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Thematic Priority: INCO

Final Activity Report

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Publishable executive summary

The principal objective of the project was to establish an office dedicated in creating awareness in Mexico on the opportunities of cooperation opened by the European Research Area as well as improving and facilitating S&T cooperation between Europe and Mexico.

Under this perspective, 8 workshops and 39 infodays were realised around 16 states of the Mexican Republic, informing than 1760 researchers and small and medium size enterprises and training around 170 researchers and S&T managers.

As well, a website was created in order to provide information on activities and programs of cooperation: www.conacyt.mx/uemexcyt and directly linked to interactive databases aiming at supporting partners search to form consortiums. Around 1700 researchers posted their CV online.

Other key issue was the creation of a leadership and coordination of a networking dynamic dedicated in building a long term cooperation, through the following initiatives:

- the creation and coordination of a pro-active Mexican Thematic FP7 Contact Network,
- the coordination with the EC Delegation and the Member States embassies in Mexico, within the framework of a Working Group on Science and Technology Cooperation, in order to share information on S&T cooperation programmes and develop joint initiatives towards the European Diaspora in Mexico;
- Close coordination with other thematic specific support actions aimed at increasing awareness of Framework Programme opportunities in Mexico and Latin America (ELAN2LIFE, WINDS, NANOFORUM EULA, Food N'Co, ALCUE Health, etc)
- Strong synergies with the bilateral cooperation program in the area: *“Fondo de Cooperación Internacional en Ciencia y tecnología” Unión Europea – México* (FONCICYT) aiming at strengthening the capacities of Mexico in the field of S&T by a stretcher cooperation with the European Union and its Member States;

Additionally, proposals were prepared in order to respond to further calls launched by the European Commission under the International Cooperation Activities of the FP7 Capacities Specific Programme such as LA INCONET, NCP INCO Network and the BILAT. The success approval of these proposals permitted to strengthen the institutional links between CONACYT and the European Commission and hence, to give stronger basis to the S&T Agreement objectives.

Actually, since the celebration of the 2nd meeting of the S&T Joint Steering Committee held in Brussels on January 2008, UEMEXCYT project has been in charge of starting the implementation and coordination of the Bilateral Strategic Road Map designed and decided by policy makers of both sides.

We are sure that the second step of this project (UEMEXCYT II) will consolidate these first results, including European partners in the Consortium that will help to strengthen the bridge between our scientific and technological communities.

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Section 1 – Project objectives and major achievements during the reporting period

The goal of the UEMEXCyT Office was to assist Mexican researchers and SMEs in taking full advantage of existing EU Science and Technology programmes, including three types of support actions:

- Creation of an interactive website that provides information on cooperation activities and opportunities. The website hosts an interactive database that allows a partner search, where researchers and stakeholders are able to search and contact interested peers and partners.
- Information workshops aimed at management staff from relevant research centres as well as researchers, not only to create awareness on the opportunities for collaboration with the EU, but also to assist them in gaining access to EU programmes. To reinforce this strategy, a help desk service has been established by UEMEXCyT.
- Coordination with relevant potential partners from the EU and Latin America jointly with the other LA Bureau for the promotion of EU S&T cooperation.

CONACYT coordinated and supervised the implementation of this Project. As a pilote project, UEMEXCYT suffered some difficulties that have been progressively resolved. In spite of a delayed start date - the real start date was January 2007 instead of September 2006 – with an important lack of means and staff, and despite a three months break (from November 2007 to February 2008), the project had been able to go ahead and produce important results, achieving the foreseen deliverables.

In order to reinforce and enhance the activities, visibility and impact of UEMEXCYT project, complementary initiatives to those initially foreseen had been developed, such as the following ones:

- the creation and coordination of a pro-active Mexican Thematic FP7 Contact Network,
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- Proposal preparation to respond to further calls launched by the European Commission under the International Cooperation Activities of the FP7 Capacities Specific Programme such as LA INCONET, NCP INCO Network and the BILAT.
- Important synergies with EULARINET and INCONTACT once started.
- Implementation and coordination of the Bilateral Strategic Road Map decided in occasion of the 2nd meeting of the S&T Joint Steering Committee held in Brussels on January 2008.

The main result of the project has been to create awareness among the Mexican scientific and technological community on the opportunities offered by the European Research Area and the international cooperation within FP7.

Moreover, CONACYT finally decided to commit additional financial resources so as to encourage advancement of EU-MX S&T cooperation, which shows a very successful impact. Nowadays, Mexico disposes of a structured office

doted by trained staff, a political support as well as a long term activity plan dedicated to strengthen the S&T EU-Mexican cooperation.

In spite of these very positive achievements, it is important to highlight some difficulties in terms of internal management and lack of efficient organization of the Office. These weaknesses can be explained by several factors such as the absorption of some new activities due to necessary synergies with projects such as EULARINET and INCONTACT, as well as the implementation of the Bilateral Strategic road Map decided by the second meeting of the S&T Joint Steering Committee. Moreover, UEMEXCYT team had also been in charge of the coordination and negotiation of the second step that started the month after the end of the UEMEXCYT project.

This context should explain some weaknesses respect to the consolidation of the structure of the Office (eg: statistics, emails alerts, newsletters, etc). On other side, it made UEMEXCYT more visible and connected with strategic European partners. It would be now quite important to consolidate the Office internal activities in order to maintain a good visibility abroad.

Section 2 – Workpackage progress of the period

Before reporting the progress on each work package, it is important to highlight that some adaptation had been realised compared to the initial Annex I in order, first, to adapt ourselves to the new context of FP7 respect to FP6, and second, to cope with some difficulties we met along the project, respect to human resources.

UEMEXCYT activities officially started on September 1st of 2006 but the working team was only contracted until December 2006, that is to say almost one year after the starting date of the other Latin American Offices with which UEMEXCYT was supposed to coordinate some activities.

From August 2007 to February 2008, some internal difficulties in CONACYT prevented the project from performing the initial activity plan which had been established at the beginning of the project and finally, the removal of the director from October 2007 to February 2008 broke the project dynamic that had been created on the first year of implementation. When the Director came back on February, new projects had to be absorbed as the same time as the restart of UEMEXCYT activities, which created some difficulties for the two-persons-team in charge of the implementation of the project.

Nevertheless, from April 21st, thanks to the official internal change of Direction in charge of the European cooperation within CONACYT, it had been possible to contract an additional person to reinforce UEMEXCYT team. Besides, a fourth person was contracted in June 2008 in order to support the implementation of the end of the project as well as the necessary synergies with new projects (EULARINET, INCONTACT, UEMEXCYT II negotiations) for which UEMEXCYT Office was responsible on behalf of CONACYT.

As a whole, 52 person/month had been contracted to work on the project activities and all the other initiatives that had to be absorbed by the UEMEXCYT team, as initially foreseen in Annex I:

- 18 persons/month for the first year**
- 34 persons/month for the second year**

WP 1. Administrative Setting up of the Office (see Management Report)

The objective of this WP was to establish the office within the administrative structure of CONACYT and develop a comprehensive work plan for the full duration of the project. It included the creation of the Steering Committee, selection of Office's personnel, organization of the staff, design of administrative proceedings to be followed during the implementation of the project, and preparation of the work plan for the overall project.

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For the reasons previously mentioned, the comprehensive working plan which had been proposed at the beginning of the project was totally reviewed from March 2008 in order to adapt the activities to the time left, to implement part of the actions recommended by the S&T Joint Steering Committee and to ensure necessary synergies with the new projects entered into force, such as INCONTACT, EULARINET and FONCICYT. UEMEXCYT team also coped with negotiating the second step of the project.

The management of the project made its Director go to Brussels quite regularly in order to consolidate the activity plan respect to the rhythm of the FP7 calls and in collaboration with the EC Representative in charge of the project and on the Bilateral cooperation, as well as the thematic Directions.

Under this perspective, the Director of the project realized two missions during the 1st reporting period:

- On December 2006, for the launch of the FP7 and the meeting of the National contact point from all around the world. She was accompanied by the Administrator of the project in order to check with the financial and legal officer of the European Commission the right way to design the administrative proceedings.
- June 2007: second mission of the Director to accompany the Coordinator of the project, that is to say the Director of International Policy and Cooperation of CONACYT in order to prepare the second meeting of the Joint S&T Steering Committee.

