

# EURAXESS Brazil & Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

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# 1 Funding opportunities for Individual Researchers in LAC (Latin America & the Caribbean)

We have written on MSCA and ERC before, but with the fairly new expansion of EURAXESS beyond Brazilian borders and throughout all of Latin America & the Caribbean, we wanted to make sure all researchers of the region were aware of their eligibility.

Did you know that apart from institutions, researchers in the entire LAC region could apply to the individual schemes described below, even if their base country is not among the list of Horizon 2020 eligible countries? Did you know you could find these vacancies on the EURAXESS portal? Here is a **special reminder to ALL individual LAC researchers in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico and any other LAC countries:**

- [MSCA- Individual Fellowships \(IF\)](#) and [ERC](#) grants are open to all of you, meaning **all individual Latin American and Caribbean researchers are eligible for funding.**
- Individual LAC researchers can also **apply to the individual PhD positions created by MSCA - ITN or MSCA - COFUND** networks (advertised on the [EURAXESS website](#)).
- **NEW!** From July 2018, ERC Synergy Grant Groups can include up to **one Principal Investigator based in a third country**, including **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico** and any other LAC countries. The [ERC Synergy Grant](#) is currently open until 8 November 2018.

## 1.1 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

The MSCA will enable up to 15,000 non-EU researchers to start or pursue their careers in Europe by 2020.

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions are European grants offered to researchers of **all ages and nationalities in all scientific areas** (except those covered by the EURATOM Treaty) and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility.

### Individual Fellowships (IF)

Researchers based in LAC can apply for a European fellowship to perform a post-doctoral research stay of up to 2 years in Europe, choosing to apply either for a *Scientific Grant*, a *Society & Enterprise Grant* in the non-academic sector or a *Career Restart Panel*, which supports researchers who had a career break.

LAC researchers must apply in partnership with a host institution based in any [European member state or country associated to Horizon 2020](#). Look for MSCA hosting institutions on the EURAXESS portal [here](#)



Call currently open:

[MSCA – ITN](#) closing  
15/01/2019

## Co-Funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

Researchers from LAC can undertake a PhD in Europe by applying directly to the co-funded vacancies advertised on the [Euraxess Job portal](#); experienced researchers apply directly with the funding organisations offering the fellowships.

## Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

Latin American and Caribbean researchers: can apply to the PhD positions created by ITN networks, including Industrial Doctorates and Joint Doctorates. These are advertised on the [Euraxess Job portal](#).

## Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Individual LAC researchers have to contact their institution to ask whether it has successfully applied for RISE funding and enquire about the secondment options available. If the institution has successfully applied for RISE funding, individual researchers can take part in a research and innovation project and spend one to 12 months at a partner institution in Europe. The individual researcher must have been working at the organisation for at least one month before the secondment.

- Institutions in LAC (**excluding** Mexico, Brazil, Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago)\* can join a consortia as partner and apply to this scheme to second their staff to Europe or vice versa.

- Institutions from **Mexico, Brazil, Barbados, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago** could also join the consortium and host researchers from Europe at their premises. They can also second people to Europe but would have to fund this themselves.

All MSCA calls and deadlines are published on the [Participant Portal](#).

### Useful info:

- Short guide on MSCA specifically for LAC [here](#)
- For any queries, contact your local NCP (National Contact Point for MSCA) [here](#) by selecting your country under „Third countries“; then select „Marie Skłodowska Curie“ in the right-hand column.
- Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions website with call details, facts, figures, interviews etc. [here](#)
- MSCA en español: [Guía para la participación exitosa de INVESTIGADORES Latinoamericanos y Caribeños en las ACCIONES MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE](#)

## 1.2 European Research Council (ERC) Grants

### ERC open to the world

- The ERC strives to attract top researchers from **anywhere in the world including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico** to come to Europe.
- The ERC funds the very best and creative researchers of **any nationality or age** to run **five-year-projects, across all fields of knowledge**, in a public or private research organisation based in [EU Member States](#) and [Associated Countries](#)
- No consortia.
- Time to spend on the project: ERC grantees can keep their affiliation with their home institution outside Europe. They must be strongly committed to their project and spend at least 50% of their working time in Europe.



