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This document presents the minimum conditions and requirements established by COLCIENCIAS within the frame of the Second Transnational EraNet-LAC Call for Proposals, with the aim of supporting Colombian Parties that may apply to the Call within the context of transnational alliances.

This document, however, is only a simplified version of the conditions and requirements established by Colciencias in order to fund proposals within the Second Transnational EraNet-LAC Call. Therefore, **interested parties must refer to the document "Second Transnational EraNet-LAC Call: Colciencias' Specificities for Funding Proposals in which Colombian Parties are Involved"** ("Segunda Convocatoria Transnacional EraNet-LAC 2015-2016: Especificidades de Colciencias para la financiación de propuestas en las que participen partes colombianas"). This document will be published on Colciencias' website (www.colciencias.gov.co).

In addition, applicants are advised to verify with the respective National Contact Person the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible, **before a consortium submits the complete application.**

1. Thematic Lines Prioritized by Colciencias (Colombia):

The following are research lines prioritized by Colciencias under the Second EraNet-LAC Call for Proposals (2015-2016):

- Biorefinery: Fractionation and valorization of residual biomass to intermediate and/or final high added value Bio-products.
- Biorefinery: Lignocellulosic biorefinery platform: production of high-value bio-based products.

Financial resources allocated by Colciencias to the Second EraNet-LAC Call will be devoted to proposals framed within the two thematic lines mentioned above.

2. Who may apply?

Colombian Parties, within a transnational alliance, to be eligible for funding within the frame of the Second EraNet-LAC Call should be:

- Research or technological development centers, institutes or groups which are recognized by Colciencias
- Legally constituted private companies will also be eligible as long as they are part of a Colombian alliance in which research or technological development centers, institutes or groups, recognized by Colciencias, are also participating.

3. Minimum requirements for Colombian parties wanting to apply to the Second EraNet-LAC Call:

a. Irremediable:

- Submit the project through the electronic platform provided by the Technical Secretariat of the Second Transnational EraNet-LAC Call. This platform can be accessed through the following link: <http://calleranet-lac.cytcd.org>

- Proposals submitted by other means (such as postal mail, email, etc.) will not be considered.
- The Colombian party engaged in a transnational alliance must appoint a principal investigator (or lead researcher) who will coordinate said Colombian party and act as a spokesperson before Colciencias. This person's name and contact information must be indicated in the proposal.
- The Colombian party's principal investigator (or lead researcher), within the transnational alliance, must fill out or update his/her own resume (CV) in the CvLAC application. In order to fill out or update the resume in the CvLAC application, please go to Colciencias' website (www.colciencias.gov.co) or (http://scienti.colciencias.gov.co:8081/cvlac/Login/pre_s_login.do).
- The project's principal investigator (or lead researcher) – for the case of the Colombian party – must belong to a research or technological development group, recognized by Colciencias.

b. Remediable:

- The Colombian party engaged in a transnational alliance must submit a unified letter of endorsement, as a sign of commitment of the supporting institution(s). Additionally, this letter must certify the availability of matching funds, equivalent to 50% of Colciencias' contribution. The matching funds may be contributed in funding or in kind.
- The Colombian party engaged in a transnational alliance must submit a letter endorsing the project, issued by a duly constituted ethics committee, for those projects involving living resources or biological agents or samples, personal data, information from previous research conducted with living beings, fieldwork, or that could pose a risk to life, communities, the environment or social groups. Should proposals turn out to be beneficiaries under the framework of the Second EraNet-LAC Call, those requiring an endorsement letter must submit it upon the signing of the respective contract with Colciencias. Otherwise, they could not be financed. In case of not requiring an endorsement letter, it will be necessary to provide a proper justification by the principal investigator (or lead researcher) in Colombia.

Notes:

- Colombian parties engaged in transnational alliances within the frame of the Second EraNet-LAC Call, holding contracts or agreements with Colciencias, must be in good standing. Otherwise, they could not be funded by Colciencias.
- Colciencias may request additional information and documentation in order to clarify the submitted proposal, without this implying its modification or improvement.
- The letters of endorsement mentioned above must have been presented to Colciencias by the time in which the relevant party (Colombia's party) is ready to sign the contract with Colciencias. This, in the case of the Call's beneficiaries.