For the second year of implementation, the absorption by UEMEXCYT team of all the new activities and projects mentioned above made the Director of the Office obliged to attend several meetings in Brussels in January, May, June and September of 2008:

- January 2008: Second S&T Joint Steering Committee Meeting held in Brussels from 18th to 21st. Reintegration of the Director of UEMEXCYT to support the new Direction in charge of the European Cooperation within CONACYT: Direction of Technological Development and Business Innovation, as well as all the Mexican partners involved in the meeting.
- May 19th – 27th 2008: mission of the Director of UEMEXCYT in Paris and Brussels in order to prepare further event within the activity plan and the Bilateral road map activities, as well as to ensure the continuity of UEMEXCYT through the negotiation of the second step of the project approved by the European Commission. Moreover, taking advantage of the mission in Brussels, the Director participated to the meeting of the WP1 of EULARINET in Paris in order to contribute as UEMEXCYT to the activities of EULARINET, in some aspects quite similar.
- September 1st to 12th 2008 and September 29th to October 3rd: mission of the director to Brussels for the closing of the project and the preparation of the 2nd step of UEMEXCYT.
- September 29th to October 3rd: Mission of the Coordinator of the project for closing the project and the launch of the new one.

The participation to these events was an excellent opportunity to disseminate the activities done in the framework of UEMEXCYT in order to raise public participation and awareness.

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| 1 | The Office ready to start implementing the Project | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 13 | CONACYT |
| 26 | Final plan for using and dissemination knowledge | 1 | 24 | 24 | 2 | 0.5 | CONACYT |
| 27 | Report on raising public participation and awareness | 1 | 24 | 24 | 2 | 0.5 | CONACYT |

WP 2. FELAS website (regional website)

The objectives of this WP were the following ones:

- Improve and facilitate S&T cooperation between Europe (both at the Community and the bilateral Member States levels) and Latin American partners (Argentina, Brazil and Mexico).
- Promote cooperation between Mexico and Latin American partners by having the national site posted on a regional website, and posting links to the other countries' sites where appropriate.
- Better identification and demonstration of the cooperation between Latin America and Europe.
- Support the implementation of the EU Framework Programs.
- Improve the process of providing information on the S&T of Latin America and Europe in order to compare and exchange information, by using the same criteria and information.
- Increase the awareness of the value of closer cooperation in S&T between Europe and Latin America. The delivered date of this WP was September 2006 (Month 1). The FELAS Website was at

the beginning an UEMEXCYT responsibility, but, due to the delay in starting the operation of this office, this responsibility has been taken by ABEST in Argentina.

This office nevertheless contributed to this WP with some interventions, as described:

- The link to the FELAS regional platform and to the other Latin American offices is available on the UEMEXCYT website since its creation on January 2007. The participation of the Director of Systems from CONACYT during the meeting on August 29th and 30th 2006 (just before the starting date of UEMEXCYT) in Argentina with the other LA offices and EC Representative in order to develop a regional portal and to harmonize the information and dissemination strategy of the SSAs to achieve higher cost-effectiveness and allow the newly appointed Latin American desk to meet key players from the respective research councils to lay foundations for good working relations.
- Meeting with a responsible from CORDIS on October 2nd 2006 in Mexico, on the occasion of the first meeting of the Bilateral Joint Committee between the European Union and Mexico.
- Participation of Rita Torres in the coordination meeting of the Latin American Bureau in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 3rd to 5th July, 2007, were few observations were done, in order to be sure to link the UEMEXCYT and FELAS website: <http://168.83.9.22/es/index.html>
- Some additional contribution had been further sent to the Argentine colleagues in order to feed their website, especially respect to the conclusions of the first Mesoamerica-European Meeting for S&T Cooperation. Otherwise, this activity had been mixed with the new INCONET for Latin America: European Union – Latin American Research and Innovative network (EULARINET).

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| 2 | The FELAST website | 2 | 1 | 18 | 2 | 0.2 | ABEST |

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| 1 | Web-visitor counter. | 2 | No specified | 14 | ABEST (not contractor but partner of coordinated SSA) |
| 2 | Half-yearly evaluation of contents and presentation of the website posted as a pop-out window to be answered by website users. It will provide with data on the pertinence, accessibility and utility of the information posted on the website, that will allow to make improvements on the quality and quantity of information and services provided. | 2 | Not specified | 11 | ABEST (not contractor but partner of coordinated SSA) |
| 3 | Latin American (other than Mexican) contributions to the FELAS website. | 2 | Not specified | 11 | ABEST (not contractor but partner of coordinated SSA) |

WP 3. UEMEXCYT Website

The objectives of the WP were the following ones:

- Better identify and demonstrate cooperation between Mexico and Europe.
- To support the implementation of the EU Framework Programs.
- To increase the awareness of the value of closer cooperation in S&T between Mexico and Europe.
- To increase the links between Mexican, European and Latin American scientists, institutions and SMEs, and help them forge links.
- To improve the process of providing information on programs and finding designed to promote cooperation between Europe and Mexico.
- To promote cooperation between Mexico and Latin American partners by having the national site posted on regional website, and posting links to the other countries sites where appropriate.

The website has been posted since January 2007 through the CONACYT's web page: www.conacyt.mx/uemexcyt. Since January 2007, it has been periodically updated, daily, weekly or monthly, depending on the subject. The UEMEXCYT website is available in Spanish version, and includes the following pages:

Home page: this page contains information on relevant events and news about UEMEXCyT activities and, more generally, about EU-Mexico science and technology cooperation, including member states and National Contact points activities. It also contains information on different calls and programmes on EU-Mexico science and technology cooperation, in particular FP7 calls.

The home page ensures direct links with relevant pages or website such as:

- the registration to the Partner Search Online Database (WP4)
- Help Desk (“Contact us”)
- Mexican Thematic FP7 Contact network
- European researchers' Mobility Portal
- Latin-American offices and FELAS
- LAC-ACCESS and CORDIS.

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http://www.conacyt.mx/uemexcyt/

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Oficina de enlace para la promoción de la cooperación Unión Europea-México en Ciencia y Tecnología

INICIO MAPA DEL SITIO ENGLISH VERSION CONACYT

Acerca de UEMEXCyT Acerca de las Relaciones UE-Méx Programas europeos Forum de información ¿Cómo participar? Puntos de contacto Biblioteca Sitios de Interés

BIENVENIDOS

Oficina de Enlace para la promoción de la cooperación Unión Europea - México en Ciencia y Tecnología (UEMEXCyT)

Este sitio web tiene como propósito darles la información necesaria para familiarizarse con los programas europeos de cooperación en ciencia y tecnología, en particular el Séptimo Programa Marco de Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico de la Unión Europea, de gran apertura internacional.

« Consulte las newsletters de Cordis, UEMEXCyT y otros proyectos afines en nuestra [biblioteca](#) »

NOTICIAS

- » Ya están disponibles las newsletters sobre la investigación europea y las oportunidades de cooperación con la Unión Europea en la [biblioteca del sitio](#).
- » [Apertura del sitio Web "Punto de Contacto Nacional" Francés dedicado a las actividades de cooperación internacional del VII PM.](#)
- » [3, 4 y 5 de julio de 2007](#) El CIESAS, el Instituto Mora, el

CONVOCATORIAS

- » [Nueva convocatoria para Alimentos, Agricultura, Pesca y Biotecnología](#) - Deadline: 11 de septiembre.
- » [Nueva convocatoria para Tecnologías de Información y Comunicación](#) - Deadline: 9 de octubre.
- » [Nueva convocatoria para Salud](#) - Deadline : 18 de septiembre.
- » [SEGUNDAS CONVOCATORIAS DEL VII PM](#)

EVENTOS

- » [5 de septiembre de 2007](#) "Tecnologías de Información y Comunicación (TICS) en el Séptimo Programa Marco de Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico (FP7) de la Unión Europea - Posibilidades de Cooperación para México"
- » [12 de julio de 2007](#) 1er Foro Virtual de Comunidades de Investigación, en el área de e-Infraestructura

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Registra tu CV para recibir información sobre las oportunidades de cooperación con la Unión Europea

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About UEMEXCyT: this page aims at describing the objectives and activities of the UEMEXCyT Project. It contains Project presentations in Spanish and English versions and gives the contact details for UEMEXCyT team members.

