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1 INTRODUCTION

This deliverable is part of the cluster activities and collaboration between PRO-IDEAL PLUS and FORESTA to identify:

- EU-LA relevant initiatives on international cooperation, and consolidate the list of such initiatives/projects into an additional deliverable (D1.1a. Consolidated list of international cooperation initiatives, together with FORESTA).
- Complementary national/regional funding mechanisms in the target countries and consolidate the findings of both projects (D1.2a. Consolidated report on funding mechanisms to ICT research activities in LA target countries, together with FORESTA).

To perform this task, PRO-IDEAL PLUS and FORESTA worked in parallel towards identifying projects and initiatives on international cooperation in Latin America and national/regional funding mechanisms in their target countries, as foreseen in their work plans, and afterwards they have exchanged the corresponding deliverables in a collaborative spirit.

PRO-IDEAL PLUS:

D.1.2 – Status quo of complementary funding mechanisms to ICT research activities in LA target countries

FORESTA:

D4.1 Study on FP and other projects in international research

D4.2 Study on Latin America national funding agencies action in international cooperation projects

The above projects deliverables address common topics related to ICT cooperation between EU-Latin America from different approaches, but with similar or complementary results.

This deliverable D1.2a Consolidated report on funding mechanisms to ICT research activities in LA target countries is based on PRO-IDEAL PLUS D1.2 and FORESTA D4.2. After screening the information of both projects we merged the data into one list and consolidated the findings of both projects. The information is organised in three sections, including:

- National Funding Mechanisms: 45 specific programs managed by 46 different private and public organizations.
- International Funding Mechanisms: 8 specific programs from 7 organisations.
- 67 Bilateral Agreements among the European countries and the Latin-American target countries.

This extensive list of funding mechanisms and programs are available for ICT activities and research projects in Latin America FORESTA and PRO-IDEAL PLUS target countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Colombia targeted by both projects, and Costa Rica and Cuba only by PRO-IDEAL PLUS). Further details about the funding mechanisms for ICT activities in Latin America can be found in the corresponding deliverables issued by PRO-IDEAL PLUS and FORESTA Consortia.

2 NATIONAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Below are the updated lists of the most important National Funding Mechanisms for ICT in the Latin America target countries. This list shows 45 specific programs of 46 different private and public organizations.

For convenience and better understanding of the reader, the information is presented by countries, including funding organisations, specific programmes and comments summarising the programmes. In the lists the colours indicate the source of information:

- **Blue:** Information contained in the lists of PRO-IDEAL PLUS and FORESTA
- **Green:** Information that is only found in the documents of PRO-IDEAL PLUS
- **Orange:** Information that is only found in the lists and documents of FORESTA

2.1 Argentina

In Argentina, 7 funding organization and 5 specific programs were detected. The major funding organization is the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (MINCYT), with 4 specific programs related to ICT.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Agency for Promotion of Science and Technology - ANPCyT. (Depending upon MINCYT)	Fondo para la Investigación Científica y Tecnológica (FONCyT)	Its mission is to support projects and activities aimed at the generation of new scientific and technological knowledge (on basic and applied research), developed by national researchers from public and private non-profit institutions.
	Fondo Tecnológico Argentino (FONTAR)	Supports projects aimed at improving private sector productivity using technological innovation. FONTAR manages resources from public and private sources. It also funds innovation projects through various instruments, which are implemented by Public Calls.
	Fondo Fiduciario de Promoción de la Industria del Software (FONSOFT)	The Law for Promotion of the Software Industry created FONSOFT and appointed MinCyT as the enforcement authority of the fund and the National Agency for Promotion of Science and Technology as its administrator. FONSOFT promotes the strengthening of the software production activities at national level.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
	Fondo Argentino Sectorial (FONARSEC)	Its mission is to improve competitiveness in the productive sector, contribute to the solution of the diagnosed problems and respond to the demands of society, organisations and the state. FONARSEC finances projects and activities designed to develop critical skills in areas with high impact potential and permanent transfer to the productive sector.
National Council of Scientific and Technological Research - CONICET. (Depending upon MINCYT)		Entity devoted to the promotion and performance of science and technology in Argentina.
	SICAR	New system of risk capital for science, technology and innovation, the Risk Capital Investment System, stimulate innovation and uptake of science and technology e.g. in productive processes and service companies.
Universidad de Buenos Aires		In Argentina, the universities have an important role in financing ICT. None of these have a specific funding program.
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba		
Universidad Tecnológica Nacional		
National University of the Centre of the Province of Buenos Aires		
Universidad Nacional de La Plata		

