

The role of education in the green transition



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Welcome to the Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar 2025 for Latin America and the Caribbean!

This event, brought to you by the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission and the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), focuses on the theme “**The role of education in the green transition**”, which is aligned with the European Union’s Global Gateway strategy and the European Education Area.

The triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution calls for a strong coordinated response, combining the European Green Deal’s domestic and international dimensions along with the Global Gateway partnership priorities on climate and energy.

There is a consensus on the key role of education institutions to empower teachers and learners and to engage with the wider community on the changes needed for a successful transition to climate neutrality by 2050.

Providing learners of all ages with knowledge about the climate crisis and learning for the green transition has become a priority in education and training policies and programmes. Sustainability is progressively becoming part of the entire spectrum of education and training, including curricula design and professional development for educators, as well as infrastructure and operations.

The Erasmus+ programme is a key instrument for building the knowledge, skills, and attitudes on climate change and supporting sustainable development within the European Union and beyond, including Latin America and the Caribbean. “Environment and fight against climate change” has been defined as one of the three big transversal priorities of the programme, alongside the digital transition (the theme of the Erasmus+ Weeks in 2024) and participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement.

Priority is given to projects aimed at developing competences in various green sectors and future-oriented curricula, as well as approaches of participating organisations to improve their own environmental sustainability. The Erasmus+ programme is increasing the number of mobility and cooperation projects focusing on green forward-looking domains, which foster the development of competences, enhancing career prospects

and engaging participants in strategic areas for sustainable growth, with special attention to rural development (sustainable farming, management of natural resources, soil protection, bio-agriculture).

Throughout the event participants will explore initiatives supported by the Erasmus+ programme and engage in panel discussions that showcase how climate change is being addressed within the framework of the EU’s Global Gateway strategy and the European Education Area.

- **Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting (7-8 October)**

The Cluster Meeting on the 7th of October, and the morning of the 8th of October aims to support cooperation between Latin American, Caribbean and European education actors, discussing the experience of Erasmus+ beneficiaries and inspiring potential newcomers. In doing so, the event will address the overall meeting theme of the role of education in the Green Transition.

- **Contact-Making Seminar**

The contact-making session will foster potential further cooperation between Latin American, Caribbean and European stakeholders. Facilitated exercises will enable participants to meet and engage with each other, with a view to forming project partnerships. The online and in-situ participants will take part in different activities, designed to make best use of their physical or online situations.

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Additional resources

You can download biographies of all the speakers, a list of in-situ participants,
and the booklet *Erasmus+ projects: Green Transformation for Latin America and the Caribbean*,
from the event webpage:



<https://bit.ly/LAC-2025>

Tuesday, 7 October 2025

Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar - part 1

Radisson Bogotá Metrotel, Bogotá

Moderated by: **Jenny Elmaco**, *Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl*