About EU-Mexico relationships: this page is dedicated to describing the EU-Mexico political Framework, including the three following subpages:

- *EU-Mexico Science and Technology Cooperation:* this sub-page is dedicated to the Science and Technology Agreement signed between CONACYT and EC DG RTD;
- *EU Member States in Mexico:* this sub-page focuses on bilateral S&T programmes and Grant schemes dedicated to promote the RTD cooperation between Mexico and EU countries in RTD.
- *EU-LAC S&T Cooperation :* this sub-page refers to the other Latin-American offices but also to the other SSA financed under FP6 and focused on promoting EU-LAC S&T Cooperation on specific themes (ELAN2LIFE in life sciences; NANOFORUM EULA, WINDS, ALCUE Health, etc). It also contains information on EC regional programmes (RELEX-AIDCO) dedicated to research and academic networks (ALFA, @lis, etc)

European programmes: this page directly refers to the available funding schemes to promote EU-Mexico Cooperation:

- FP7 programme and its calls;

- Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) in order to inform SME on services and networks procured by the EC;
- Grant scheme and fellowships: reference to Marie Curie Actions, the opportunities opened under FP6, ERA-MORE and European Researchers Mobility Portal, bilateral schemes and fellowships, other European programmes such as ERAMUS Mundo.

Information Forum: the aim of this page is to provide information on the existing collaborative research projects between Europe and Mexico, as well as Latin America. The information is divided into four items:

1. Thematic areas
2. Partners from Mexico
3. Mexican States (so far only the state of Coahuila has provided information)
4. Mexican participation under FP6 (2002-2006)

One of the further actions foreseen for the next implementation year is to improve the contents of this page by reorganizing and adding substantive information to this page.

How to participate? This page provides the main services to the researchers interested in participating in FP7, e.g.:

1. Guidelines for applicants and training courses foreseen under UEMEXCYT activities;
2. FAQ (in progress)
3. Partner Search: this subpage ensures the link to search partner database in Mexico, Europe and Latin America. (See Workpackage 4)
4. Help desk.

National Contact Points: this page gives the details of all the Mexican FP7 Contact officially designated by the Mexican Government. It also provides a link with the terms of reference of opened invitation to candidate acting as NCP.

Resource Center: this page contains all the substantive documents available on the UEMEXCYT website as well as Newsletters published by UEMEXCYT, other EU projects (LAC ACCESS) as well as other relevant sources of information such as Cordis Focus Newsletters.

Sites of interest: this page provides links with relevant websites such as the EC Delegation in Mexico, the RTD website (international cooperation), CORDIS, IGLO, other Latin American Offices, South African Office, LAC ACCESS.

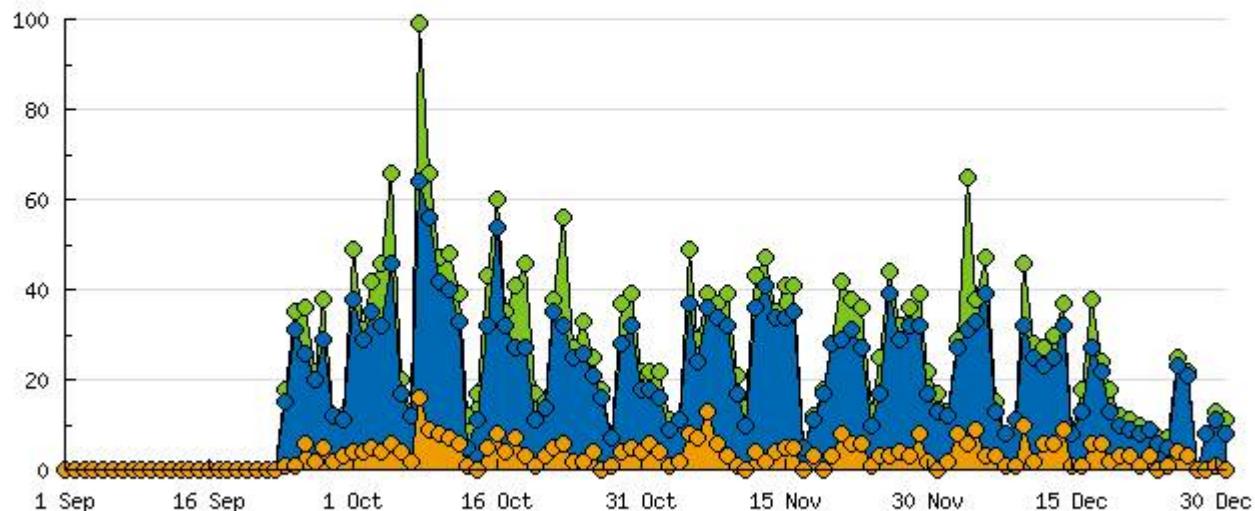
Due to management difficulties, the web-visitor counter has only been set up since 25th of September 2007. It is now available. The search engine is still not available.

The UEMEXCYT website has been constantly actualized and completed with all the workshop's presentations in order to take full advantage from the dissemination activities. Nevertheless, the translation of the UEMEXCYT website in English was not possible to realize.

Visits to UEMEXCYT website in 2007:

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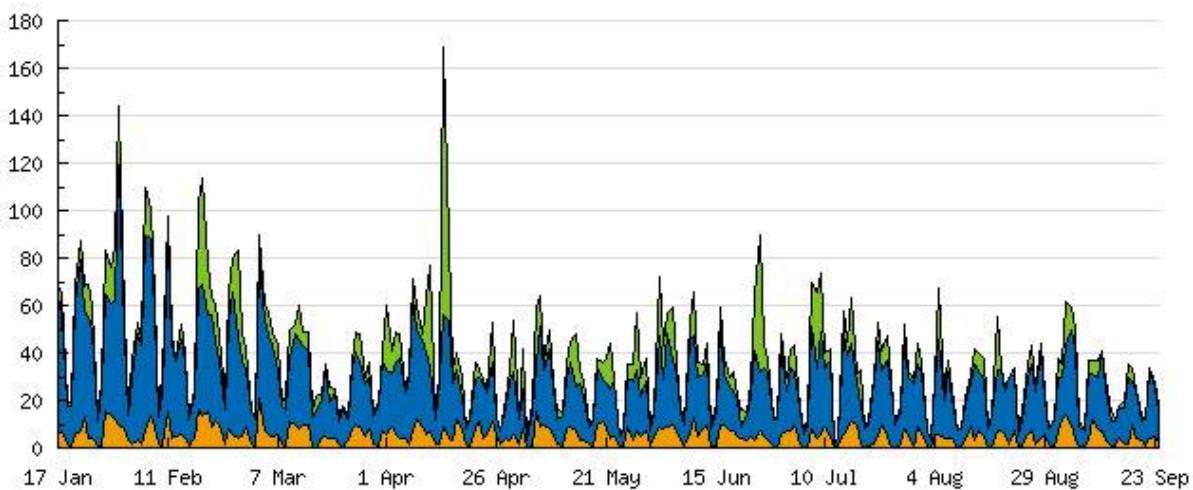


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Concerning the Newsletters, six had been launched on the all duration of the project instead of 12 initially foreseen. This can be explained by the lack of human resources and the overwhelmed activities of UEMEXCYT mentioned in WP1.

In terms of dissemination, the Newsletters were initially sent to all the S.N.I. (National System of Mexican Researchers), with the purpose to attain the highest level of the Mexican Scientific and Technological community. Nevertheless, due to the internal operational rules of S.N.I., the office had to restrain its distribution only to the researchers registered in the UEMEXCYT database. Notwithstanding, the community is well informed about all the UEMEXCYT's activities and those from the projects connected with our activities.

The most important tools to diffuse the FP7 information and the UEMEXCYT's activities are the website and the workshops. Thanks to all the UEMEXCYT's links in the website (277 until July 18th 2008), this office is a good reference for all the people interested in developing cooperation relations with the European Union and many researchers, administration staff at the universities and research institutions can have access to the activities, services and information diffused by the UEMEXCYT website. As well, several email alerts were sent in order to inform the Mexican scientific community on the opening of the calls.

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| 3 | The UEMEXCYT website | 3 | 2 | 6-24 | 2 | 8 | CONACYT |
| 3B | Project Presentation | 3 | 2 | 6-24 | 2 | 0.1 | CONACYT |
| 4 | An electronic by-monthly Newsletter with various current information and advice | 3 | 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 | 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 | 1 | 2 | CONACYT |
| 5 | Email alerts on emerging opportunities for cooperation, mainly on calls for tenders | 3 | 4-24 | 4, 8, 11, 14, 19, 24 | 1 | 0.5 | CONACYT |
| 6 | Statistics reporting on number of visitors and number of members by country, institution and subject of work. | 3 | 6,12,18, 24 | 12, 18, 24 | 1 | 0.3 | CONACYT |

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| 4 | Web-visitor counter. | 3 | No specified | 13 | CONACYT |

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| 5 | Statistics reporting on number of visitors by country, institution and subject of work. | 3 | Not specified | 13 | CONACYT |
| 6 | Evaluation for website users: will provide with data on the pertinence, accessibility and utility of the information posted on the website, that will allow to make improvements on the quality and quantity of information and services provided. | 3 | Not specified | - | CONACYT |
| 7 | Number of subscribers to the UEMEXCYT Newsletter | 3 | Not specified | 12 | CONACYT supported by ELAN2LIFE staff |

WP 4. Partner Search Online Database

The aim of this work package was the setting up of an information system to be available on the UEMEXCYT website. This system had to allow European researchers access to institutional information of Mexican researchers, enterprises, research Centers and universities.

