



NECOBELAC network
to promote information production
and diffusion in public health

A possible application in the field of rare diseases

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I am going to talk about...

WHAT is **NECOBELAC**

WHY I am here

WHAT after my talk...





NECOBELAC Project



the partners



PROJECT COORDINATOR

Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Rome, Italy



The University of Nottingham
Nottingham, UK



Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
Madrid, Spain

Centro Latino Americano e do Caribe de Informação
em Ciências da Saúde
Sao Paulo, Brazil



BIREME • PAHO • WHO



Universidad Nacional de Colombia
Instituto de Salud Pública
Bogotá, Colombia

Universidade do Minho
Braga, Portugal



Universidade do Minho



the project in brief

NECOBELAC is a project to develop a

**NEtwork of COllaboration Between Europe
and Latin American Caribbean (LAC) countries**

AIM to spread know-how in:

- ★ scientific writing
- ★ open access publishing

★ **TARGET** All stakeholders in scientific communication

★ **AREA** public health



the project background

DIFFERENT experiences



from Europe and LAC countries
based on:

- ★ different socio-cultural scenarios
- ★ different methodological and technical approaches

ONE goal



the project strength

COMPARE AND GROW



PROMOTING

- ★ cultural change
- ★ bidirectional approach (EU-LAC)



CREATING AWARENESS

- ★ on document production and diffusion at different levels



the project foreground

WIDER COORDINATION

for the development of:

- ★ **training programmes
in information production and dissemination**
(including technical and ethical issues)
- ★ **networks of existing health-related
information infrastructures**
(in Europe and LAC countries)



the project approach

KEY POINTS

- ★ **SHARED** strategy and continuous evaluation of its efficacy
- ★ **WEBSITE** as a reference point for information and communication
- ★ **IMPLEMENTATION** of local activities involving local staff
- ★ **CONSTRUCTION** of flexible prototype training programme

involving all stakeholders



the project details

Duration



Three years: February 2009 – January 2012

Languages



English, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish

EC contribution



800,000 Euros

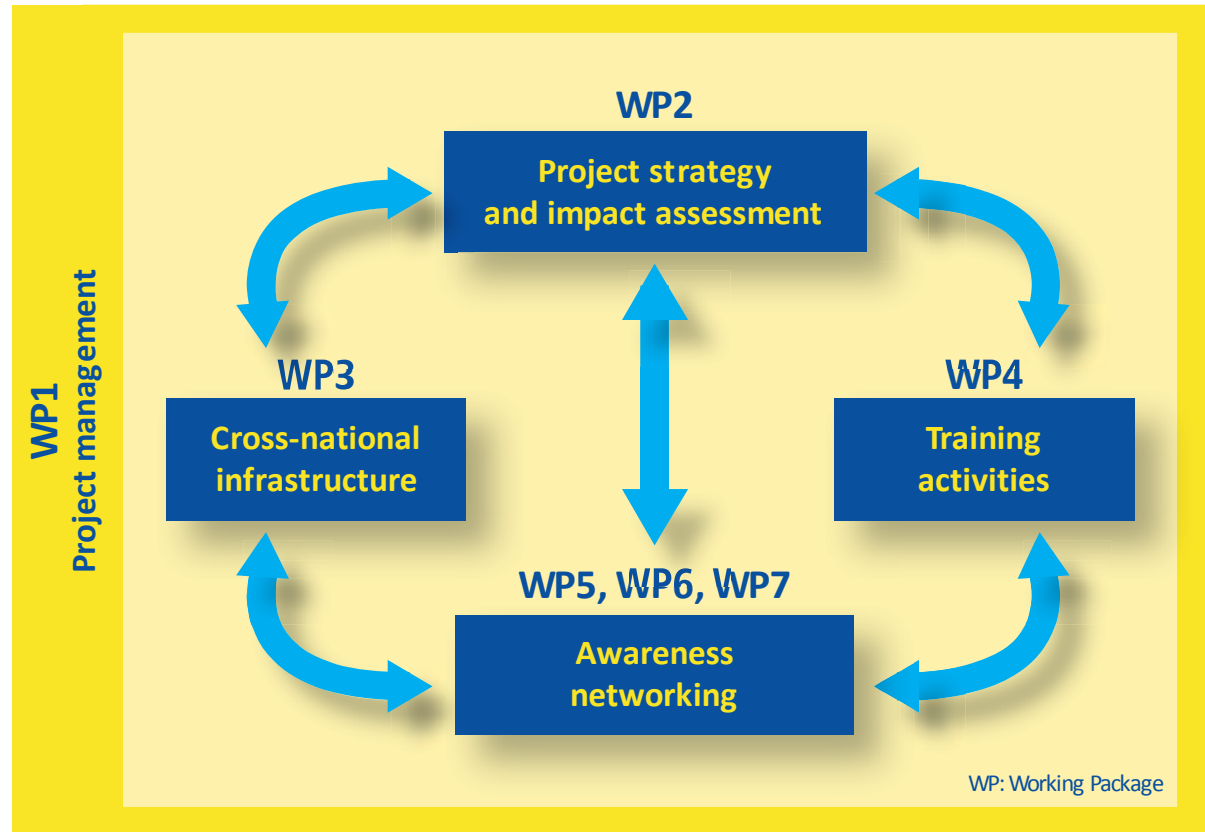
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230583**

Detailed information is available from

www.necobelac.eu



the project overview



All partners are involved in all WPs, except WP1.



WP1

Project management

MISSION

Implementation and administrative aspects of the project management directly associated with WPs development and “rules and procedures” to be followed by project management.