4. Disabling requirements:

- Colombian institutions engaged in transnational alliances must be legally constituted.
- Only one (1) Colombian party will be financed by Colciencias within the frame of a transnational alliance. Said party may be comprised of 2 institutions at most (research or technological development centers, institutes or groups which are recognized by Colciencias and belong to legally constituted entities; or private companies, legally constituted, partnered with research or technological development centers, institutes or groups recognized by Colciencias)
- All projects that fail to adjust to the themes prioritized by Colciencias within the frame of this Call (refer to section 1) could not be funded by Colciencias, even if they meet all specified requirements.
- Colombian parties engaged in transnational alliances could not receive funding resources if they have already been Colciencias' beneficiaries and are currently executing resources for the development of the same project or any of its components. This, as a way to avoid duplication of funding and allow for the supporting of new proposals.
- Projects submitted could not be funded by other calls simultaneously, nor with resources coming from Colciencias or other Colombian government entities.

5. Available funding and upper funding limits for eligible costs:

Colciencias has a total of **FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND NINETY NINE COLOMBIAN PESOS (\$ 433'444.099)** to support the Second EraNet-LAC Call (2015-2016)¹. These funds will be exclusively devoted to supporting the Colombian parties engaged in transnational alliances within the framework of the Call.

The Colombian party engaged in a transnational alliance that has been selected as a beneficiary under the Second EraNet-LAC Call, may request Colciencias a maximum amount of **ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHT MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE COLOMBIAN PESOS (\$ 108'361,025)**².

The Colombian party engaged in a transnational alliance that has been selected as a beneficiary under the Second EraNet-LAC Call, should certify the availability of matching funds, equivalent to 50% of Colciencias' total contribution. The matching funds may be provided in funding or in kind. Please refer to section 3.

6. Length of the project:

The maximum length of projects to be funded by Colciencias will be 36 months. Funding by Colciencias could not exceed this term by any means.

7. What types of costs are eligible for funding?

Scientific and support personnel
Equipment (rental or purchase of specialized equipment)
Materials and supplies
Software (Specialized)
Technological Services
International exchange and mobility
Field visits
Bibliographic material
Material for dissemination and promotion of results

Notes:

- The budget for supporting both scientific and support personnel cannot exceed 60% of the total budget requested to Colciencias.
- Personnel who are currently beneficiaries of Colciencias' Young Researchers Program (Programa Jóvenes Investigadores) or Doctoral Training Programs (Programa de Formación de Doctorados) may join research activities foreseen for the project execution. However, these personnel cannot be financed simultaneously, under any circumstance, with Colciencias' resources assigned to the scientific and support personnel line item under the framework of this Call.

8. What types of costs are not eligible for funding?

- Budget allocations (such as buildings, equipment and infrastructure maintenance), unforeseen expenses, insurances, purchase of vehicles, office furniture and memberships in scientific societies shall not be financed with COLCIENCIAS resources. Taxes due to the legalization of the contract

¹ This amount is approximately 100,000 Euros. Although Colciencia's commitment is in Colombian Pesos and, therefore, the available Euros will be subject to the exchange rate at the time of allocating the relevant resources.

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to be signed (in the case of the Call's beneficiaries), administrative costs, conditioning of laboratories or pilot plant building will not be funded either. The only taxes acknowledged will be those related to the items referred in section 7.

- Colciencias will not fund items pertaining health insurance; registration for workshops, seminars or other events; consular procedures or any other additional charges.

Notes:

- Colciencias will not accept any expenses that may occur prior to the signature and legalization of the relevant contract between the beneficiary and Colciencias (in the case of the Call's beneficiaries).
- Those changes in the original budget proposal that do not exceed the 30% of the recipient budget line item will not require a prior authorization by Colciencias (in the case of the Call's beneficiaries). Therefore, such changes are subject to the principal investigator's autonomy and rely on her/his discretion.

Final Remark: As said in the beginning of this document, this is a simplified version of the conditions and requirements established by Colciencias in order to fund proposals within the Second Transnational EraNet-LAC Call. Interested parties are thus encouraged to check the document "Second Transnational EraNet-LAC Call: Colciencias' Specificities for Funding Proposals in which Colombian Parties are Involved" ("Segunda Convocatoria Transnacional EraNet-LAC 2015-2016: Especificidades de Colciencias para la financiación de propuestas en las que participen partes colombianas"). The document can be found on Colciencias' website (www.colciencias.gov.co).