Conference	0	KUL	Dissemination research, launch of the alumni network, and next steps for DCs and LAC-EU research network		48	January 2028
Local trainings complement the LAC-EU network (find below and will be detailed in the PCDP of each researcher)						Regular	

MAIN NETWORK-WIDE TRAINING EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

BENEFICIARIES'
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PROGRAMMES

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) -
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales
(FLACSO Argentina)

Universitat de Barcelona

Sciences Po

University of Oslo

University of York

PH.D. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

- Open, Transparent and Merit-based Recruitment of Researchers (OTM-R)
- Based on European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers
- EURAXESS, HR Excellence in Research Distinction (European Commission)
- LAC -EU aims to have at least 50% female doctoral candidates
- General call already available on LAC -EU website
- Calls by each beneficiary to be posted on LAC -EU website

REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must not have a doctoral degree at the date of their recruitment
- Can be of any nationality
- Should be enrolled in a doctoral programme during the project
- Should comply with the mobility rules: in general, they must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of the recruiting organization (beneficiary) for more than 12 months in the 36 months immediately before their recruitment date

BENEFITS

- A living allowance
- A mobility allowance
- If applicable, family, long-term leave and special needs allowances
- Employed on labor contracts, entitling them to pensions, social security contributions, unemployment benefits, and paid holidays
- Flexible working hours to facilitate childcare arrangements, gender quality and life-work balance

SELECTION PROCESS

- Candidates will be pre-selected by beneficiaries; local admissions committees should bring together diverse expertise and skills, and ensure adequate gender and seniority balance
- Local committees submit final candidates to Coordinator, together with the minutes of the selection process, indicating members of the committee, selection criteria, and other details of the process
- External Advisory Board oversees the recruitment phase
- Equal Opportunities Committee oversees final list of proposed candidates
- Coordinator will contact Supervisory Board for final approval of candidates

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- Beneficiaries get 100% of research, training and networking unit costs for 36 PMs
- Beneficiaries' budget for research, training and networking activities will cover the following:
 - Costs for hosting and organizing workshops and seminars, as defined in the LAC-EU program (including honoraria to non-partner participants), including non-beneficiary (associated partners) travel to LAC-EU meetings (travel, accommodation, etc.)
 - Local dissemination activities related to LAC-EU goals
 - PhD researchers' fieldwork expenses (travel, accommodation, etc.)
 - PhDs researchers' participation in consortium workshops and doctoral courses in the network (travel, accommodation, meals)
 - Beneficiaries' senior members' participation in consortium workshops and doctoral courses in the network (travel, accommodation, meals, and teaching fee, if possible) - e.g., supervisors and other seniors involved in training
 - Other costs related to the research activity of PhDs (documents, data, specific training)
 - To cover PhD fees, if needed
 - No research time buyout for senior team members - not a valid expense based on grant rules

!!!Gracias!!!