Calls currently open:

[Starting Grants](#) - Deadline: 17 Oct 2018

[Synergy Grants](#) -Deadline: 8 Nov 2018

### Jobs in ERC teams: PhD and post-doc positions

- ERC projects are carried out by individual researchers ('Principal Investigators', PIs) who can **employ researchers of any nationality** as team members. Hence one or more team members can be located in a non-European country like **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia or Mexico**.
- **Vacancies for team members** interested in joining an ERC led research project can be published on the EURAXESS Jobs portal. A quick search with the "European Research Council (ERC)" filter will list all vacancies available in ERC teams in Europe. It is then possible to refine the results by research field, country, etc.

### Post-doctoral visits to ERC teams in Europe

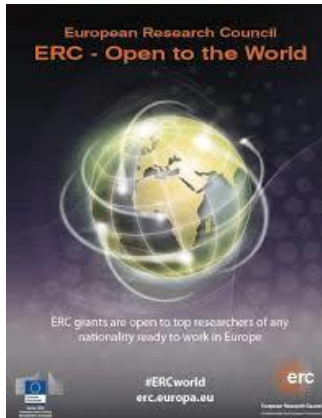
Scientists from **Argentina, Brazil and Mexico** can temporarily join ERC-funded teams in Europe thanks to the Implementing Arrangements (IAs) signed between local funding agencies and the European Commission.

Research visits can be either one-offs and long-term (6-12 months), or multiple short-term visits (for Argentinian and Brazilian researchers).

The opportunity is open to:

- Top Argentinian scientists with an active National Scientific Technical Research Council (CONICET) project and at least ten years of full-time research experience after being awarded a PhD degree;
- Brazilian post-doctoral grantees from FAPs, CAPES and CNPq;
- Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) Research and Postdoctoral Fellows

### Reminder of different ERC Grants available to individual LAC researchers:



### ERC Team members

On average, ERC grantees employ around six team members during their ERC project. Estimates show that approx. 17% of ERC team members are nationals from countries outside Europe, among which **300 are from LAC**.

Currently, there are 621 principal investigators of non-ERA nationality, representing 8% of all grantees. Only **38 grantees are nationals from LAC, coming from Argentina (15), Brazil (7), Chile (3), Mexico (3), Colombia (2), Costa Rica (2), Bolivia, Ecuador, Jamaica, Panama, Peru and Venezuela (1 each)**.

erc European Research Council Established by the European Commission		ABOUT ERC	FUNDING	PROJECTS & FIGURES	NEWS & EVENTS	MANA PROJ	
<b>ERC STARTING GRANTS</b>	Grants up to 1.5€ million for 5 years For promising early-career researchers with 2 to 7 years experience after PhD	<b>ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANTS</b>	Grants up to 2€ million for 5 years For excellent researchers with 7 to 12 years experience after PhD	<b>ERC ADVANCED GRANTS</b>	Grants up to 2.5€ million for 5 years For established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements	<b>ERC PROOF OF CONCEPT</b>	Grants up to 150.000€ For existing ERC grant holders to bring their research ideas closer to market
<b>SYNERGY GRANTS</b>	Grants up to 10€ million for 6 years To address ambitious research questions that can only be answered by the coordinated work of a small group of 2-4 principal Investigators	<b>ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	For researchers wishing to work or gain experience in an ERC grantee's team				



All ERC calls are annual and published on the [Participant Portal](#).

#### Useful Info:

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- For any queries, contact your local NCP (National Contact Point for ERC) [here](#) by selecting your country under „Third countries“ then select „European Research Council“ in the right-hand column
- European Research Council website with call details, facts, figures, interviews etc. [here](#)



[Juan Manuel Toro](#) is from Pereira (Colombia) and moved to Bogotá to study in the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Later, he got his PhD from the Universitat de Barcelona (Spain) with a doctoral thesis on language evolution. After a postdoc at SISSA (Trieste, Italy) he got a position as ICREA Research Professor at the Centre for Brain and Cognition in the Universitat Pompeu Fabra

### 1.3 Interview with Juan Manuel Toro, Colombian ERC Starting Grant awardee

**You have recently been awarded an ERC Starting Grant. Could you tell us about the research you are conducting with this grant? How can the general public benefit from it?**

The project explores what is uniquely human and what is shared with other species in language. The starting point for this project is that humans share with other animals many cognitive capacities, but the ability for language has only developed in us. Of course, other animals have pretty complex communication systems, but none seems to share key features with human language. So why does human language seem so special? This is a question that generates much debate and there several lines of research trying to answer it. My proposal was to focus on how different species might focus on separate aspects of the signal to extract information. This involves the characterisation of constraints humans face while processing language and the mapping of the different cues other animal species might use to discover linguistic regularities. Thus, I am currently doing research with human adults and infants and also with animals. Hopefully, this research will provide information about the different elements involved in language learning. In more general terms it will be telling about what is uniquely human.