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2.2 Brazil

In Brazil, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) are very important sources of funding for activities related to ICT. Anyway, there is no major funding organisation as in the case of Argentina, but several organisations with specific funding programs for R&D related to ICT. In total, 8 funding organization and 5 specific programs were detected.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Ministry of Science and Technology	FINEP	FINEP – The Research and Projects Agency is the leading research and development funding source supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology.
The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)		Agency linked to the Ministry of Science and Tecnologia (MCT), dedicated to the promotion of scientific and technological research and training of human resources for research in the country. Its history is directly linked to the scientific and technological development of Brazil
Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade (MDIC)	BNDES	The National Economic and Social Development Bank is a federal public company, linked to the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade (MDIC). Its goal is to provide long-term financing aimed at enhancing Brazil's development, and, therefore, improving the competitiveness of the Brazilian economy and the standard of living of the Brazilian population.
Ministry of Culture		This Ministry has become a major source of funding for ICT-related projects, events and research in areas such as digital TV, digital divide, cultural heritage and open source software.
National Economic and Social Development Bank	CRIATEC	Funding agency created by an alliance of BNDES, BNB (Bank for the Northeast of Brazil) and private investors seeking opportunities in highly innovative start-ups.
Internet Steering Committee in Brazil		The coordination and integration of the activities of Internet services in the country are made by means of the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee - CGI.br, a multistakeholder organization composed by members of the government, the enterprise sector, the third sector and the academic

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
		community
Government of the State of São Paulo	Technological Research Institute	Leading institution in the State of São Paulo for public and private applications in engineering and applied sciences.
	The State of São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)	one of the main funding agencies for scientific and technological research in the country.
University of São Paulo		This university has an important role in financing ICT, but does not have a specific funding program.

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2.3 Colombia

In Colombia, 13 funding organisations and 13 specific programs were identified. The funding organization with more programs is the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MINTIC), with 4 specific programs related to ICT. In addition, Colombia has several private companies with funding programs for activities related to ICT.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism of Colombia	BANCOLDEX	National agency for the business development of the Colombian government.
	FOMIPYME	Finance projects, programs and activities for technological development of MSMEs and to apply non-financial instruments aimed at its development and promotion.
Chamber of Commerce of Bogota - CCB		Private and non profit entity which promotes economic growth, the competitiveness development and the improvement of the welfare of the population of Bogota through different tools, such as the financing of innovative business projects and technological development.
TECNNOVA		Non-profit institution founded by universities and employers, located in Medellin. Supports applied research, technological development and innovation in Colombia.
The Financial Fund of Development Projects – FONADE		State development agency which promotes the development of small and medium enterprises, in view of their participation to employment generation, regional development, integration between economic sectors and the productive use of small capital.
National Government	FNG	Institution through which the national government seeks to facilitate access to credit to micro, small and medium size companies by providing them with guarantees.
	FNPC	The National Fund for Productivity and Competitiveness was created as a financial instrument of the Colombian state to support the Strategic Export Plan and Policy for Productivity and Competitiveness.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Bank of the Republic	Foundation for the Promotion of Research and Technology	The main purpose of the Foundation is to develop and promote the scientific research conducted Colombian professionals who are residents or foreigners residents, when there is no other alternative funding mechanisms in the country.
SENA	Fondo Emprender	
Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies (MINTIC)	National ICT Plan	Supported by Fondo de Comunicaciones and Colciencias. The Plan TIC aims to achieve a leap in social inclusion and the country's competitiveness through the adoption and use of ICT.
	Centro de Bioinformática	Supported by Fondo de Comunicaciones and Colciencias, encourages research, development and innovation in ICT, to enhance the competitiveness of the productive sector and to support and encourage knowledge creation and applied research in fields such as biotechnology
	FONTIC	The FONTIC purpose is to charge, collect and administer the revenues received by the fee payments related to services provided by the various telecommunications services operators and other activities, such as plans, programs and projects of social Information and Communication Technologies, otherwise, funded from resources available by the Government, through Ministry of ICT.
	COLCIENCIAS	Promotes public policies of ICT in Colombia. Its activities involve promoting policies, build capacity for ICT, and promote its use for the country development.
Gobernación de Antioquia, BID, Colciencias	Centro Integral de Servicios Empresariales (CREAME)	With more than 12 years of experience, this organisation generates entrepreneurial culture, supporting the creation of new enterprises and strengthening the existing ones.
Empresas Publicas de Medellín, EPM Telecommunicaciones, Alcaldía de Medellín	RUTA N	Business innovation centre that promotes new knowledge-based businesses with international participation through the promotion, development and strengthening of ecosystem science, technology and innovation.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Interconexión Eléctrica S.A. (ISA) and Antioquia's University	TeleMAP	Program that aims the incorporation of Internet to a "Telemedicine" program, in order to improve the personnel's capacity of reaction in far away places, and guarantee the access to MAP (integral treatment of victims of anti personnel mines)
CINTEL		Supports the implementation of new technologies, engineering and regional ICT development through research projects, innovation and technological development.
FEDESOFT		Private entity that promotes the synergy of business, academia, government and other related institutions to promote national development based on Information Technology, positioning the country as a producer of world-class IT.