Lead Beneficiary

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WP2

Project strategy and impact assessment

MISSION

Definition of appropriate strategies and networking Europe-LAC within a shared operational plan, as well as assessing the impact of the project activities as a whole.

Lead Beneficiary

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Paola De Castro (paola.decastro@iss.it)

sub-contract to

Key Perspectives Ltd – UK (Alma Swan)



WP3

Cross-national advocacy infrastructure

MISSION

Development of a cross-national advocacy infrastructure including a website for all stakeholders within the network Europe-LAC countries.

Lead Beneficiary The University of Nottingham (UNOTT, UK)
Bill Hubbard (bill.hubbard@nottingham.ac.uk)



WP4

Training activities

MISSION

Organization of training activities for trainers to spread know-how in health information production, dissemination and use in Europe-LAC countries.

Lead Beneficiary

Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC, Spain)
Reme Melero (rmelero@iata.csic.es)

Third party

Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia – Spain
(Alicia López Medina)



WP5

Promoting the project infrastructure to guarantee its usage in Europe-LAC countries

MISSION

Development of the most appropriate actions so that the new infrastructure is fully utilized in Europe-LAC countries and training activities fully developed.

Lead Beneficiary

Universidade do Minho (UMINHO, Portugal)

Eloy Rodrigues (eloy@sdum.uminho.pt)



WP6

Networking LAC-Europe countries

MISSION

Stimulation of the production of information tools and infrastructures on ongoing health activities in LAC and Europe countries.

Lead Beneficiary

Centro Latino Americano e do Caribe de Informação em Ciências da Saúde (BIREME, Brazil)

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WP7

Focus on health-related structures in LAC countries

MISSION

Creation of awareness and collaboration among health-related structures in LAC countries to further increase the impact of the project.

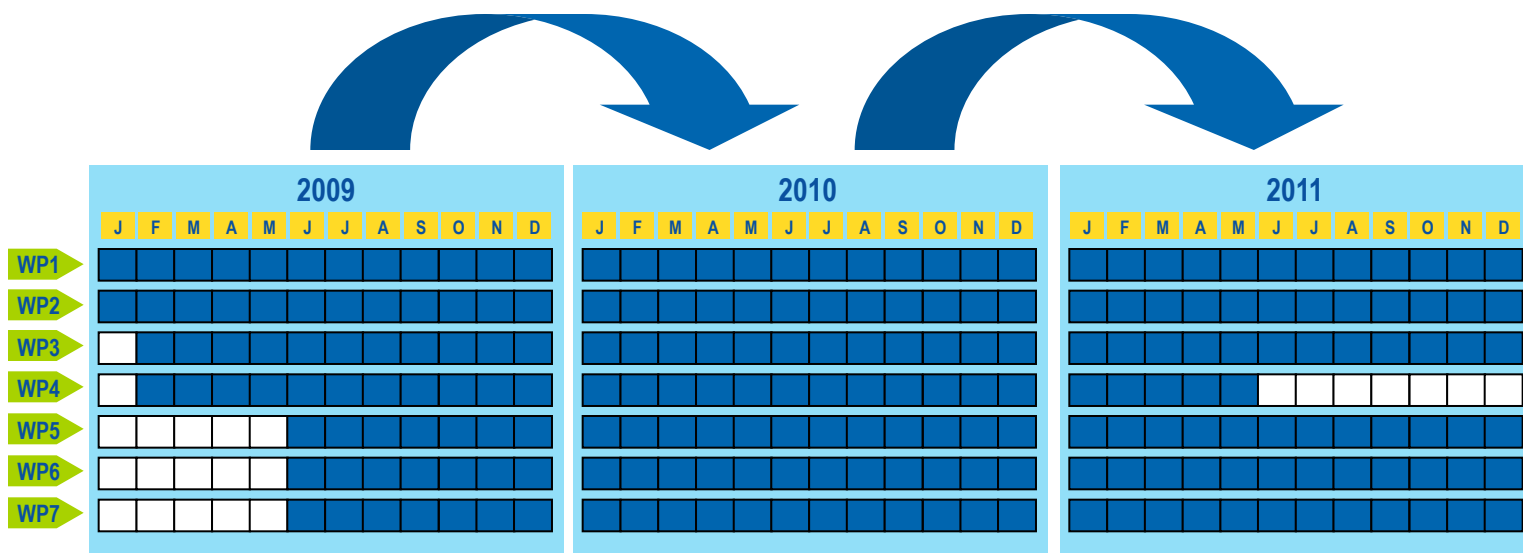
Lead Beneficiary

Universidad Nacional de Colombia (ISP, Colombia)
Carlos Agudelo (caagudeloc@unal.edu.co)



the project schedule

WP time schedule during the 3 years is:



Final considerations

IMMEDIATE PROGRESS

Thanks to use of existing technologies and infrastructures rather than new ones

EXCELLENT APPROACH

Thanks to one subject discipline: health is a global issue

LANGUAGE BARRIERS

Thanks to partners having different language backgrounds

OPEN APPROACH

Thanks to new collaborations with institutions interested in the project (FAO and WHO)



Further considerations

NECOBELAC is a large-scale project

- ★ difficult to evaluate its immediate impact
(many long term effects will be produced after the project time-span)
- ★ significant benefits lasting in time with:
development of health information communication,
collaborations between Europe and LAC countries.

NECOBELAC is a MODEL

can be followed in other countries and continents
can be developed and adapted to different scenarios

Possible re-submission
for a continuation



CONCLUSIONS...

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NECOBELAC is a new and promising project on information diffusion

WE am looking for partners to share & apply NECOBELAC strategy

WE are ready to start new working groups, as from now

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