**How did you find out about the ERC selection process? Can you share any tips with our readers on how to apply for an ERC grant successfully?**

Our centre has a research office that gave me all the information about the grants and the application process. It really helped me to have people with experience with previous successful applications to guide me during the process.

During the application process, a lot of emphasis was put on the idea that, of course, scientific excellence is the starting point for any successful ERC grant. But there are many excellent researchers applying for ERC grants. So, besides being scientifically strong, a proposal should be innovative. It should not be just a follow-up of existing research. Rather, it should approach a given topic from a different angle. If funded, your proposal should make a qualitative contribution to your field of research, not just a quantitative addition to the already-existing knowledge. It is also important to keep in mind that members of the scientific panels have to make difficult decisions among the projects they review (as, again, there are many excellent projects). So, you should be able to easily convey why your project really presents a novel approach, or why it will be able to make a significant contribution, to the issue you are tackling. Finally, I was awarded a Starting grant. For these grants, it is very important to show that you are able to lead a project and that you are an independent researcher. That means that you can carry on your own research beyond your previous work with, for example, your PhD supervisor or the head of the lab where you did your postdoc.

**Young researchers from everywhere in the world can be recruited to work in ERC teams as PhD candidates, post-docs or researchers. How would you**



### **encourage Latin American and Caribbean researchers to look for these opportunities as team members?**

All the positions that I offered to participate in this project were advertised through the EURAXESS job portal (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>). This is a pretty good place to start looking for available positions in the different ERC projects. Also, ERC grantees are usually very active members in their area of research. It is thus likely that available positions will be advertised in the specialised mailing list for their research field. Finally, it is important to know which are the labs that are working on the questions that you are interested in. Checking the information on available positions in these places could provide you with the opportunity to join their teams.

### **How has mobility influenced the direction of your career? In your opinion, what could be done to further enhance the mobility of international researchers between Europe and Colombia / Latin America and the Caribbean?**

Mobility has been very important for my career. I did my undergrad studies in Bogotá (Colombia), then moved to Barcelona (Spain) for my PhD and then to Trieste (Italy) for a 3-year postdoc. To advance in your research career, it is key to work in the labs that are tackling the issues that you are interested in. And this necessarily involves moving to new places. Once you have a scientific question you want to answer, going to the relevant labs and institutions is a great way to develop your own research project.

Regarding what could be done to enhance the mobility of international researchers to and from Colombia, I think there are two separate issues (one is easier to solve than the other). Firstly, more information is needed regarding the collaboration opportunities. This is a problem that can be solved, and the ERC initiative is a great example of how to do it. Secondly, unfortunately, my impression is that there are still many bureaucratic problems for people interested in doing research to move to other countries (for example, very difficult visa applications). This is definitely a problem that is harder to tackle, and I am aware of steps being taken in the right direction. But my impression is that there is still work to be done on this issue.

### **One final piece of advice or insight?**

The ERC grants are great to advance your research. They provide you with the resources needed to create a team, set up your lab and develop your own lines of study. The ERC grants are also highly appreciated in the scientific community, many times helping the grantee to hold prestigious positions in research institutions. It is thus really worth the effort to take an interesting research idea you might have and prepare a proposal. In the worst scenario of not getting the grant, just writing down the proposal will help you to organise your ideas and plan your research for the next five years.

## **2 Hot topic – “Step by step guide on MSCA – IF application”**

The MSCA Individual Fellowship (IF) is one of the most prestigious funding programmes of the European Commission. All researchers, of any age and nationalities can apply for this funding. This step by step guide walks you through the application procedure:

#### **ERC Myths vs Reality:**

Researchers sometimes have certain incorrect ideas about the ERC grant application process – “myths” that discourage them from applying for funding.

In [this article](#), Giulio Superti-Furga responds to some common misperceptions he has encountered over the years. Professor Superti-Furga, a molecular and systems biologist, has experience from both sides of the fence: he won several ERC grants from 2009 to 2015 and became a member of the ERC's Scientific Council in 2017.

