

# **Horizon 2020 Workshop**

## **Marie Skłodowska Curie & European Research Council: Opportunities for Colombia.**

**July 25th 2016**

**Bogota, COLOMBIA**

**Place:**

**Universidad del Rosario**

**Calle 12C No. 6-25**

**Organized by: COLCIENCIAS/CCYK/URosario**

## Introduction:

Horizon 2020 (H2020) is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness.

Seen as a means to drive economic growth and create jobs, Horizon 2020 has the political backing of Europe's leaders and the Members of the European Parliament. They agreed that research is an investment in our future and so put it at the heart of the EU's blueprint for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs. By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

Horizon 2020 is open to everyone, with a simple structure that reduces red tape and time so participants can focus on what is really important. This approach makes sure new projects get off the ground quickly – and achieve results faster. The EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation will be complemented by further measures to complete and further develop the European Research Area. These measures will aim at breaking down barriers to create a genuine single market for knowledge, research and innovation.

H2020 is not only for European counterparts. Participants from other regions of the world are allowed to access the resources of the Programme, mainly through the conformation of consortia, although not every funding scheme requires it (i.e. some MSCA and the ERC).

As National Contact Point for Horizon 2020 in Colombia, Colciencias has the duty to disseminate information about the Programme and offer the proper tools to the interested parties to participate in it. As part of the capacity building strategy Colciencias' develops this year, its International Office, *Colombia Challenge Your Knowledge* (CCYK) and the Universidad del Rosario present this workshop. The main theme will be the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) and the European Research Council (ERC): Opportunities for Colombia.

## Workshop Objectives

- a) Inform and update the participants on the opportunities for third party countries in the Framework Programme Eight – Horizon 2020.
- b) Increase the knowledge on the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA).
- c) Increase the knowledge on the European Research Council (ERC).

## Participants

Researchers. Project Coordinators. European Commission Representatives, SMEs and Other Colombian Parts Interested in H2020.

# Agenda

**DATE: July 25th 2016**

**Room:** Law Faculty Auditorium, Jockey Club Building. Calle 12C No. 6-25.

Time	Activity
08:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30	<p>Welcome and opening speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Oscar Gualdrón.</b> Director of Research Promotion – COLCIENCIAS</li> <li>- <b>Maria Cristina Valderrama.</b> Directora de la Oficina de Internacionalización Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira CCYK</li> <li>- <b>Stéphanie Lavaux.</b> Vicerrectora Académica de la Universidad del Rosario</li> <li>- <b>Viktoría Csonka.</b> Delegate from the European Union Delegation in Colombia</li> </ul>
10:10	<p>Workshop introduction and general objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Francisco Solano Olarte (COLCIENCIAS)</li> </ul>
10:30	<p>European Research Council (ERC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is it?</li> <li>• What funding schemes does it offer?</li> <li>• How to participate and apply?</li> <li>• Opportunities for Colombia?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Julianne Sauer</b> <b>Net4Mobility</b></li> <li>- <b>Severina Shopova</b></li> <li>- <b>Helena González-Sancho-Bodero</b> <b>European Research Council</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
12:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	<p>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is it?</li> <li>• What funding schemes does it offer?</li> <li>• How to participate and apply?</li> <li>• Opportunities for Colombia?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Julianne Sauer</b> <b>Net4Mobility</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15:30	End of the day