From February 2007, working meeting were coordinated by UEMEXCYT with the Thematic FP7 Contacts as well as other Coordination and Support Actions in order to make synergies with the already existing efforts made for disseminating partner search forms online and design a proper database, jointly with ELAN2LIFE.

As a result, a database registration has directly been available on UEMEXCYT homepage since March 2007 (Month 7), regularly updated in coordination with CICESE, Mexican partner into ELAN2LIFE: <http://elan2life.cicese.mx/encuesta.php>

Encuesta México 7PM - Internet Explorer provided by Dell

http://elan2life.cicese.mx/encuesta/encuesta.php

Encuesta México 7PM

English Version

OPORTUNIDAD DE INSERCIÓN EN EL VII PROGRAMA MARCO DE LA UNIÓN EUROPEA.

El proyecto **ELAN2LIFE-México**, la Oficina de Enlace para la promoción de la Cooperación entre México y la Unión Europea en Ciencia y Tecnología (**UEMEXCYT**), han elaborado esta breve encuesta con el objetivo de detectar investigadores con interés en participar en los programas marco de la Unión Europea. Al registrar sus datos, podremos conformar una base de datos que nos permita mantenerlos informados sobre estos programas de fomento, así como proporcionar información sobre posibles contactos a investigadores europeos interesados en formar consorcios para elaborar propuestas de proyectos a ser sometidas a la convocatoria del séptimo programa marco (7PM).

Gracias por dedicar unos minutos de su tiempo contestando estas preguntas.

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Salud **Alimentos, Agricultura y Biotecnología** **Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicaciones** **Espacio** **Seguridad** **Energía**
Nanociencias, Nanotecnologías y Materiales **Medio Ambiente** **Transporte** **Ciencias Socio-Económicas y humanidades**
Otras áreas

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¿En qué área/s estaría interesado en participar?

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| 2.1 Producción y gestión sostenible de los recursos biológicos de las tierras de labor, los bosques y las aguas | 2.1.1 Permiso de Investigación |
| | 2.1.2 Mantenimiento aumentado de todos los sistemas de producción (agricultura, silvicultura, industria acuícola); salud de planta y protección de cosecha |
| | 2.1.3 Salud optimizada de animal, producción y bienestar a través de agricultura, industria pescadera y acuicultura |
| | 2.1.4 Investigación socioeconómica y apoyo a política |
| 2.2 "Del tenedor a la granja". Alimentación, salud y bienestar | 2.2.1 Aspectos de los alimentos y piensos referentes a los consumidores, la salud, la cultura, la industria y la agricultura |
| | 2.2.2 Enfermedades y trastornos relacionados con la nutrición y la dieta, incluida la obesidad y alergias |
| | 2.2.3 Beneficios para la salud de ciertos alimentos y dietas |
| | 2.2.4 Calidad de alimentos y seguridad |
| | 2.2.5 Impactos ambientales y cadena total de alimentos |

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The database is available on UEMEXCYT website where the European institutions may find a Mexican partners through the following fields: name of the researcher, institution, theme of study, and access his/her email address and link to his/her institution website for further information.

Nowadays, 1699 researchers expressed their interests in receiving information of FP7 calls and partner search, registering themselves into the database. They all receive the alert mails and the newsletters.

Additionally to these results, the coordination between UEMEXCYT and FONCICYT was very useful for the elaboration of the databases of international cooperation, with the results of the first step of the FONCICYT's call (submission of interest expressions), which reflected a real interest of the Mexican and European Science and Technology community to collaborate together. As a total, 218 proposals have been jointly submitted by European and Mexican consortiums, which represent a very good market to exploit for the next FP7 calls.

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| 7 | Partner Search Online Database | 4 | 6-24 | 16, 24 | 1 | 1 | CONACYT |

WP 5. Links to Mexican Databases

As the previous work package, this WP aimed in providing institutional information of Mexican enterprises, research centers and universities through the links to their website, posted on the UEMEXCYT website.

Under this perspective, UEMEXCYT website ensured a link to the three main Mexican databases related to S&T:

- The Integrated Information System on Scientific and Technological research (Sistema Integrado de Información sobre Investigación Científica y Tecnológica): <http://www.siicyt.gob.mx>
- The link to the Researchers's National System: <http://info.main.conacyt.mx/dac/sni>
- The National registry of Science and Technology Enterprises and Institutions: <http://inah.conacyt.mx/dasj/reniecyt/formato.html>

Moreover, UEMEXCYT website ensured the link with the Thematic FP7 Contacts website that developed their own databases, as well as to other thematic coordination and support actions such as the followed ones:

- Food N'Co
- WINDS
- ICT solar
- Ideal IST
- LAC ACCESS

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| 8 | Links to Mexican Databases | 5 | 4 | 16, 24 | 1 | 0.5 | CONACYT |

WP 6. Workshops addressed to the management staff of government agencies, universities and SMEs.

The goal of this work package was to inform management staff of related government agencies, universities and SMEs about the ERA and the 7th Framework Program priorities and instruments of cooperation, as well as to teach them how to reply these workshops to researchers and entrepreneurs. The aim of this workshop was to break the gap between the European Commission's manual "Participating in European Research" (2002) and the specific need of processed information of Mexican institutions and scientists, given their low profile of participation.

Due to the starting date of the project, information had obviously been provided on FP7 instead of FP6.

In order to reckon with expert promoters and disseminators of European S&T cooperation instruments, a special workshop conducted by European S&T specialists were needed. Under this perspective, CONACYT supported on September 29th and 30th of 2006 a EU-Mexican event on FP7 co-organized by the National Autonomous University of Mexico, the Mexican Academy of Sciences and the EC Delegation in Mexico, where several EU Representatives participated and more than 130 researchers assisted.

After the recruitment of the UEMEXCYT team in December 2006, training for UEMEXCYT staff was financed:

- Participation of the UEMEXCYT Director to the training for NCP Coordinators organized by the European Commission in Brussels in December 2006;
- Participation of Rita Torres (CONACYT internal staff) in training on FP7 organized in Guadalajara in March 2007 in the framework of the Bilateral EU-Mexico Program PIAPYME (Integral support for SMEs).
- July 2nd to 5th 2008: FP7 training course, addressed to the Mexican Thematic FP7 Contacts, the Mexican Points of Information in the main Mexican high education and research institutions, and the new staff of the UEMEXCYT project. Event organized in collaboration with the Institute of Electrical Research as FP7 Contact in Energy and with the Technological Institute of Andalucía (IIE - Instituto de Investigaciones Eléctricas), in Cuernavaca, Morelos. 28 persons deeply trained.

Apart from the UEMEXCYT permanent staff, other persons were individually trained as satellite support to the project:

- Participation of Hector Samano as Administrator of UEMEXCYT project (CONACYT internal staff) in the training for NCP Coordinator in Brussels in December 2006
- Participation of Jorge Vargas, Lawyer of CONACYT, in a three-day training provided by the European company Interfaceurope in Brussels, and Paris.
- Moreover, it is important to highlight the mission of the Administrator of UEMEXCYT to Brussels at the end of October 2008 dedicated to visit the financial officers of the European Commission to check the coherency and quality of the first management report of the project as well as to be deeply trained on administrative and financial issues respect to the Framework Programme. Unfortunately, the training was cancelled at the last moment by the company in charge of giving it, while the Administrator was already in Brussels.

Once trained, UEMEXCYT staff imparted other training workshops in order to enable management staff and researchers to find calls, search partners, write a proposal and prepare their institution to understand and absorb FP7 projects.

