



**BI-REGIONAL ACADEMIC COUNCIL
PERMANENT ACADEMIC FORUM
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - EUROPEAN UNION**

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

7th of July 2020

REPORT

Report of the extraordinary meeting of the Bi-regional Academic Council (CAB) of the Permanent Academic Forum Latin America and the Caribbean - European Union (FAP ALC-UE), which took place online on July 7th, 2020.

Agenda:

- ✓ Report of the President and of the Executive Secretariat of the FAP ALC-UE regarding the activities carried out in the previous period
- ✓ Upcoming activities organized by FAP ALC-UE or in which members of the FAP will participate
- ✓ Presentation of the Program for the elaboration of the Draft for the Bi-regional Academic Integration Agreement according to the Cordoba Commitment
- ✓ Dialogue, orientations, ideas, suggestions taking into account the novelties that have emerged in the development of the bi-regional integration process, among which the challenges that the Covid 19 pandemic brings, especially for the different levels of the bi-regional academic community
- ✓ Various matters.

Attendees, members and guests:

- Francisco ALDECOA, Professor of International Relations, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
- Iordan BĂRBULESCU, Director of the Institute for Latin American Studies, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Romania
- Héctor CASANUEVA OJEDA, Research Professor, University of Alcalá, Spain
- Juan Marcelo CONRERO, Dean, National University of Córdoba, Argentina
- Ioana DODI, Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania



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- David JULIEN, Executive Secretary General, Inter-American University Organization, Canada
- Fernando GALVAN, Professor, University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain
- Hugo JURI, Rector of the University of Córdoba, Argentina
- Patricio LEIVA LAVALLE, Director, Latin American Institute of International Relations - Miguel de Cervantes University, Chile
- Mariana MEJIA, International Relations, University of Guadalajara, Mexico
- Patricia MORALES, Professor, La Louvain University, Belgium,
- Damiano PINACCHIO, International Relations Coordinator, University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy
- Remus PRICOPIE, Rector, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania
- Carlos QUENAN, Vice President / Professor, Institute of the Americas / Paris 3-IHEAL University, France
- Isabel RECAVARREN, EuroLat Women's Forum, Italy
- Luciano RODRIGUEZ, Coordinator of International Relations of the Private Technical University of Loja, Ecuador
- Rafael ROSELL, Rector, Universidad Pedro de Valdivia, Chile
- Héctor Raúl SOLÍS GADEA, Executive Vice-Rector of the University of Guadalajara, Mexico
- Mario TORRES JARRÍN, Director of the European Institute of International Studies, Spain
- Sébastien VELUT, International Manager, Sorbonne Paris Cité University, France

Development of the meeting:

The President of the Permanent Academic Forum, Mr. Remus Pricopie, Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration of Romania, welcomes the Members of the Bi-regional Academic Council attending the meeting and, in particular, the distinguished Rectors Mr. Fernando Galván, Mr. Hugo Juri and Mr. Rafael Rosell who were responsible for directing the three Academic Summits of the Permanent Academic Forum of Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union.

The Bi-regional Academic Council was greeted by Mr. Jean Michel Blanquer, Minister of Education of France, one of the founding Members of the Permanent Academic Forum. The Council appreciated the greeting and expressed its satisfaction with the confirmation of the Minister and, in addition, with new functions in the recent ministerial reorganization, and wished him the best of success in his high-ranking functions in the Government of his country.



ISSUES AND AGREEMENTS:

1. A summary is presented on the work that has been carried out since 2012 through the three Academic Summits held in Santiago (2013), Brussels (2015) and Córdoba (2018); the seven Preparatory Seminars held in Paris, Lima, Bucharest, Guadalajara, Santo Domingo, Stockholm and the one held in Rome in preparation for the next IV Academic Summit; and, the fourteen sessions of the Bi-regional Academic Council held on the occasion of the previous events and in four extraordinary sessions in Lisbon, Salamanca, Alcalá de Henares and Bucharest.
2. It is remembered that these events have been attended by more than three thousand academics and high authorities from the countries and from the Regional and Bi-regional organizations. As a result of the above, more than 300 papers have been gathered, most of which are found in the corresponding Books and Reports.
3. It was also highlighted the importance of the constitution during the III Academic Summit in Córdoba, in the presence of the French Minister of Education, Mr. Jean Michel Blanquer, and the Deputy Minister of Higher Education of Argentina, Mrs. Danya Tavela, of the Promoter Group of the Forum of ALC-UE Ministers of Education and Higher Education, initiative that will give renewed impetus to the establishment of the Common Academic Space.
4. A summary of the activities in which the FAP or its members participate as members of the management bodies is also presented.
5. It is mentioned the celebration of the CAB that took place in 2019 at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration of Romania; the First Preparatory Seminar for the Fourth LAC-EU Academic Summit organized by the FAP ALC-UE and the University of Tor Vergata in Rome in October 2019; and, the publications of a Booklet and a Book on the development and results of the Third LAC-EU Academic Summit, called “Towards Academic Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union”, edited by the National University of Córdoba and the FAP ALC-UE Executive Secretariat.
6. In addition, there were exchanges on online events involving FAP ALC-UE members. In particular the following events were mentioned:



