



EU-CELAC JOINT INITIATIVE ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
 SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
 02 OCTOBER 2017
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Venue : HOTEL EL PRESIDENTE SHERATON, San Salvador

Co-chairs:

CELAC: Erlinda Handal, Vice-Minister for Science and Technology of El Salvador, CELAC pro-tempore Presidency

EU: Begoña Arano, Head of Unit North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Time	Item	Speaker
11:00	REGISTRATION	
11:30	Welcome and opening remarks	<p>Hugo Martínez, Minister of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador.</p> <p>Andreu Bassols, EU Ambassador to El Salvador</p> <p>Carlos Canjura Linares, Minister of Education, El Salvador</p> <p>Begoña Arano, Head of Unit North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Francisco Humberto Castaneda, Viceministro de Educación</p> <p>Erlinda Handal, Vice-Minister for Science and Technology of El Salvador, CELAC pro-tempore Presidency.</p>
	Research and Innovation support to sustainable development	
12:00	Policy advice to support CELAC in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals	<p>Begoña Arano, Head of Unit North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, DG Research and Innovation, EC</p> <p>Lena Tsipouri, Chair for Policy advice for Central America and Dominican Republic</p> <p>Carlos Hinojosa, Technopolis Group, Policy Advice Manager</p>

13:20		LUNCH BREAK	
Progress in implementing the Common Research Area			
14:00	Mobility of Researchers	<p>Graham Wilkie, Deputy Head of Unit, International Cooperation, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, EC</p> <p>Carolina Vásquez Soto, Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation, Costa Rica</p> <p>Paola Amadei, Executive Director, EULAC Foundation</p>	
14:30	International outreach of research infrastructures	<p>Begoña Arano, Head of Unit North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, DG Research and Innovation, EC</p> <p>Nicola Pons, Director of International Cooperation and Projects, MEC Uruguay (representing F. Amestoy, CELAC Chair of the Research Infrastructures Working group)</p>	
14:50	Jointly addressing grand challenges : Horizon 2020 Flagship initiatives and next steps	<p>Begoña Arano, Head of Unit North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</p> <p>Stephane Hogan, Head of Sector – Neuroscience; DG Research and Innovation, EC</p> <p>Christos Fragakis, deputy Head of Unit Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, DG Research and Innovation, EC</p>	
Enhancing the Innovation dimension of the Common Research Area			
15:20	Brainstorming discussion , based on Innovation concept note and on smart specialisation strategies for Latin America	<p>Carlos Aguirre Bastos, Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, Panama</p> <p>Fernando Hervas , Directorate for Growth and Innovation, Joint Research Center, EC</p> <p>Mikel Emaldi, ELAN Network Project Management Office, TECNALIA</p>	
16:40	Conclusions	<p>Erlinda Hándal – Presidency Pro Tempore de la CELAC - El Salvador</p>	
19:00		COCKTAIL RECEPTION	