- April 23rd to 25th, Federal District: A three-days national workshop on FP7 was held in the National Autonomous University of Mexico in collaboration with Dra. Amanda Galvez Mariscal, FP7 Contact in Food, Agriculture, Biotechnology and Fisheries, Dr. Francisco Becerra Posada, FP7 Contact for Health and Dr. Jesus Favela, from CICESE, Mexican Partner of ELAN2LIFE project. Two European experts participated, one financed by Food N'Co project and the other one by ELAN2LIFE project. The results of this workshop are the following:

- April 23rd: 41 researchers and SMEs trained on FP7, more specifically on Food, Agriculture, Biotechnology and Fisheries (FABF) sector;
- April 24th: 36 researchers and SMEs trained on FP7, more specifically on Health sector;
- April 25th: 39 researchers and SMEs trained on FP7 issues: rules of participation, Partner Search, CORDIS, legal and financial issues, etc.

The powerpoints presented in this workshop are available on the UEMEXCYT website.

- April 26th 2007, Federal District: Training Workshop about How to participate in the EC FP7 given in CONACYT to the National Network of Departmental Councils of Science and Technology (Red Nacional de Consejos Estatales de Ciencia y Tecnología).

Result: 37 persons trained.

- October 15th: Workshop to create FP7 Information Points at the Mexican Universities, the invitation was made by UEMEXCYT, the AMC (Mexican Academy of Sciences) and ANUIES. 53 Mexican universities and institutions of high education were invited and 29 participants from 16 institutions participated.
- June 2nd to 3rd: Training workshop on opportunities of cooperation within Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology workprogramme, University Program for Food, UNAM. 20 researchers and 10 managers trained.
- April 28th and 29th: FP7 in Health and Marie Curie Actions at the UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México). 32 researchers trained on how to find partners and write a proposal.



The workshops were designed to help management staff of government agencies, universities and SMEs understand how the European S&T system and instruments function, and how it was possible for Mexican researchers and enterprises to collaborate in these programs and take advantage of its offerings. For this purpose, the contents of the workshop emphasized the ERA and FP opportunities in the context of the S&T agreement between Mexico and the EU, and the bilateral cooperation on S&T project included in the Memorandum of Understanding.

In total, more than 170 management staff had been trained on FP7 opportunities in the framework of the workshops imparted under this workpackage.

In order to impart these courses, a **workshop profile** had been set up, with specific needs and priorities of information. Several power point presentations had also been realised as pedagogical material. The example above is a punctual one but this kind of profile has always been adapted to the needs and the duration of the workshop. In most of the cases, we always tried to invite some researchers who already participate into FP project in order to make them explain to the other the concrete implications and life of a project.

Primer día: Capacitación sobre el VII PM

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registro de los participantes |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Sesión 1: Entender el VII PM de la UE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - El Espacio Europeo de Investigación - Introducción al VII PM: estructura, lógicas y funcionamiento - La cooperación internacional en el VII PM |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Sesión 2: Informarse sobre el VII PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conocer y aceptar las reglas de participación - Conocer las fuentes de información (CORDIS) - Conocer las convocatorias |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Pausa café |

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| 11:45 – 13:00 | Sesión 3: Prepararse para el VII PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conocer los criterios de evaluación - Anticipar las modalidades legales y financieras - Buscar socios para participar en un consorcio - Conocer los servicios de apoyo disponibles |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | Comida |
| 14:30 – 16:30 | Sesión 4: Participar en el VII PM – Programa Cooperación <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ¿Cómo ser un socio eficiente? - ¿Cómo redactar una propuesta? - ¿Cómo negociar el presupuesto? |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Sesión 5: Participar en el VII PM – Acciones Marie Curie |

2º día (opcional): ¿Cómo apoyar eficazmente a los investigadores e instituciones de su Estado?

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| 9:00 – 13:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ¿Cómo dar a conocer su institución hacia Europa e inscribirse en las redes? ■ ¿Cómo apoyar a los investigadores para que superen sus prejuicios sobre la internacionalización de sus actividades? ■ ¿Cómo involucrar a su institución? ■ Conocer las necesidades de los investigadores para buscar la información más relevante para ellos. ■ Valorar y orientar las colaboraciones bilaterales existentes con socios europeos, incluso también con otros socios internacionales ■ Organizarse en red al nivel de México ■ Aprender a identificar “propuestas maduras” ■ Utilizar el instrumento “Search Partner” ■ Utilizar el sitio web UEMEXCYT |
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| 14 | Management staff capable of the promotion and dissemination of European instruments for S&T cooperation within their own institutions. | 6 | 8-24 | 14-24 | 2 | 10 | CONACYT |

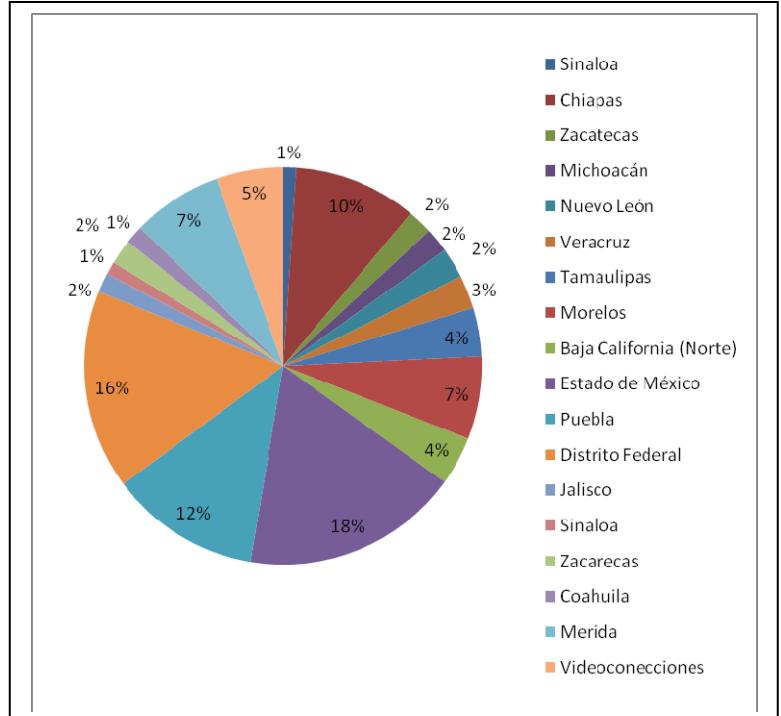
WP 7. Creating Awareness on Opportunities of ERA and the 7th FP Workshops

The goal of this workpackage was to disseminate information about the ERA and the 7th Framework Program priorities and instruments of participation directly among relevant Mexican researchers, members of the academic community or SMEs.

In order to achieve this goal, a total of 39 infodays had been given, creating awareness around 17 different states of the Mexican republic and informing more around 1760 researchers. Besides, three of the events had been disseminated through videoconference, reaching 100 additional researchers.

The majority of the events covered a general presentation on the European Research Area, FP7 and its calls on about 3 hours. Nevertheless, the information was generally focused towards the following themes: health, Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology, Environment, Energy and Information and Communication Technologies.

| Geographical share | Number of persons informed | Number of events |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Sinaloa | 21 | 1 |
| Chiapas | 203 | 1 |
| Zacatecas | 41 | 1 |
| Michoacán | 40 | 2 |
| Nuevo León | 50 | 2 |
| Veracruz | 55 | 2 |
| Tamaulipas | 80 | 1 |
| Morelos | 136 | 4 |
| Baja California (Norte) | 80 | 1 |
| Estado de México | 358 | 8 |
| Puebla | 247 | 2 |
| Distrito Federal | 328 | 10 |
| Jalisco | 32 | 1 |
| Sinaloa | 21 | 1 |
| Zacatecas | 41 | 1 |
| Coahuila | 30 | 1 |
| Merida | 148 | 1 |
| Videoconferences | 110 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 1763 | 39 |



The detail of these events is the following:

- **Merida, May 23rd to 25th of 2007**: Event co-organised with Foreign Affairs Delegation in Yucatan as well as the Yucatan Scientific Research Centre (CICY) where the event was lodged. More than 170 researchers assisted, including European researchers (IRD, CIRAD). Round table on energy, environment, Food, Agriculture, Biotechnology and Fisheries as well as Health had been held on the second day in order to launch a consultation on thematic priorities for relevant topics identification. The Italian NCP INCO participated in the event as well as European expert from Central America (CIRAD), Mexican FP7 Contact in Environment and FABF and NCP Coordinator from Costa Rica. The EC Delegation in Mexico also participated in the event, as well as Mexican Researchers with FP6 project in implementation, in order to allow best practices exchanges. 148 persons had been registered

The powerpoints presented in this workshop are available on the UEMEXCyT website. Evaluation forms had been provided to all the participants and are available in UEMEXCyT archives. The balance of these evaluation forms was quiet satisfactory.