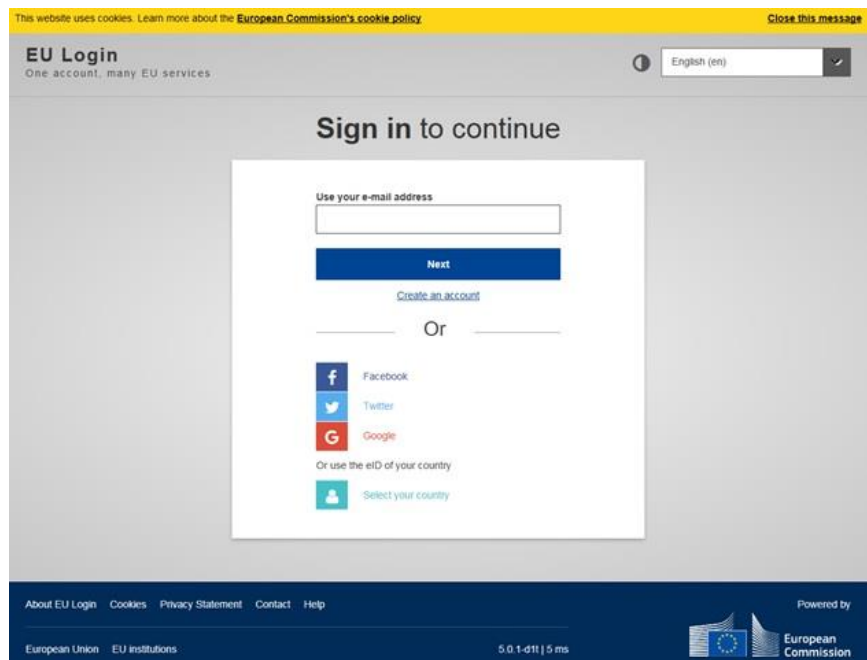
**STEP 1**

**All MSCA-IF proposals must be submitted electronically using the electronic submission system of the Participant Portal.**

**You first need to log in.**

To do so, perform the following steps:

1. Go to the Participant Portal:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>
2. Click the **Login** button. You will be prompted to authenticate through the **EU login** screen.



3. Enter your email address in the field provided, then click the **Next** button. You will be prompted for your password.
4. Enter your password in the **Password** field.
5. Click the **Sign in** button.

**Check out the full step by step Guide [here](#)**

**Calls are annual so start preparing yourself for the next one!**



EURAXESS – Researchers in Motion is an initiative of the European Research Area (ERA) that addresses barriers to the mobility of researchers and seeks to enhance their career development. This pan-European effort is currently supported by 40 countries, of which we will profile one in our quarterly EURAXESS LAC e-newsletter. Here we focus on Albania.



Albania is a democratic and developing country with an upper-middle income economy. Albania is a member of the United Nations, World Bank, UNESCO, NATO, WTO, CoE, OSCE and OIC. It is also an official candidate for membership in the European Union. Furthermore, Albania is one of the founding members of the Energy Community, including the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, and Union for the Mediterranean.

## 3 In Focus

### 3.1 EURAXESS country in focus: Albania

#### 3.1.1 Research and Development in Albania

Albania has a number of research institutions conducting cutting-edge basic research. Eleven of the Top-35 research organisations that receive funding through the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2020) are from Albania. The capacity of Albania's research institutes to conduct excellent research is also reflected in the relatively good performance in terms of scientific publications.

R&D performance is concentrated in public sector centres and institutes, higher education institutions, line ministries, and the government sector: UNESCO statistics indicate that in 2008, 52.1% of R&D was performed by the public sector and 47.9% by higher education. UNESCO<sup>1</sup> also reports that Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (GERD) funded by business enterprises totalled 13.1m ALL in 2007 and 54.3m ALL in 2008 (\$0.308m and \$1.311m in current PPP\$, respectively, or approximately €0.225m in 2007<sup>2</sup> and €0.891m 2008<sup>3</sup>). This is the first standardised indicator of the size of Business Enterprise and Research and Development (BERD) in the country—other estimates suggest that the ratio of gross business enterprise expenditure on RTD to GDP is around 0.0025%<sup>4</sup>.

#### 3.1.2 Albania's R&D Strategy

The **New R&D&I Strategy for the Programming Period 2017-2022** aspires to strengthen the Albania research system (human capital and infrastructure), conduct research relevant to the needs of the country and thus make R&D an indispensable tool for the further development of the Albania economy. In this context, it is intended to launch programmes focusing on the development of human capital for research in a knowledge economy (including support to excellent researchers, support to mobility of researchers to work in enterprises, and support to training for innovation activities, as well as starting grants for new researchers).