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- “Derecho y Postpandemia: el Futuro en el Nuevo Orden Mundial” whose host was the Pedro de Valdivia University of Santiago de Chile
 - Online event to celebrate the 21 years of the Rio de Janeiro Summit established by the ALC-UE Strategic Association, organized by the Latin American Institute of International Relations (ILRI) of the Miguel de Cervantes University, Chile, led by Prof. Patricio Leiva, Co-Director of the FAP Executive Secretariat, Wednesday, July 1, 2020
7. Due to the global context, the Second Preparatory Seminar for the Fourth ALC-UE Academic Summit scheduled to be held in June 2020 in Loja, Ecuador by the FAP ALC-UE and the Technical University of Loja (UTPL) had to be postponed, now planning to take place digitally in the next period.
 8. The Council reiterates that the center of the activities of the FAP ALC-UE is to establish a Common Euro-Latin American and Caribbean Area for Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, which constitutes the Academic Pillar of the Bi-regional Strategic Association. That in this regard there is an express recognition of the Summits of the Heads of State and Government of both regions, especially in Chapter 9 of the CELAC-EU Action Plan approved in Brussels in 2015.
 9. It is emphasized that this objective, established at the First Academic Summit, was reiterated very prominently in the Cordoba Commitment, during the III Academic Summit, when a call was made to "the entire university and scientific community, to the Ministries of Education, Science and Technology and Foreign Relations and the Integration Agencies of both regions to join this Project" and it was proposed to the Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and of the European Union "to adopt a decision at its next Summit to prepare an ACADEMIC INTEGRATION AGREEMENT FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR THE CREATION OF THE COMMON AREA OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION, AS THE OFFICIAL NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK OF THIS INITIATIVE”.
 10. The Council, having seen the progress made in these matters, especially since the celebration of the CAB, which took place in July 2019 at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration of Romania and, in October 2019, in the Tor Vergata University in Rome, concluded with the need to concentrate its efforts from now on, in the drafting of the proposal for a Bi-regional Academic Integration Agreement agreed in the Cordoba Commitment.



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11. In order to prepare the proposal, whose contents were approved by the CAB at the meetings in Salamanca and Córdoba, it will be taken into consideration the documents created in the Seminars and Academic Summits held from 2012 to the date. For this, a review will be made of the books on the I, II and III Academic Summits and on the documents of the Preparatory Seminars. Likewise, there will be made a review of the Declarations and Plans of Action of the ALC-UE and CELAC-UE Presidential Summits, in what corresponds to each of the areas of the Agreement.
12. The Council approves a basic outline to proceed with the preparation of the proposal, and establishes that the General Coordination of this process will be based on the members of the Executive Secretariat, Remus Pricopie, Fernando Galván, Patricio Leiva, Héctor Casanueva, Carlos Quenan, Iordan Barbulescu, Jocelyne Gacel and Juan Marcelo Conrero, with the technical assistance of Ioana Dodi.
13. The Executive Coordination will be in charge of Patricio Leiva and Héctor Casanueva, with the technical assistance of Soledad Sandoval.
14. Likewise, based on the areas and the sketch approved in Salamanca and Córdoba, the proposed Agreement will have the following configuration, and the indicated members of the FAP will be invited to contribute to the coordination of the aforementioned chapters and to incorporate other members and academics who would participate in the writing of the proposal.