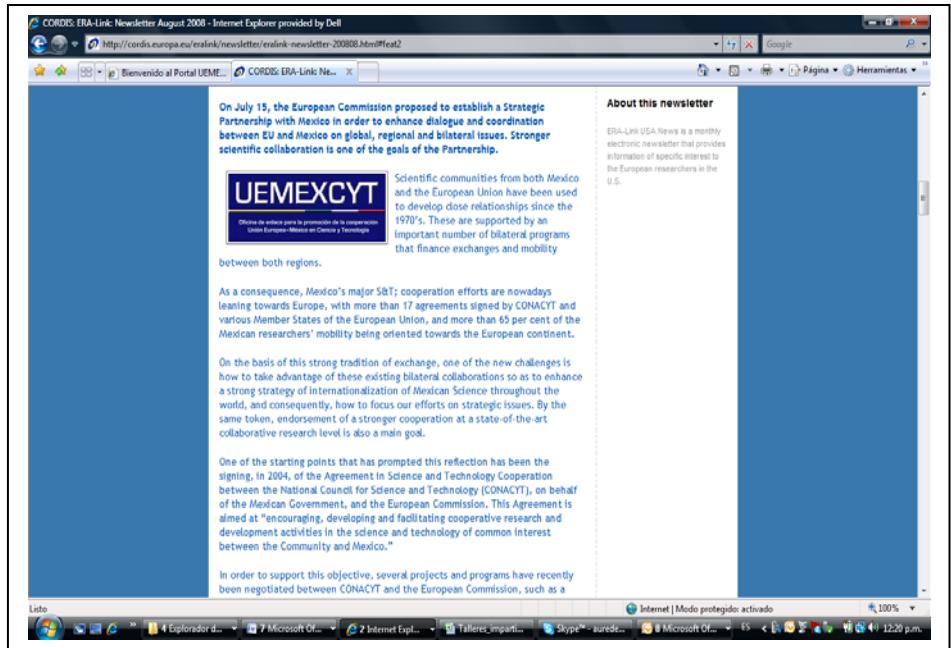
Besides the organization of these events, and in order to cope with a high level demand from the Mexican scientist community, the following events were additionally organized:

- 29th of March 2007, State of Morelos: FP7 presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Chemical Faculty, from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) at Oaxtepec, with the participation of 60 researchers from this Faculty.
- April 11th 2007, Morelia, State of Michoacán: FP7 Presentation to the Directors of Departmental Councils of Science and Technology (Annual Meeting of the Directors of S&T State Councils), Rednanecyt. As result, 30 persons were informed from all the States of the Republic; in this event it was planned a training Workshop for the S&T managers of their councils, which was given two weeks after (see WP6).
- April 17th 2007, Federal District: FP7 presentation to the photovoltaic's group of researchers from IPN (15 researchers were trained on FP7 opportunities).
- May 9th 2007, State of Mexico: FP7 presentation in Toluca, México at the **Colegio Mexiquense** with the participation of 67 persons.
- May 17th 2007, Federal District: FP7 presentation at the Centre for Entrepreneurial Development UNAM – CANACINTRA, with the participation of 10 SME's. The event had been realized in partnership with CANACINTRA EuroCenter as well as the Bilateral EC-Mexico programme PIAPYME.
- May 18th 2007 State of Puebla: Meeting on FP7 opportunities organized by the Council of Science and Technology from the State of Puebla. 202 persons informed.
- May 29th 2007, Federal District: FP7 presentation in the **Iberoamerican University**. 26 researchers informed.
- May 31st 2007, State of Veracruz: FP7 presentation in the **Veracruz University**, in Xalapa, Veracruz, with the participation of 25 researchers.
- June 5th 2007, State of Mexico: FP7 presentation in the **ITESM**, Campus Estado de México with the participation of 15 researchers besides a virtual connection to all the campus of the ITESM in Mexico and Latin America.
- July 18th 2007, Federal District: FP7 presentation at the Pediatric National Institute (from the National Ministry of Health) with the participation of 25 researchers from this Institute.
- September 5th 2007, State of Mexico: FP7 Opportunities presentation in **ICT's** at the Technological Institute of Superior Studies of Monterrey (ITESM) Campus State of Mexico.
Results: the event reached 100 participants by videoconference and 15 persons in presence.
- September 10th 2007, Puebla: participation at the “Annual Seminar on **Automatics, Industrial Electronics** and Instrumentation (Seminario Anual de Automática, Electrónica Industrial e Instrumentación SAAEI 2007), at the BUAP on the Round table “México-Spain Consortiums in the FP7” organized by the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, the Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña y and the National Center of Research and Technological Development of Cuernavaca, Morelos.
Results: 45 participants approximately.
- September 14th 2007, State of Morelos: Visit to the *Instituto Mexicano de Tecnología del Agua*. This visit tried to become aware of the authorities of this institution about the importance to make their groups participate in FP7 projects. 15 participants.

- September 14th 2007, State of Morelos: Visit to the Institute of Electrical Research (IIE), 15 directors and the Director of the *Division of Planning and Technical Support*. This visit tried to become aware of the authorities of this institution about the importance to make their groups participate in FP7 projects. 17 participants.
- September 17th 2007, State of Morelos: Presentation of UEMEXCyT invited by the *Secretary of Economical Development* at the Departmental Council of the State of Morelos. 44 participants.
- September 20th 2007, State of Nuevo León: FP7 Presentation at the meeting of bilateral cooperation Germany-México in Biotechnology at the UANL in Monterrey. 32 participants.
- September 21st 2007, State of Mexico: Workshop on the opportunities of the FP7 at the Polytechnic National Institute, Zácatenco. 31 researchers informed on the FP7 opportunities.
- September 21st 2007, Federal District: Conference about FP7 co-organized with ANUIES (National Association of Universities and Institutions of High Education) and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation. 16 participants.
- September 28th 2007, State of Morelia: Participation at the Round table about Mexican participation on the FP7, organized by the Mexican Society of Computing Sciences, at the *Colegio San Nicolás*, in Morelia, Michoacán. 10 participants.
- October 19th 2007, State of Chiapas: Infoday on FP7 organized by the Innovation and Technological Development Direction from the Administrative Secretary from the State of Chiapas, Tuxtla Gutierrez. 203 participants.
- October 22nd 2007, State of Mexico: Infoday on FP7 at the CINVESTAV, Zácatenco. 32 participants.
- November 7th 2007, Federal District: FP7 Presentation to the Regional Delegations from CONACYT. 10 participants.
- November 23rd 2007, State of Sinaloa: Workshop on opportunities of the FP7 organized by the General Coordination of Technological Development from the State of Sinaloa. 21 participants.
- November 28th 2007, State of Nuevo León: Third meeting of FP7 focused on “Environment and Transport: possibilities of cooperation with Mexico” at the ITESM Campus Monterrey, N.L. Events transmitted by videoconference, with approximately 20 connexions. 98 assistants.
- December 6th and 7th 2007, State of Mexico: Participation at the WINDS's meeting on ICT at the ITESM, Campus Estado de México. 57 participants.
- March 7th, Federal District: Infodays in the Institute for Biomedecines of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. 39 researchers informed on the opportunities of collaboration within FP7 in Health.
- April from 9th to 12th 2008, State of Veracruz: Participation at the First Workshop between Europe and Mexico on ICT, organized by LANIA in order to create the LAEMI (Euro-Mexican Laboratory on Informatics), held at LANIA, Xalapa, State of Veracruz. 32 participants.
- April 9th and 10th 2008, State of Zacatecas: Workshop on Photovoltaic's Systems financing, in Zacatecas. 41 participants.



- April 18th 2008, State of Tamaulipas: FP7 Presentation at the ANUIES Annual Meeting in Tampico. More than 80 participants.
- April 22nd 2008, Federal District: Presentation of the opportunities of research on Earth Observation within FP7, on occasion of a Seminar organized by PT-DLR. 43 participants.
- April 25th 2008, State of Mexico: Infodays in Health and Food, Agriculture and Biotechnologies organized in CINVESTAV, Zacatenco in collaboration with ELAN2LIFE. 26 researchers informed on the future calls to be launched with FP7.
- April 30th 2008, State of Baja California: FP7 Presentation at the ICA (Institute of Agriculture Sciences) at the Autonomous University of Baja California UABC (Universidad Autónoma de Baja California). 80 participants.
- June 11th 2008, Federal District: Infodays focused on Socioeconomic and Humanities Sciences presentation at the Humanities Coordination of the UNAM, on, with the participation of more than 100 persons.
- June 30th 2008, Federal District: EURAXESS event given to the European researchers working in Mexican institutions. Event co-organized with the European Members States Representations in Mexico in the Instituto Francés de América Latina (IFAL) and with the participation of the European Commission Delegation in Washington. Participation of 46 researchers and dissemination of the activity through the ERA LINK project newsletter.
- July 14th 2008, State of Guadalajara: Workshop on ERA opportunities in the University of Guadalajara. Participation of 32 researchers.
- August 18th 2008, Mexico City: workshop co-organized by the Mexican Academy of Sciences in order to inform the Managers of the main universities and research centers on the calls to be launch the month after under FP7. 23 participants.



