

ALCUE FOOD (2005-08)

“FROM EUROPEAN FORK TO LATIN AMERICAN FARM ”

AN INNOVATIVE NETWORKING PLATFORM FOR LAC-EU PARTNERSHIPS IN FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY R&D

Main objective:

The overall objective is to establish, within the framework of the ALCUE S&T dialogue process, a permanent food quality and safety platform aiming to facilitate information development and sharing, promote a greater convergence in RTD and elaboration of food quality and safety policies, synergize technology transfer and trade and optimize the utilization of cooperation resources.

Specific objectives:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive information system on food quality and safety issues (regulations, standards, methodologies) in support of R&D activities as well as other identified end user groups
- Provide all parties involved in the agrifood system effective networking resources for a continuing dialogue and joint activities on RTD policies, human resources development, and technological and organizational innovation in food quality and safety systems.
- Strengthen “*Networks of Excellence*” in Southern Cone countries for carrying out joint bi-regional research programs on topics of common interest, defined within a “ *from European fork to Latin American farm* ” approach
- Create synergy and enhance the effectiveness of the different existing co-operation instruments for strengthening LAC and EU
- Contribute to the opening of the European Research Area, by offering Latin American and Southern Cone research teams the opportunity to join European networks and /or consortia

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