



NECOBELAC, a network of collaboration to improve scientific writing and open access in public health

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what is NECOBELAC

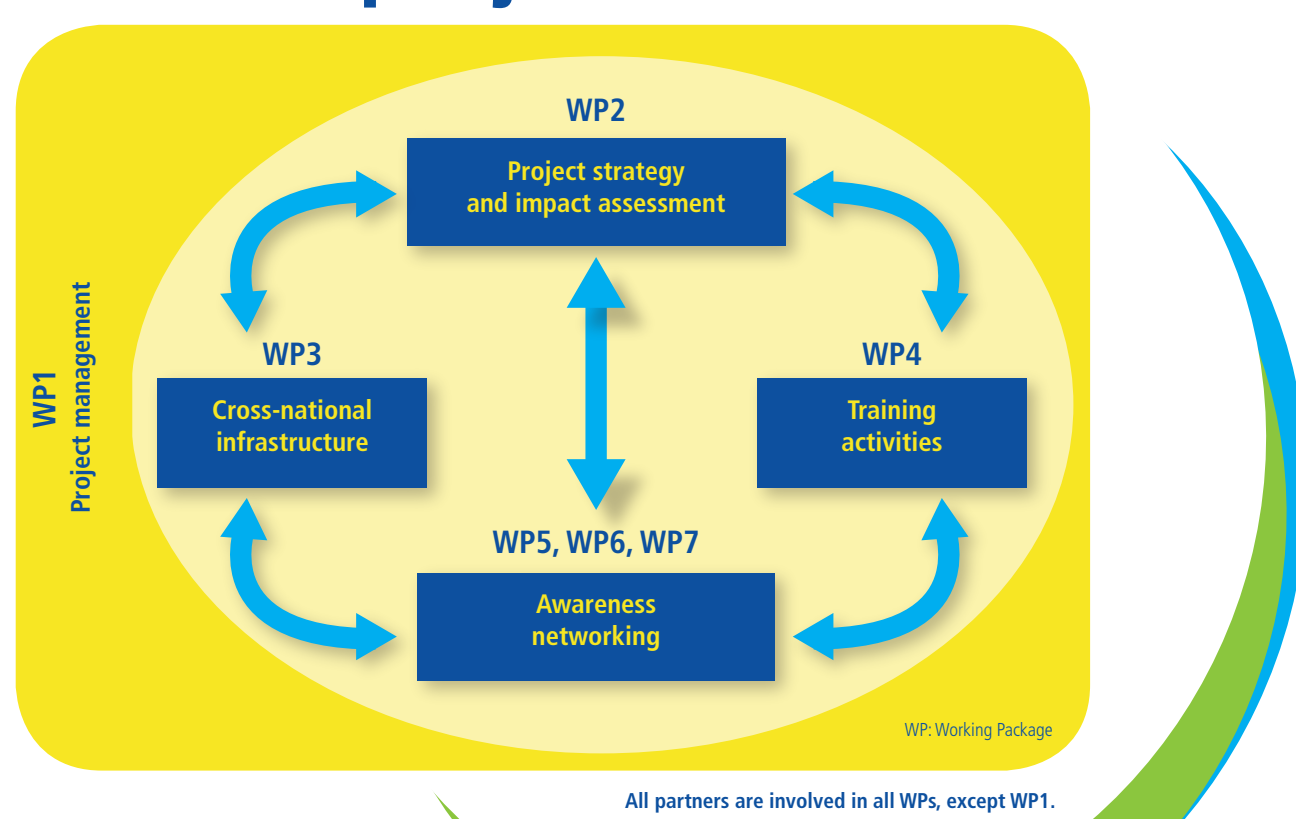
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It stands for **NE**twork of **CO**llaboration **BE**tween **E**urope and **L**atin **A**merican **C**aribbean countries, and aims at enhancing the production and dissemination of quality scientific information in the field of public health.

The Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS, Italian National Institute of Health) is the coordinator of the project.

project overview



partners and their commitment

The Project involves six partners (academic and scientific institutions) from Italy, UK, Spain, Portugal, Colombia, and BIREME-PAHO-WHO countries. They all have a sound experience in information production and networking initiatives.

They share a common interest to raise awareness on the principles of good practice among all stakeholders in the scientific information chain: authors, editors, publishers, information professionals, funding agencies, institutions, learned societies and general public. Each partner is responsible for one Work Package (WP) and they all are involved in all WPs except WP1 (see Project overview).

results to be achieved

NECOBELAC intends to create a network of health institutions in Europe and LAC countries to spread know-how in:

- scientific writing
- open access publishing

through *ad hoc* training programmes addressed to all stakeholders in scientific communication for the safeguarding of public health.

NECOBELAC will help developing a cultural change in the information production and dissemination through a shared strategy taking into account both international standards and local needs. It will use existing infrastructures. The network will continue operating after the project term to improve the quality and quantity of scientific publications and develop new collaborations between Europe and Latin America.

partners & work packages



WP1 - Project management
Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS, Italy)

WP2 - Project strategy and impact assessment
Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS, Italy)
in collaboration with Key Perspectives Ltd (UK)



WP3 - Cross-national advocacy infrastructure
University of Nottingham (UNOTT, UK)



WP4 - Training activities
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC, Spain)
in collaboration with Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain)



WP5 - Promoting the project infrastructure to guarantee its usage in Europe-LAC countries
Universidade do Minho (UMINHO, Portugal)



WP6 - Networking LAC-Europe countries
Centro Latino Americano e do Caribe de Informação Ciências da Saúde (BIREME, Brazil)



WP7 - Focus on health-related structures in LAC countries
Universidad Nacional de Colombia (ISP, Colombia)

Project coordinator
Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Italy)

Project duration
Three years: February 2009 – January 2012

Project languages
English, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish

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800,000 Euros

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