Most of these activities were implemented jointly with the academic institutions. That explains the low cost incurred for the project respect to the impact of this Work Package. The most important cost for the project was the human resources.

Apart from these 39 Infodays imparted to 1760 researchers around 17 states of the Mexican Republic, some visibility actions such as FP7 posters edition and a brochure on UEMEXCYT and FP7 for researchers had also been done in order to disseminate information on the project in the several workshops or presentation made.

A well, the FONCICYT activities of dissemination of the unique call allowed the spreading of some information on UEMEXCYT project.

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| 15 | An informed academic community and entrepreneurs. | 7 | 9-24 | 14-24 | 6 | 8 | CONACYT |
| 16 | Workshops to diffuse information about the ERA and the 6 th FP areas of opportunity: Workshops in Mexico City, number depending on demand, 1 workshop in Monterrey, 1 Workshop in Guadalajara, and 1 Workshop in Oaxaca / Merida | 7 | 9-20 | 9, 19, 21 | 10 | 2 | CONACYT |

WP 8. Help desk on the 7th FP

The objective of this workpackage was to establish a link between interested researchers and European experts who can assist them in all matters concerning the preparation of proposals to access the resources available within the 7th FP.

The UEMEXCYT office established contact with European experts from European Commission as well as European NCP in order to support UEMEXCYT to answer and assist scientists and entrepreneurs' questions and issues related to specific projects under preparation for funding consideration within the FP. The UEMEXCYT office serves as contact point; as it provides this contact information by phone or email, or otherwise be found on the website.

The main achievement realized within this work package was the regular follow up given to the researchers in coordination with the Mexican Thematic FP7 Contact and other coordination and support actions such as ELAN2LIFE and INCONTACT. Approximately, more than 380 individual interviews and mails had been responded by UEMEXCYT. Three catching sessions had also been ensured in order to link Mexican partners with European Proposal Coordinators. Moreover, the collaboration with the Mexican Thematic FP7 Contacts allows attending more researchers.

In order to boost the contact with European experts, UEMEXCYT financed, in January 2008, the travel of Rita Torres to the kick off meeting of INCONTACT (Transnational cooperation between National Contact Points for International Cooperation) in Athens, Greece, in order to develop the contacts with European Experts and facilitate the exchange of partner search dissemination as well as the exchange of information on FP7 issues.

Moreover, in collaboration with ELAN2LIFE, UEMEXCYT organized several coaching sessions in April, June and August, given by a European expert to Mexican researchers in order to help them to identify the adequate topic under work programmes of FP7, to draw their profile and to search partners. This kind of activities was pilote in order to evaluate its success and consider the possibility to replicate it under the second step of UEMEXCYT II.

Other pilot initiative promoted under this work package was the co-financing of Mexican researcher mission to Europe. This experience served as a good experience to improve the UEMEXCYT II Annex I during the negotiation step and to consolidate a travel grant scheme as innovative activity to perform for the further step of the project. Moreover, the cofinancing of this mission permitted the contact between some Mexican Leaders with European networks (such as the Innovative Medicine Initiative) and potential European proposals coordinators such as the Science and innovation Ministry of Spain.

Finally, taking advantage of the visits of the Director of UEMEXCYT in Brussels, several stops were done in Paris, France, in order to enter in contact with European experts or researchers interested by potential cooperation with Mexico (ej: Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales) and to exchange pedagogical materials for training (for example with IRD who become partner in UEMEXCYT II).

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| 17 | Established contacts with European experts for consultation on project preparation issues and methodologies. | 8 | 9-24 | 4-24 | 1 | 2.5 | CONACYT |
| 18 | Links to special contacts on the website for on-line consultation. | 8 | 9-24 | | 1 | 1.5 | CONACYT |
| 19 | Phone and email contact service for special consultation. | 8 | 9-24 | 7-24 | 1 | 3 | CONACYT |

WP 9. Improving coordination and project preparation on 7th priority: Energy

The primary objective was to analyze the objectives and approach of thematic priorities within the 7th FP by realizing several bi-regional workshops: Environment, including climate change in the case of Brazil, Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology in the case of Argentina, Health in the case of Chile, and Energy in the case of Mexico. Other objective was to identify the calls for proposals launched on 2006 and early 2007, in order to identify areas for potential participation by Mexican, Brazilian, Chilean and Argentinean researchers, research groups and SMEs, and establish liaisons with potential partners in the EU to develop and present proposals within the rules and procedures of the 7th FP.

A secondary objective was also to strengthen relations and interactions between the Latin American countries in these topics.

The starting point of the work was August 2008 (Month 12).

Mexico participated in the three bi-regional workshops organized by the other LA offices by sending Mexican senior experts representative of the Mexican scientists community in the different thematic areas:

- July 1st and 2nd, 2006, Brazil: bi-regional workshop on [environment](#);

- May 17th and 18th, 2006, Chile: bi-regional workshop on Health; 15 y 16 de December de 2005, December 15th and 16th of 2005, Argentina: Bi-regional workshop on Food, Agriculture, Biotechnology and Fisheries

As the UEMEXCyT Project hadn't started when these bi-regional workshops were organized, the costs of the mexican researchers' participation had been directly assumed by the CONACyT.

Regarding the Energy Workshop, it was held in Mexico City on 26th and 27th of September of 2006, which is to say on the first month of implementation of the project. As the UEMEXCyT working team wasn't recruited already, the bi-regional workshop has been co-organized by internal staff of CONACyT and the national Ministry of Energy (SENER), contracting a national company in charge of the event organization.

The workshop served to identify areas of common interest in the context of the remaining calls for proposals and, where possible, establish agreements and work programs to elaborate common proposals to be presented for funding consideration at the appropriate times. The meeting involved officials from the EU responsible for the Energy area, referents from relevant European research Centres in the area, leaders of already approved 6th FP projects, a cross section of Mexican researchers in the Energy field, and representatives from the field from Brazil, Argentina and Chile. The workshop report is available on the UEMEXCyT website :

[http://www.conacyt.mx/uemexcyt/Biblioteca/files/Annex%204%20-%20Final%20programme%20\(EN\).doc](http://www.conacyt.mx/uemexcyt/Biblioteca/files/Annex%204%20-%20Final%20programme%20(EN).doc)

As the UEMEXCyT working team wasn't already recruited, it had been quite difficult to ensure an efficient follow up of this workshop. Several attempts had been made by UEMEXCyT staff to contact the Ministry of Energy in order to hold a workshop of follow-up with the Mexican Researchers that had participated to the workshop and to suggest it to present a candidature to be nominated as Energy FP7 Contact for Mexico. UEMEXCyT never received any answer from this Ministry. Other potential candidates have expressed their interest since September 2007 so we hope that once their candidature posted and approved, step could be made on this field.

Meantime, the thematic priorities had been reoriented in strategic field where Thematic FP7 Contacts had been nominated, such as NMP, FABF, Environment, ICT, SSH and Health. In these fields, several joint proposals had been identified, and working calendars for the development of the proposals established.

One of the most important actions financially supported by UEMEXCyT was the one week Fact Finding Mission on Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies and new Materials of Production held in Mexico from 23rd to 30th of September 2006 in the framework of the NANOFORUM EULA Project also financed under FP6. The Mexican Partner of NANOFORUM EULA was the IPICYT represented by Dr. Mauricio Terrones, also Mexican FP7 Contact for NMP. The arrangement made with Dr Terrones was to conduct a sectoral study on Mexican and LA potential in NMP research as well as to highlight potential themes of Specific International Cooperation Action. Under this perspective, a public report is to be available on UEMEXCyT Website as well as a catalogue of all the Mexican researchers that responded to this national initiative. A more strategic report is still under preparation in order to submit it to the members of the next S&T Joint Steering Committee.

In total, 12 Researchers from Argentina, Brazil, Spain, France, Latvia, Italy, Germany and Netherlands as well as more than 225 Mexican researchers from the whole country participated in the fact finding mission that covered Mexico City, Coahuila-Saltillo, Leon-Guanajuato, and San Luis Potosi.