15. PRELIMINARY CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL:

- **CONSIDERING:** Values, Principles, Objectives, Areas.
Coordination: Héctor Casanueva, Universidad de Alcalá, Spain
- **CHAPTER I:** Higher Education
Coordination: Jocelyne Gacel-Ávila, Universidad de Guadalajara
- **CHAPTER II:** Science, Technology and Innovation
Coordination: Beatriz Peluffo, Universidad de la Empresa de Uruguay
- **CHAPTER III:** Links of the Academia with Society and the Productive Sector
Coordination: Celso Garrido, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana México
- **CHAPTER IV:** Relations of the Academy with Public Policies
Coordination: Iordan Bărbulescu, SNSPA Rumanía



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- CHAPTER V: Professional Technical Training
Coordination: Thomas Lagathu, SESAME Test Bank Francia
- CHAPTER VI: Gender and Integration of Women in the Academic Environment
Coordination; Ioana Dodi, SNSPA Rumanía
- CHAPTER VII: General Provisions and Institutional Provisions
Coordination: Carlos Quenan, Institut des Ameriques Francia

16. STEPS TO FOLLOW WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSAL:

- Prepare a calendar from July to December to prepare the proposal on the Agreement for Bi-regional Academic Integration, trying to have a first draft of the proposal in the first half of next October to present it to a new meeting of the Bi-regional Academic Council. During the last trimester of the year, it is expected to have new advances to present to the CAB, and to hold an ad-hoc Preparatory Seminar for the Fourth Academic Summit on dates to be agreed.
- Prepare with the coordinators of the chapters of the proposal, a list of FAP members and other academics committed to our initiative to invite them to participate in the drafting of the different chapters of the Agreement.

17. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Continuing with the activities programmed by the Executive Secretariat, the Council takes note of the following:

- On-line seminar on ALC-UE relations organized by the Carolina Foundation of Spain, in which the VP of FAP Carlos Quenan will intervene together with the new director of EULAC, Adrián Bonilla: Thursday, July 9 at 4.30 pm. of Spain. "The European Union / Latin America and the Caribbean Relations before Covid-19: Pandemic, Crisis and Opportunities for Bi-regional Cooperation", fruit of the collaboration between Institut des Ameriques, the EULAC Foundation, the Carolina Foundation and the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
- Online seminar "Integration and Academic Cooperation European Union-Latin America and the Caribbean: Post-pandemic challenges"; Date: Thursday, July 16, 5:00 p.m. Madrid, Paris, Warsaw time. 16 London. 18 Bucharest. 11.00 Chile. 12.00 Argentina and Uruguay. 10.00 Mexico. The following institutions collaborate: Pedro de Valdivia University, Chile. National University of Political Studies and Public



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Administration, Romania. Organization of Iberoamerican States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI). Institut des Ameriques, France. Miguel de Cervantes University, Chile. Latin American Center for Relations with Europe (CELARE), Chile. National University of Distance Education (UNED) Spain. The program is being disseminated through the mailing list and the FAP website and social networks.

- Online presentation of the book edited by the University of Alcalá, the Spanish Federal Council of the European Movement, CELARE, FAP and the editorial Marcial Pons: "European Union and Latin America, a Strategic Association for Global Challenges", coordinated by the vice president of the FAP Prof. Héctor Casanueva. Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m. Madrid, Paris, Brussels, Warsaw, 6:00 p.m. Bucharest, 10.00 a.m. Mexico, 12.00 hrs. Buenos Aires-Montevideo, 11.00 hrs. Santiago, Chile. It will be presented by the Director of the Representation in Spain of the European Commission and the Director General of EU Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain.

18. OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS:

- The Bi-regional Academic Council learned of a virtual meeting that will be held on July 10th between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Latin America and the Caribbean and of the European Union. This meeting was promoted by the Governments of France and Spain and Mr. Josep Borrell, High Representative for Foreign Affairs of the European Union. It is important to carefully follow the results of this meeting in the perspective of strengthening mutual relations, taking into account the serious health pandemic affecting the countries of both regions and moving towards the future Bi-regional Summit.
- The Private Technical University of Loja reiterates its commitment to holding the Second Preparatory Seminar for the IV Academic Summit, either in person or online.
- The President of FAP, Rector Remus Pricopie, reiterates the importance of issuing contacts with the political and educational authorities of the countries, regional and bi-regional organizations, and especially the EU: Council, Commission, European External Action Service, European Parliament, as well as EULAC, most especially, with the various authorities of both regions that carry CELAC-EU relations. An agenda will be prepared in this regard.



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- The importance of the recent change of authorities in the EULAC Foundation is highlighted, considering that the Foundation supported the FAP from the beginning in the holding of the Academic Summits and the Common Space project.
- A letter of greeting will be sent to the new Executive Director, Professor Mr. Adrián Bonilla, who will be invited by the FAP, the SNSPA and the Institute of the Americas to a meeting as soon as the circumstances will allow. FAP Vice President Carlos Quenan is commissioned to continue contact for this purpose.

Secretaría Ejecutiva del Foro Académico Permanente,

7 de Julio, 2020