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2.4 Costa Rica

In Costa Rica, 5 funding organisations were detected. The most important funding organization is the National Council for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICIT). Although it has not a specific program for ICT, CONICIT also funds a great number of projects in the ICT domain.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Consejo Nacional para Investigaciones Científicas y Tecnológicas (CONICIT)	Programa de apoyo a la pequeña y mediana empresa (PROPYME)	Its purpose is funding the operations and activities aimed at promoting and improving management capacity and competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in Costa Rica, through technological development
Banco de Costa Rica		It funds different type of projects, although it does not have a special program for funding in R&D or ICT.
Sulá Batsú		Private organization that seeks to contribute to social transformation through creative workspaces for exchange and collective construction, models of solidarity and social economy of information and communication technologies.
CAATEC		Private, independent, non-profit and non-governmental organization that seeks to improve and enhance the international competitiveness of Costa Rica, through actions aimed at improving areas of Technology Infrastructure, Education, Basic and Applied Science, and Technology Transfer
Centro Nacional de Alta Tecnología (CENAT)		organisation specialized in developing inter-university research and postgraduate studies in areas of high technology and innovation projects, and technological links with government and private sector

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2.5 Chile

In Chile, the major funding organization is the Corporation for the Promotion of Production (CORFO), with 7 specific programs related to ICT. Overall, 4 funding organization and 10 specific programs were screened.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Corporación de Fomento de la Producción-CORFO, through INNOVA Chile	PROGRAM OF ATTRACTION OF CENTRES OF INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR COMPETITIVENESS	Special line of funding for to provide an attractive offer to facilitate the decision to install diverse R & D institutions international in Chile.
	Technological Diffusion Program	Supports programs designed to address requirements of knowledge and technical solutions for target groups of companies and individual entrepreneurs to improve their productivity through the introduction of new products and processes, supported by a technological entity.
	Development of technical Capacities of Human Capital in relevant sectors	Supports the Design and Pilot Plan of Training Programs aimed at reducing gaps in technical and professional training, detected in sectors prioritized by regional councils.
	Technological missions	Supports the realization of trips of Chilean companies, in order to access and subsequently disseminate, transfer and adapt in Chile, knowledge, practices and production techniques that facilitate the development of innovation.
	Specialized consultancy	Supports the recruitment of international experts, whether domestic or foreign, whose knowledge and capabilities are not available in the country.
	Technology Internships	Supports the training of professionals or technicians of Chilean companies in national or foreign companies to acquire and subsequently transfer knowledge, practices and techniques to develop innovations in Chile.
	Technological nodes	Supports the work of organizations dedicated to promoting technological innovation and productivity of SMEs.
National Commission Scientific and Technological Research - CONICYT	FONDEF	State agency that finances research projects and scientific and technological development

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Subsecretaría de Telecomunicaciones (SUBTEL)	Fund of Development of the Telecommunications	Financial instrument of the Government of Chile that promotes the increase of the coverage of services of telecommunications in rural or urban areas of low income, with low or no availability.
Fundacion Chile	Soy Emprendedor	Funding Mechanism for entrepreneurs in many areas of knowledge, including ICT.

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2.6 Mexico

In Mexico, 9 funding organisations and 11 specific programs were detected. The most important funding organization is the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), with 6 specific programs related to ICT. Also Mexico has several IT international companies working actively to fund ICT research activities, e.g. Google Research, Hewlett-Packard, IBM Research and Microsoft research.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT):	Apoyo a la Innovación Tecnológica de Alto Valor Agregado (INNOVAPYME)	This program seeks to provide additional economic support to MSMEs engaged in activities relating to research, technological development and innovation.
	AVANCE	Program designed to promote the identification of opportunities and creation of business based on the exploitation of scientific and / or technological developments.
	Fondo Nuevo para Ciencia y Tecnología	Program aimed at strengthening scientific and technological capabilities through economic assistance to taxpayers.
	Incorporación de Científicos y Tecnólogos Mexicanos en el Sector Social y Productivo del País. (IDEA)	Support Programme to improve the technological capabilities of enterprises.
	Fondo Institucional de Fomento Regional para el Desarrollo Científico, Tecnológico y de Innovación (FORDECyT)	Program that provides a regional vision, focusing on problems or opportunities to share development between states and / or municipalities.
	Programa de Estímulo para la Innovación	Supports companies which are investing in research and technology development projects and innovation oriented to create new products, processes or services.
Ministry of the Economy	PROSOFT	Program that includes the federal public policy to develop the information technology industry (IT).
Ministry of Education and CONACYT	Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad (PNPC):	The program mission is to promote continuous improvement and quality assurance of national postgraduate, providing support to increase the scientific, technological, social, humanistic, and innovative capacities of the country.
Federal Government and CONACyT	Fondos Mixtos (FOMIX)	Instrument that supports scientific and technological development, through a Trust Fund made up of contributions from the state government or municipality and the Federal Government.