TIME	AGENDA
08:15	Registration of participants for Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar
09:00	<p>Formal opening and welcoming remarks</p> <p>Ricardo Moreno Patiño, <i>Deputy Minister for Higher Education</i></p> <p>François Roudié, <i>Ambassador of the European Union to Colombia</i></p> <p>Moderator: Vanessa Caicedo Sánchez, <i>Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Colombia</i></p>
09:30	<p>Erasmus+ in Latin America and the Caribbean and the green transition</p> <p>Martina Bo, <i>Erasmus Student Network Liaison Officer for America (Erasmus+ alumni)</i></p> <p>Germán Bernal Ríos, <i>Policy Officer, International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</i></p> <p>Anna Herrero, <i>Cooperation Officer, Directorate-General for International Partnerships</i></p> <p>Constanza Bertilda Correa Sarmiento, <i>Experta Integrada en Educación y Desarrollo Estratégico, AHK Colombia</i></p> <p>Elizabeth Bernal, <i>General Secretary, ASCUN (National Universities Association of Colombia)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jenny Elmaco, <i>Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl</i></p>
10:45	Comfort break
11:15	<p>Developing new skills and technologies for the green transition</p> <p>Rafael González Muñoz, <i>Universidad de las Artes (ISA), Cuba (CBHE project EVA)</i></p> <p>Waldo Soto, <i>Co-founder 2811 Global (VET project BLUE-ECONOMY-LAB)</i></p> <p>Ana Lucía Bravo, <i>Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar, Ecuador (EMJMD project CCD-STeDe)</i></p> <p>Ramón Fernando Colmenares Quintero, <i>Institute of the Universidad Corporativa de Colombia (BERSTIC project)</i></p> <p>Héctor Amado Salvatierra, <i>Universidad Galileo, Guatemala (CBHE project MOCHILA)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ester Montiel Cortés, <i>Project Adviser, European Education and Culture Executive Agency</i></p>
12:45	Lunch
13:45	<p>Adapting learning content and teaching methods to achieve climate goals</p> <p>Yanelys Delgado Triana, <i>Central University "Marta Abreu" of Las Villas, Cuba (Jean Monnet project EULP27)</i></p> <p>Facundo Manzi, <i>Warm Argentina (CBHE project SLGB)</i></p> <p>Óscar Roberto Espinoza Lastra, <i>UNIANDES, Ecuador, (CBHE project ICOOPEB)</i></p> <p>Lisa Presciani, <i>Unidad Planificación y Desarrollo, Colombia, (CBHE project SUREST)</i></p> <p>Moderators: Eva Valle Casanova, <i>Project Adviser, European Education and Culture Executive Agency</i> Cédric Cabanne, <i>Project Adviser, European Education and Culture Executive Agency</i></p>
15:00	Comfort break

15:30

Erasmus+ actions open to Latin America and the Caribbean

Germán Bernal Ríos, Policy Officer, International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

16:15

Networking for project building

Moderator: **Jenny Elmaco**, *Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl*

17:45

End of session

18:00

Networking Reception

The Networking Reception is supported by ICETEX, the Colombian Institute of Educational Credit and Technical Studies Abroad Affairs.



Wednesday, 8 October 2025**Regional Erasmus+ Cluster Meeting and Contact-Making Seminar – part 2***Radisson Bogotá Metrotel, Bogotá*Moderated by: **Jenny Elmaco**, *Academic Expert, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl*

TIME	AGENDA
09:00	<p>Speed Networking for project building</p> <p>Parallel speed-networking sessions for in-situ and online participants. Online participants can register here to join the online speed-networking session. https://bit.ly/lac2025-speed-networking</p> <p>Moderator for in-situ participants: Daniel Ventura, <i>Erasmus+ National Focal Points Regional Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, PRACSIS srl</i> Moderator for online participants: Graeme Robertson-Liersch, <i>Team Leader, Centralised Support to the network of Erasmus+ National Focal Points, PRACSIS srl</i></p>
10:15	<p>Education institutions as beacons of green behaviour</p> <p>Zamira Soto Varela, <i>Simón Bolívar University, Colombia (CBHE project NEREIDAS)</i> Sandra Cecilia Bautista Rodríguez, <i>Universidad Central, Colombia (CBHE project TechTraPlastiCE)</i> Daniel Almeida, <i>Youth Power Germany (VET project EcoLume)</i> Alejandra Nazar-Kafati, <i>Think Digital, Honduras (VET project DigiBuild)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Anna Herrero, <i>Cooperation Officer, Directorate-General for International Partnerships</i></p>
11:30	Comfort break
12:00	<p>Linking education and research towards the green transition</p> <p>Jesús Olivero-Verbel, <i>Universidad de Cartagena, Colombia (CBHE project CLIMAR)</i> Alex Villazón, <i>Universidad Privada Boliviana, Bolivia (CHBE project EU-BEGP)</i> Ana Paula Tostes, <i>Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), Brazil (Jean Monnet project EUgac)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Alejandro Quinteros, <i>Erasmus+ National Focal Point for Uruguay</i></p>
12:50	<p>Wrap-up and conclusions</p> <p>Germán Bernal Ríos, <i>Policy Officer for International Cooperation in Education, European Commission, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture</i></p>
13:00	Lunch