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| 21 | A small number of areas where joint proposals may be identified, and working calendars for the development of the proposals established. | 9 | 13-15 | 9-15 | -* | 4 | CONACYT |
| 22 | Better working relations between research groups of LA (Mexico, Brazil and Argentina) and the EU with common interests in the LSG&BH area established. | 9 | 15-24 | 0-24 | -* | 2 | CONACYT |

WP 10. Specialist seminars intended for the assessment of S&T AL-UE cooperation policies and instruments, best practices and future priorities

The goal of this special event was to review and assess the S&T cooperation experience between the EU and participating Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico), in order to develop a document that analyses the existing instruments of cooperation, elaborates a map of best practices and identifies opportunities and priorities for future cooperation. This document should allow policy makers and scientists with guidelines for better cooperation in the near future. For the full achievement of this special event, it should take place in 4 different stages and countries: Brazil, Mexico, Chile and Argentina. Secondly, the seminar must provide an opportunity to work on Latin American coordination of the Project of S&T cooperation with the EU. The starting point of this WP was expected for December 2006 (Month 4).

This task had been done by Argentina while Mexico hadn't started its activities. In order to give a follow up to this activity, Rita Torres from UEMEXCYT participated in the last event of coordination of LA offices organized in Buenos Aires on July 3-5 of 2007 about International Cooperation EU-LAC for science, technology and innovation. EC Representative participated. The objectives of the meeting were the following:

1. Inform on LA Offices work progresses, difficulties and corrective actions taken;
2. Discuss on *Specific International Cooperation Actions* rules of definition and submission to EC;
3. Proposal and agreement on LA Offices contributions to EU-LAC and/or bi-regional dialogue;
4. Progress on LA Thematic FP7 Contact nomination;
5. Support to other LA countries from existing LA Offices;
6. Visibility of EU-LAC science and technology cooperation
7. Information on FELAS
8. Discuss on INCO-BILAT call.

UEMEXCYT proposed to include into the objectives of this workshop the elaboration of a manual of best practices in LA-EU S&T Cooperation (deliverable 24) but was responded by the other LA Offices that it had already been done. This manual called *Guías para la formulación, montaje y gestión de proyectos europeos de Investigación y Desarrollo, ALCUEFOOD* had been actually available on UEMEXCYT

website since its opening. Nevertheless, UEMEXCyT remained with some doubt respect to the conformity of this document with the deliverable expected by the project.

In terms of evaluation activities, UEMEXCyT launched an inquest on Mexican participation in the FP6 in order to evaluate the satisfaction rate from the Mexican participants, create a tank of experimented researchers for potential best practices exchanges and identify barriers to Mexican participants.

Other action to promote EU-LAC cooperation in science and technology was to have entered in contact, since the beginning, with other specific support actions dedicated in strengthening this bi-regional cooperation. The cooperation with other FP6 projects such as NANOFORUM EULA (mentioned above), ELAN2LIFE, ALCUE Health, ALCUE Food, WINDS, etc, allow creating a solid network at national level in order to better attend Mexican researchers in finding partners. Links with CLARA network was also done.

UEMEXCyT also ensured the participation of Mexico to LAC ACCES activities (in collaboration with Mexican Embassy in Brussels), entered in contact with EULANEST and made CONACYT participate in proposal responding to FP7 calls under International Cooperation Activities (INCONET with EURALINET; NCP INCO with INCONTACT; BILAT with UEMEXCyT II).

Finally, small financial contribution for provided to Mexican FP7 Contacts to cover necessary travel costs to assist in strategic seminars to achieve the fulfilment of the objectives of this WP, in particular its deliverable 25:

- Participation of Dr. Francisco Becerra Posada, Mexican FP7 Contact Health, in a workshop dedicated to NCP Health in Brussels in December 2006;
- Participation of Dr. Amanda Galvez Mariscal, Mexican FP7 Contact Food, Agriculture, Biotechnology and Fisheries (FABF), in a workshop dedicated to NCP FABF in Brussels in April 2007;

Thanks to the collaboration with the Mexican Thematic FP7 Contacts, timely consultation and identification of potential themes for the development of Specific International Cooperation Action proposals had been possible. Indeed, several meetings had been held in order to determine research priorities, in synergy with other coordination and support actions such as ALCUE Food and EURALINET.

First, on October 16th 2007, a meeting was co-organized in the PUAL (University Programme on Food) at the UNAM with the FP7 Contact of Mexico in Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology in order to consult the Mexican scientific community on their themes of interest and report them to the ALCUE Food meeting organized in Montevideo in order to identify theme of Specific International Coordination Actions (SICA) to be proposed to the European Commission. Under this perspective, UEMEXCYT project supported the travel to the FP7 Contact of Mexico in food, Agriculture and Biotechnology.

Secondly, a Latin American – European Union Workshop in Socio-economic sciences and Humanities on 12th and 13th of June was organized in the Mexican Academy of Sciences in Mexico City. This workshop was the result of a decision taken on occasion of the Second Meeting of the S&T Joint Steering Committee held in Brussels, on January 21st 2008.

The meeting was divided into four thematic round tables charged of preparing arguments and conclusions to be submitted to the European Commission in order to give some inputs to be considered for the formulation of international topics for its future work programme on Socioeconomic Sciences and

Humanities. In this meeting, 32 experts participated including 9 from Europe, 8 from Latin America and 15 from Mexico.

Finally, the participation of UEMEXCYT in different events and working meeting organized by EULARINET directly allowed achieving the goals foreseen by this WP, in coordination with the other LA Offices. Indeed, the participation of two persons from UEMEXCYT in the kick off meeting of EULARINET in March 2008 in Buenos Aires (Argentina) allows making a review of the existing instruments and mechanisms for strengthening the bi-regional cooperation in S&T. As well, the participation of UEMEXCYT in several meetings of WP of EULARINET allowed the share of experiences and best practices. As an example, UEMEXCYT was able to share its experience in the formulation of a Specific International Cooperation Action (SICA), designed, coordinated and lobbied by UEMEXCYT and finally accepted by the European Commission for the Work Programme 2009 in Environment: Caribbean Coral Reef. The SICA was designed in collaboration of a group of researchers led by the French Institute of Research for Development (IRD), established in Paris.

In order to achieve this goal, the Director of UEMEXCYT realised a mission in Paris from June 20th to 27th 2008 where she presented the results of UEMEXCYT behalf European partners members of the consortium of EULARINET and LAC ACCESS.



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| 23 | Specialist Seminar for assessment of S&T cooperation | 10 | 20 | 1, 9, 19, 21 | 10 | 5 | CONACYT |
| 24 | A manual of best practices in LA-EU S&T Cooperation. | 10 | 22 | 22 | 2 | 1 | CONACYT |
| 25 | A preliminary appraisal of priorities and best instruments to channel LA – EU association in S&T, and to participate in the design of the 7 th FP reflecting the needs and realities of Latin American countries. | 10 | 3-22 | 8-24 | 2 | 2 | CONACYT |

Section 3 – Consortium management

As coordinator, CONACYT is also the only contractor of this project. Nevertheless, CONACYT had to work in coordination with the other Latin American Offices in order to ensure a bi-regional dimension to the cooperation (WP10), which also corresponds to the line of the new EULARINET project.

Apart from the other LA Offices, the success of the project always depended on its appropriation by the Mexican S&T Institutions and their availability to co-organize events and/or to dedicate focal persons to be in charge of the follow up of the programme and the calls.

In order to consolidate the efforts done during the first year to create a Thematic Mexican FP7 Contacts, CONACYT designed, with the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the participation of UEMEXCYT team, a call in order to be financially support the FP7 Contacts work.

As mentioned before, the UEMEXCYT team also absorbed the implementation of new projects financed under FP7 (EULARINET, INCONTACT) as well as the negotiation of the BILAT (UEMEXCYT II) which started its implementation just one month after the end of UEMEXCYT, which allow the continuity of all the efforts started by UEMEXCYT.

Finally, the resources of the project were divided into the following three major costs:

- Personnel costs: 60%
- Workshops and seminars: 20%
- Travel and subsistence: 20%

Section 4 – Other issues

NO RELEVANT

Annex – Plan for using and disseminating the knowledge

Due to the nature of this Project, a plan for management of knowledge is of rare need. All work is endeavoured to the dissemination of information on EU-MX S&T cooperation programs and instruments, through a website and workshops. Although the dissemination strategy is addressed to researchers, information published on the website will be accessible for a general audience, and may persist after the Project is over, hosted under CONACY's website.