#### Entrepreneurship and Innovation

According to the programme of National Strategy for Development, Science and Innovation, Albanian enterprises are expected to increase their Business Expenditures on Research and Development sensibly. A considerable number of enterprises is more and more undertaking Research and Innovation activities mainly in services and incremental innovations. In this line, The National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation aims to support a close collaboration between the private businesses and the academic staffs through the implementation of The Triple Helix Project (Public + Businesses + Academia).

#### 3.1.3 Funding and Recruitment Opportunities

The government constitutes the largest R&D source of funds (in 2015, 0.4% of the GERD was funded by GOV) and the third largest R&D performer (after Higher Education Institutes and Business). The National Agency for Scientific

[1] Beyond 20/20 WDS - Table View

[2] Source: European Central Bank, ECB reference exchange rate, US dollar/Euro equal to \$1.3705/€1, 2007 data.

[3] Source: European Central Bank, ECB reference exchange rate, US dollar/Euro equal to \$1.4708/€1, 2008 data.

[4] Estimates from discussions with MES officials, 2011



Research and Innovation [www.akti.gov.al](http://www.akti.gov.al) is the supreme State advisory body for national policy for research, technology and innovation. The responsibility of funding research is shared between the *Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth* and the *Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs*.

The National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation (NASRI) consider the scientific and technological cooperation agreements as important in increasing the national capacities of the scientific research level. There are calls launched to do justice to this importance and these calls are funded from the government's budget.

The agency has a record on carrying out bilateral calls with Slovenia, Austria, Turkey and Italy. It is also important to note that governmental agreements on science exist with a whole range of states/countries all around the world:

1. Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Malaysia (Active)
3. Kosovo (Active)
4. Macedoni (Active)
5. Austri (Active)
6. France (Active)
7. Jermani (Active)
8. Hungarian (Active)
9. Itali (Active)
10. Ceki (Active)
11. Slovakia (Active)
12. Croaci (Active)
13. Rumani (Active)
14. Slovenian (Active)
15. Bullgari (In Negotiation)
16. Polison (On Negotiations)
17. Greqi (In Negotiations)
18. Turqi (Active)
19. The United Emirates

Furthermore, Albania has an interstate agreement with 9 of the 28 European Union member states. The dates of implementation of these agreements are as follows :

1. Austria- 11.01.2006
2. France- 02.08.2011
3. Germany- 03.09.2012
4. Hungary- 04.01.2008
5. Italy 5-18.12.1997
6. Czech- 06.10.1998
7. Slovakia- 08.2001
8. Romania- 10.2009
9. Slovenia- 23.02.2007

Meanwhile, with other countries:

1. Turkey (07.02.2007)
2. United Arab Emirates-13.03.2014
3. Russia- (11.04.1995)
4. Bosnia and Herzegovina- (22.12.2003)
5. Monte Negro- (16.12.2008)
6. Kosovo- (12.2013)
7. Macedonia- (2016)

### Important information for incoming researchers

[EURAXESS Albania](#) is a resource for foreign researchers who plan to come to Albania. Whether you are looking for information about work, study or everyday life in Albania, EURAXESS Albania covers all matters relating to your professional and daily life, job and funding opportunities. EURAXESS Albania is also a platform for researchers, entrepreneurs, universities and businesses.



[Ritva Repo-Carrasco-Valencia](#) researches native Andean crops in Peru. She has a Ph.D. degree in Food Chemistry from University of Turku (UTU), Finland. She has worked in Peru since 1986 and is currently a Principal Professor and researcher at the Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina (UNALM) in Lima. UNALM and UTU undertake several shared research projects on the subject of Andean crops.

UNALM website:  
[www.lamolina.edu.pe](http://www.lamolina.edu.pe)

The current ambition of the agency (NASRI) is to endow into future calls with Monte Negro, Kosovo and Macedonia.

### 3.1.4 International Research Cooperation and Mobility Examples

The Higher Education sector is the largest R&D performer accounting for expenditure in 2015. At the end of 2015, the Higher Education sector was composed of 12 public universities and 28 institutes subordinated to Ministries. In addition to public, there are 24 private universities of various types accredited by the *Ministry of Education, Sports and Youth* operating in the country.

The R&I strategy for the next programming period 2017-2022 focuses on the following priorities:

- Areas of traditional strength for the country (examples: tourism, energy);
- Areas of recent successes in terms of critical mass and on-going activities (examples: IT, engineering, energy);
- Areas of high added value and able to deliver major economic benefit and employment prospects (examples: energy, nutrition – food sciences); and
- Areas of national interest (examples: food production, archaeology, culture, energy, defence).

