A programme of academic co-operation fighting against poverty by promoting social cohesion and sustainable development in LA.
The ALFA Programme: a short introduction

3 PHASES (1994-2013)

ALFA I (1994-1999): M€ 32.4
ALFA II (2000-2006): M€ 55.5
ALFA III (2007-2013): M€ 75

IMPACT & RESULTS

over M€ 100 invested by the EU
Ca. 1700 HEI in EU and LA
Objectives

MAIN GOAL
To contribute to the development of HE in LA as a means of stimulating a more balanced and equitable socio-economic development in the region

Specific objectives

1. To improve the quality, relevance and accessibility of HE in LA, particularly for the most vulnerable groups

2. To contribute to the process of regional integration in LA, fostering progress towards the creation of a Joint Higher Education Area in the region and exploiting its synergies with the EU
Types of network

1. Joint Projects (Lot 1)
   - Exchange of experiences, methodologies and approaches
   - Institutional & academic management
   - Social cohesion

2. Structural Projects (Lot 2)
   - Reform, modernisation and harmonisation of HE systems at regional level
   - Modernisation of HE systems in LA
   - Social cohesion
Priorities

Funds actions intended to strengthen HEIs.
As a general rule mobility of students is not financed

Shift in the Alfa programme:

FROM the original objective of mutual benefit for the EU and LA parties

TO the emphasis on the specific development objectives stated at the EU’s Regional Strategy Paper (social inclusion, socioeconomic development and regional integration)

& therefore, a new emphasis on academic cooperation as a development tool in LA.
The 51 ALFA projects encompass 8 main topics:

1. New Technologies / Innovation
2. Public Health / Environment / Climate change
3. Teaching methodologies/ E-learning
4. Modernization of curricula
5. Labour market / SMEs
6. Institutional Strengthening
7. HEIs as actors of socio-economic development
8. Towards a more inclusive university
Public Health / Environment
Climate change

CELA – Network on Climate Change Technology Transfer Centres in Europe and Latin America

Strengthening the role of the HEI in the sustainable socio-economic development process on the basis of local needs and priorities (study)

Establishment of Technology Transfer Centres in Peru, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Bolivia that have already launched pilot projects in synergies with local initiatives about climate change.

Better use of science and technology thanks to the establishment of an international network EU-LA to support applied research in the field of Climate change
Teaching methodologies/ E-learning

CLAVEMAT: Virtual classroom of mathematics and mentoring

To support students of vulnerable groups who want to study a degree in science or engineering improving teaching methods in mathematics:
- virtual courses
- Mentoring among students

"Target group" students of schools and universities in rural areas of Chile, Colombia, Cuba and Ecuador.

**Joint Coordination: Belin-Ecuador**
Facilitate Communication; better interdependence between coordination and content, intimate acquaintance with LA education systems helps coordinating the promotion of the project among schools and institutions.
Institutional Strengthening

**ALFA-PUENTES:** Building Capacity of University Associations in fostering LA regional integration

Builds on existing processes of subregional convergence in LA playing important role in the processes of regional integration currently underway.

Alfa PUENTES consolidates a vast international network of pre-existing collective regional and national bodies (15 national and regional associations of universities in LA: Andean Community, Mercosur, Central America/Mexico) and 5 in the EU together representing 150 HEIs on both continents.
Results of ALFA III:
(after 2010 Mid Term Evaluation, the 2011 ROM and through consultation with the ALFA III projects’ coordinators)

Ownership, institutionalisation, modernisation, improved access to HEI, regional integration, private sectors, public policies, sustainable development...

The future of ALFA
It will be important to build on the results of ALFA, giving continuity to its successful experience supporting the HEI in their key role of reducing poverty and social inequality.
Más información

- **Sito web ALFA**
  información sobre los 51 proyectos ALFA, con una breve descripción de los resultados ya conseguidos, información sobre las universidades que participan al programa y un kit de medio de comunicación recientemente actualizado.

- **Sito web de DEVCO**
  información general sobre el programa ALFA y los resultados de los eventos de coordinación del programa organizado en los últimos 3 años por la CE.

- **Grupo ALFA de la plataforma Capacity4dev**
  grupo ALFA los proyectos informan sobre las actividades que están ejecutando, sobretodo eventos, conferencias, training y publicaciones. También hay un fórum donde los beneficiarios intercambian informaciones, contactos, documentos de interés general.

- **Link al ROM handbook:**
Thank you