National Funding Mechanisms		
Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Federal Ministry of Economy	PROMEDIA	Its objective is to create the necessary conditions to assure growth and consolidation of the interactive media industry in Mexico in order to raise their international competitiveness.
	PROLOGICA	Oriented to raise the competitiveness of the logistical service industry.
GOOGLE Research		
HEWLETT-PACKARD		HP Labs is the exploratory and advanced research group for Hewlett-Packard, trailing complex challenges facing their customers and society over the next decade, while pushing the frontiers of fundamental science.
IBM Research		Aims to push the boundaries of science, technology and business to make the world work better.
MICROSOFT Research		Program dedicated to conducting both basic and applied research in computer science and software engineering.

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3 INTERNATIONAL FUNDING MECHANISMS RELATED TO ICT

Below we present the updated list of the most important International Funding Mechanisms for the target countries of Latin America. The list shows 8 specific programs from 7 organisations, being the most important the European Commission and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). The information is divided into European Funding Mechanisms and Other International Funding Mechanisms.

3.1 European Funding Mechanisms

This list includes the FP7, @lis and People Programmes supporting international cooperation and ICT R&D activities.

Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
European Commission	FP7- Cooperation - ICT	The objective is to improve the competitiveness of European industry – as well as to enable Europe to master and shape the future developments of these technologies so that the demands of its society and economy are met.
	FP7 - Capacities - INCO	Funding program to support European competitiveness through strategic partnerships with non-EU countries in selected fields of science and by engaging the best scientists from such countries to work with and in Europe
	FP7 - Capacities - RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES	The objective of the programme is to optimise the use and development of the best research infrastructures existing in Europe.
	Alliance for the information society @lis Programme	Programme born in 2001 aiming to continue the promotion of the Information Society and fight the digital divide throughout Latin America.
	Erasmus Mundus	Cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries.

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3.2 Other International funding mechanisms and programs

3.2.1 General Funding Mechanisms

This list includes the three most important organisations funding ICT related activities in Latin-American countries.

Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)		Established in 1959, it is currently the largest source of development financing for Latin America and the Caribbean. The IDB Group uses loans, grants, guarantees and investments to fund development programs.
Latin American and Caribbean Internet Addresses Registry (LACNIC) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC)	FRIDA Program	Since 2004, this program offers financial support to research projects in the field of ICT in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
Central American Bank for Economic Integration		The largest financial institution in Central America for development project, including ICT.

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3.2.2 Multilateral agreements

This list includes 4 important funding mechanisms for R&D projects, including ICT: CYTED, IBEROEKA, STIC-AmSud and OEI. These programmes require the partnership with Spain and/or Portugal, and France.

Main funding organisation	Specific Program	Comments
Ibero-American Development Programme for Science and Technology - CYTED		Aims to combine different perspectives and visions to promote cooperation in Research and Innovation for the development of the Latin America region.
Ibero-American Network of IBEROEKA Management Organisations	IBEROEKA	Main objective, to increase the productivity and competitiveness of the national industries and economies that form the basis of lasting prosperity within the Ibero-American community.
	STIC-AmSud	The aim of the programme is to promote and strengthen South America regional capacities and their cooperation with France, towards the settlement of research and development webs on Science, Information Technology and Communication field.
Organization of Iberoamerican States for Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (OEI)		Financing of the OEI and its programs is covered by the contributions made by the Governments of Member States and other organizations interested in improving the quality of education and scientific-technological and cultural development.

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4 BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Below there are the consolidated lists of the "bilateral agreements" identified among the European Union and the target countries. The country with more bilateral agreements is Chile (20), followed by Mexico (16) and Argentina (11).

Regarding Europe, the country with more agreements with the target LA countries is France (18), followed by Spain (9) and Germany (8).