## 3.2 Cooperation example Horizon 2020 - LAC: Interview with Peru based Finnish researcher Ritva Repo

### Tell us a bit about yourself. Where are you from?

I grew up in Turku, Finland and have lived in Peru since 1986, having met my Peruvian husband during my university years in Helsinki. Despite the large distances, I have maintained close links with Finland (both personal and academic) and enjoy spending my summers there.

### Please briefly outline your academic career, and its developments before joining the H2020 project.

After obtaining my Master's degree in Food Chemistry and Technology at the University of Helsinki, I was able to start pursuing my interest in Andean grains in 1986, when I was awarded a grant from the Academy of Finland. This allowed me to conduct research in cooperation with the San Antonio Abad University, in Cusco, Peru, the historical capital of the Inca Empire. The following year, I moved to the capital city of Lima with my husband and son and continued my research on Andean grains at the Nutrition Institute of the Ministry of Health of Peru. I joined my current employer, the Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina (UNALM), in 1994.

I was awarded my Ph.D. degree at the University of Turku in 2011 and I subsequently obtained grants from the Finnish government to carry out collaborative research projects between Finland and Peru. UNALM has had four major projects with Finnish institutions since 2011, making it possible for around thirty Peruvian professors and students to make study visits to Finland. In 2018, I was honored to receive the medal of the First Order of the Lion of Finland as a recognition for my efforts to promote scientific cooperation between Finland and Peru.

In 2014, I was invited to participate in three proposals for the Horizon 2020 call, one of which was led by the University of Copenhagen. This proposal was awarded the grant and the project started in 2015.

**Could you briefly tell us about this particular research project with Peru? How can the general public benefit from it?**

The main goal of the Protein2Food (P2F) project is the improvement of the quality of plant protein, from a nutritional, economic, environmental and organoleptic point of view. This is done by adopting a multi-disciplinary approach covering the whole food supply chain (from 'farm to fork') of plant protein from legumes and new high-quality crops. These crops have been selected due to their potential as important food crops in the EU context for their protein quality and amount.

[P2F is an EU project under the Horizon 2020](#) Work Programme Sustainable Food Security (SFS) 15 – 2014: Proteins of the future. It has 7 work packages: WP1: Crop production, WP2: Protein extraction and fractionation, WP3: Food processing, WP4: Market potential, WP5: Sustainability assessment, WP6: Dissemination, communication and social innovation, and WP7: Project management. P2F works with a diverse consortium of 19 partners (breeders and farmers, food ingredient producers, and product manufacturers) from 13 different countries.

The P2F project will benefit the general public by developing innovative, cost-effective and resource-efficient plant proteins. Plant proteins are rich sources of food that have a positive impact on human health, the environment and biodiversity. P2F will improve the quality of plant proteins produced in Europe and in third countries (Peru and Uganda). It will also improve the sustainability of their production and processing. There will be an enhancement of the quality and quantity of protein from selected highly nutritious seed crops (quinoa, amaranth and buckwheat), and legumes (lupin, faba beans, peas, chickpeas, lentils).

**In your opinion, what could be done to further enhance the mobility of international researchers between Europe and Peru?**

The organisation of informational events about the grant opportunities between Peru and Europe would be key to raise awareness and improve mobility.

**What would you recommend to a Peruvian who is thinking about coming to work in Europe?**

Learn excellent English, take warm clothes and remember that the weather can be much more unpredictable than in places like Lima.

**How do you like Peru outside the lab?**

Peru is a beautiful, diverse country with three very different natural regions: the coastal desert, the Andean highlands and the Amazon rainforest. Its mix of cultures (Spanish, native, Asian and African) and its great biodiversity have influenced the country's delicious cuisine, which has now become known all over the world. During my time living here, I have had the opportunity to travel extensively and visit the many historical sites left by the pre-Hispanic cultures of Peru, such as the world-famous Machu Picchu.

## 4 EURAXESS LAC activities

### 4.1 Don't miss our future events in the region

#### 4.1.1 Research opportunities in social sciences and humanities in Europe, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo, 8 October

Fundação Getulio Vargas Rede de Pesquisa e Conhecimento Aplicado, recently appointed Horizon 2020 National Contact Point (NCP) for Brazil in social sciences and EURAXESS Brazil invite to an info session focused on opportunities in Europe in this scientific area.



Free event, open to all. Registration mandatory: <http://bit.ly/oportunidades-de-pesquisa>.

#### 4.1.2 [Take part in EURAXESS training to improve your science communication techniques](#), Rio de Janeiro, 16 October

Communicating about their work is indispensable for researchers. On a day-to-day basis, they must convince relatives, colleagues, employers and potential funders of the importance of their work. Not to mention their role in training students and in arousing the curiosity of the new generations. To support them and insure enough public resources are allocated to science and technology, society must understand what researchers do in their labs. That's why they need to communicate more. And better.

Since no one is born a good public speaker, EURAXESS Brazil will offer a training to help the Slam finalists and other researchers interested in presenting their work more efficiently and in a less conventional manner.

EURAXESS Brazil is **receiving candidacies** until 9 October from researchers interested in improving their skills on how to communicate their research to the wider public.

This edition of the EURAXESS Training will count with the participation of Leonardo Parreira from UNIFESP, previous winner and founder of GATU, as well as [the amazing Science Slammer 2017](#), Arthur Domingos de Melo. A special module on "Innovative ideas beyond academy" will be given by João Silveira, Start Ups & Innovation project manager at swissnex Brazil.

#### 4.1.3 [Enjoy a night of science and entertainment at EURAXESS Science Slam Brazil Finals](#), Rio de Janeiro, 17 October

Finals of the EURAXESS Brazil flagship event, where 5 pre-selected researchers based in Brazil will present their work in a simple and entertaining manner and compete for a trip to Europe, to visit the research institute of their choice.

The finalists are:

- Caroline Cayres, PhD student at UFRJ;
- Guilherme Telles, Master's student at USP;
- Isabela Ramos, Researcher at Universidade Católica de Brasília;
- Raimundo Soares Junior, Master's student at USP;
- Silvia Garcez, Master's student at UESC and professor at IFBA.

Join us for this fun and interesting event by registering at [scienceslambrasil.com](http://scienceslambrasil.com).

#### 4.1.4 EURAXESS LAC mission to Chile, November 2018

Stay tuned for more details on EURAXESS LAC's visit to Chile in November and info sessions to be held in Santiago and other cities.

More on [lac.euraxess.org](http://lac.euraxess.org) and [www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/](http://www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/).



The EURAXESS training and Science Slam are organised with the support of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences ABC, the Brazilian society for the progress of Science (SBPC), [swissnex Brazil](#), [Rede de Pesquisadores](#), the Brazilian Council of State Funding agencies Confap, FAPERJ, Pint of Science Brasil, the French and Italian Consulates in Rio de Janeiro as well as the EU Delegation to Brazil.

4.1.5 **EURAXESS LAC Webinar** on 5 December 2018 at 18:00 Mexican time as part of the European Delegation to Mexico's webinars for the Erasmus ALUMNI network



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**Ciclo de webinars UE-MEX para red alumni**

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"Las Relaciones entre la Unión Europea y México"	"El Tratado de Libre Comercio UE- México"	"Instrumentos de cooperación científica de la UE"
10 de octubre de 2018 18.00-19.00	24 de octubre de 2018 18.00-19.00	5 de diciembre de 2018 18.00-19.00
Embajador Klaus Radischhauser Jefe de la Delegación de la UE en México Ponente	Pablo Caridi Jefe de la sección económica y comercial, Delegación de la UE en México Ponente	Ingrid Le Van Oficial de programa EURAXESS América Latina y el Caribe Ponente

More details coming up on [lac.euraxess.org](http://lac.euraxess.org) and [www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/](http://www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/).

4.1.6 **EURAXESS LAC at COLIFRI in Colombia, 11 December 2018**

EURAXESS info session and workshop participation during COLIFRI - 2nd Meeting of French and Colombian researchers in Medellín, Colombia

More details coming up on [lac.euraxess.org](http://lac.euraxess.org) and [www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/](http://www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/).

4.2 **Recent events**

4.2.1 [European Research Day - Advance your research in Mathematics in Europe](#), Rio de Janeiro, 10 August 2018

Event focused on opportunities for Brazilians to pursue part of their research career in mathematics in Europe, with presentations of France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.

We had the honour to welcome the **President of the European Research Council, Mr Jean Pierre Bourguignon**, for a keynote lecture, as well as the Italian mathematician Lamberto Rondoni.

Presentations available at <http://bit.ly/ERD2018>.