4.1 Argentina

Bilateral Agreements	
European Country	Agreement
Spain	Bilateral agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the MINCYT of Argentina and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Spain
Germany	Agreement on scientific and technologies cooperation with Fraunhofer society. 1969
Belgium	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
France	ECOS: Agreement on cultural, scientific and technical cooperation between Argentina and France in training for scientific and technological research
France	Cooperation programme with the National Research Institute for Informatics and Automation (INRIA) and the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) of France, signed in March 2005.
Holland	Bilateral cooperation with Wageningen University
Hungary	Bilateral agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with National Office of Research and Technology (NKTH)
Italy	Bilateral agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the External Affairs Office of Italy
Portugal	Bilateral agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
Czech Republic	Bilateral agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with MEYS
Finland	Bilateral agreement with Finland Academy

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4.2 Brazil

Bilateral Agreements	
European Country	Agreement
Spain	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
France	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Belgium	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Germany	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Finland	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement between CNPq and AKA
Portugal	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
United Kingdom	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Sweden	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement

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4.3 Colombia

Bilateral Agreements	
European Country	Agreement
Spain	Bilateral Agreement between Colciencias and the National Research Council (CSIC) of Spain
Belgium	Agreement between the General Commissariat for International Relations of Belgium and French Community and COLCIENCIAS
Germany	Letter of Intent for German-Colombian Academic Cooperation between Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft eV (DFG), Germany and COLCIENCIAS
Germany	Agreement for Cooperation and Technical Assistance, Enterprise and Innovation between COLCIENCIAS and the Colombian-German Chamber of Commerce & Industry
France	Agreement on Technical and Scientific Cooperation between Colombia and France to create a fund to promote Colombian-French cooperation
France	Bilateral Agreement between the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Employment of France and MICIT, 2009

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4.4 Costa Rica

Bilateral Agreements	
European Country	Agreement
Spain	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
France	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Italy	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Germany	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Rumania	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement
Poland	Scientific and Technological Cooperation Agreement

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4.5 Chile

Bilateral Agreements	
European Country	Agreement
Spain	Agreement between the National Research Council (CSIC) of Spain and CONICYT
Spain	Scientific and Technological cooperation agreement between CONICYT y el Comissionat Per a Universitats y Recerca del Departament de la Presidencia de la Generalitat de Catalunya
Belgium	Bilateral agreements have been concluded with French Community of Belgium
Germany	Scientific and Technological cooperation between Chile and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG
Denmark	Scientific and Technological cooperation agreement
France	Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement with INSERM
France	Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement with Research Institute for Development IRD
France	Cooperation between Comité d'Evaluación et Orientation de la Coopération Scientifique ECOS y CONICYT
France	Agreement between the Governments of Chile and France for the Joint Scientific Research Development, signed on October 24, 1994.
France	Cooperation agreement between National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation INRIA and CONICYT
France	Cooperation agreement between National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique CNRS,
Finland	An agreement has been signed with the Academy of Finland

Greece	Agreement for Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation, 1996
Netherlands	Agreement between CONICYT, Universidad de Wageningen and the Investigation Centre of Netherlands
Hungary	Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement, 2005
Italy	Technical and Scientific Cooperation Agreement, 1991
Portugal	Cooperation Agreement between Institute for International Scientific and Technological Cooperation ICCTI and CONICYT, 1997
Rumania	Cooperation Agreement, 1998
Switzerland	An agreement has been signed with State Secretariat for Education and Research SER.
Sweden	Cooperation Agreement, 1969

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4.6 Mexico

Bilateral Agreements	
European Country	Agreement
Spain	Cooperation Agreement with the National Research Council (CSIC)
Spain	Cooperation Agreement with Generalitat de Catalunya, 1993
Spain	Cooperation Agreement with agreement with CDTI
Germany	Cooperation Agreement with German Research Community DFG
Germany	Cooperation Agreement with Interntionales Büro des BMBF im DLR, 1974
Belgium	Cooperation agreement with the National Scientific Research Fund , 1987
France	Cooperation Agreement with Centro Nacinal de La Investigación Científica CNRS
France	Cooperation Agreement with National Institute of Health and medical Research
France	Cooperation Agreement with Comité Ecaluation Orientation de la Cooperation Scientifique
France	Cooperation Agreement between CONACYT and ANR.
France	Cooperation Agreement with the French Agency for Innovation OSEO.
France	Cooperation Agreement with Institut Nacional Politecnique de Toulouse
UK	Cooperation Agreement with British Council
Italy	Cooperation Agreement with National Research Council CNR, 1984
Italy	Cooperation Agreement with External Affair Ministry
Poland	Academy of Science

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