#### 4.2.2 [II MCAA Brazil-Europe Workshop \(BREUW\)](#), Botucatu, São Paulo, 12-14 September 2018

Second event organised by the **Marie Curie Alumni Association Brazil Chapter**, in partnership with EURAXESS BRAZIL and the University of São Paulo State (UNESP), the "II MCAA BRAZIL-EUROPE Workshop (BREUW) - Multidisciplinary Research Perspectives " was held at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science (FMVZ-UNESP), in Botucatu, São Paulo.

During 2,5 days, MSCA fellows based all over Brazil, including a guest from Cambridge university in the UK and researchers from Scotland and Serbia presented their research in different fields and shared insights on career development.

EURAXESS Brazil coordinated a session on EU funding and tools to carry out PhD, Post-docs and frontier research in Europe with the participation of Daniel Praeg, European-based researcher currently in Brazil thanks to a MSCA IF/GF. Presentation available [here](#).

#### 4.2.3 EURAXESS visit to Colombia

In August, EURAXESS activities and services were introduced for the first time in Colombia to various main actors of the STI landscape of Colombia including the Ministry of Education of Colombia, COLCIENCIAS, ICETEX, embassies of the EU Member States in Colombia, as well as local researchers and research institutions such as Universidad Javeriana and Universidad del Rosario. An info session was also held for researchers of the Universidad de los Andes on EURAXESS and European funding schemes such as the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions and European Research Council Grants (part of the Horizon 2020 programme). You can download the presentation [here](#).

Stay tuned on upcoming events and visits to Colombia on [lac.euraxess.org](http://lac.euraxess.org) and [www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/](http://www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/).

#### 4.2.4 EURAXESS visit to Mexico

EURAXESS activities and services were also introduced to various main actors of the STI landscape of Mexico at the end of August. These included: CONACYT, CINVESTAV, UNAM, INMEGEN, some embassies of the European Member States in Mexico, Instituto Mora and Tecnológico de Monterrey. Some Info sessions were also held for individual researchers and institutions on EURAXESS and European funding schemes such as the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions and European Research Council Grants (part of the Horizon 2020 programme). You can download the presentation held publicly at CONACYT [here](#).

Stay tuned on upcoming events and visits to Mexico on [lac.euraxess.org](http://lac.euraxess.org) and [www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/](http://www.facebook.com/EuraxessLAC/).

**If you are interested in EURAXESS LAC presenting at your institution via webinar or potentially face to face, please contact us on [lac@euraxess.net](mailto:lac@euraxess.net) (for institutions in Argentina, Chili, Colombia, Mexico and other LAC countries) and [brazil@euraxess.net](mailto:brazil@euraxess.net) (for Brazilian institutions).**

### 4.3 Looking for funding opportunities? EURAXESS can help you!

We now produce one **unique list of funding opportunities** combining open calls to both Brazil and other LAC countries. The grants & fellowships are funded by the European Commission, EU Member States or Brazilian & LAC authorities to fund researchers' mobility and cooperation with European teams.

Latest edition: <http://bit.ly/FO082018>



### [EURAXESS Funding database](#)

**Individual researchers:** search for the funding programme you need for your mobility or research cooperation project.

**Funding organisations:** publish your funding opportunities and scholarships to increase your visibility and reach the best candidates worldwide.

## 4.4 In case you missed our Flashnotes

### **Brazil:**

[Call to Brazilian researchers temporarily join a team run by an ERC grantee \(CONFAP & CNPq\)](#)

[Fields Medal 2018 is awarded to an Italian ERC grantee](#)

[Improve your science communication skills in EURAXESS Training on Presentation Techniques for Researchers - Now open for candidacies!](#)

[Interview with Rodrigo Correa-Oliveira and Manoel Barral-Neto, Horizon 2020 National Contact Points in Health, Fiocruz](#)

[EIC Horizon Prizes - Prize for Early Warning Epidemics](#)

### **LAC:**

[EURAXESS LAC'S brand-new Facebook page in Spanish / \(English\) specifically for the Latin American and Caribbean researcher communities is now live!](#)

[Call ERC - CONACYT Mexico: Post doctoral visits to ERC teams in Europe](#)

[EURAXESS Brazil & LAC list of funding opportunities for August / September now online!](#)

## 4.5 Stay up-to-date

To receive updates on EURAXESS LAC activities in Brazil and other Latin American and Caribbean countries, and information on EU-Brazil / EU-LAC scientific cooperation and opportunities, sign up for our mailing lists at:

- <http://bit.ly/ListaEURAXESSBrazil> for Brazil related information
- <http://bit.ly/mailingEURAXESSLac> for LAC related information.