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ALFA Programme (América Latina-Formación Académica)

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Hello from the ALFA Programme Team

ALFA (América Latina – Formación Académica) is a co-operation Programme between the European Union and Latin America for activities to be carried out by networks of institutions, from both regions, at the level of high education and training.

The second phase of the ALFA Programme – ALFA II – as it is often referred to, was adopted for a period of six years, starting in the year 2000.

During the year 2001, important delays were registered in the running of the Programme, namely concerning the April and October selection rounds. The new ALFA team is undertaking non-negligible efforts in order to catch up with the tasks related to the files referring both to project submissions and report analysis.

There were several reasons that may explain this situation, which we would like to describe briefly:

- with the Reform of the European Institutions, the External Relations Directorates General of the European Commission were re-structured and the DG EuropeAid was created, as from 1st January 2001.
- the Reform of the European Institutions also determined that Technical assistance offices (TAO) would be phased out and, in the case of ALFA, the TAO was dismantled and definitely shut in September 2001.

The entire running of the ALFA Programme is secured by the Commission services that have the responsibility for the Programme, namely Unit E.4 of DG EuropeAid.

The recruitment of some staff occurred from the closure of the TAO ALFA and a small ALFA team gathered mostly from early 2002.

We wish to resume contact with the students, academics, institutions and other relevant organisations that participate in co-operation activities in higher education and training in both regions.

As a means of Information and Communication, we intend to publish a Newsletter (ALFA News) twice a year. We also intend to produce an ALFA Info-Flash, as often it reveals necessary, in between the publication of the ALFA News.

On the other hand, we wish to inform you that the web site of the Programme ALFA is located on the Europa server since January 2002. You are advised to regularly consult the information there contained in order to keep track of possible changes and eventually download the ALFA reference documents (i.e. Guidelines for Applicants, Application form, etc): <http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/projects/alfa>

Thanks for your attention.

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Deadlines

- Proposal Submission -

30th April 2002

30th October 2002

30th April 2003

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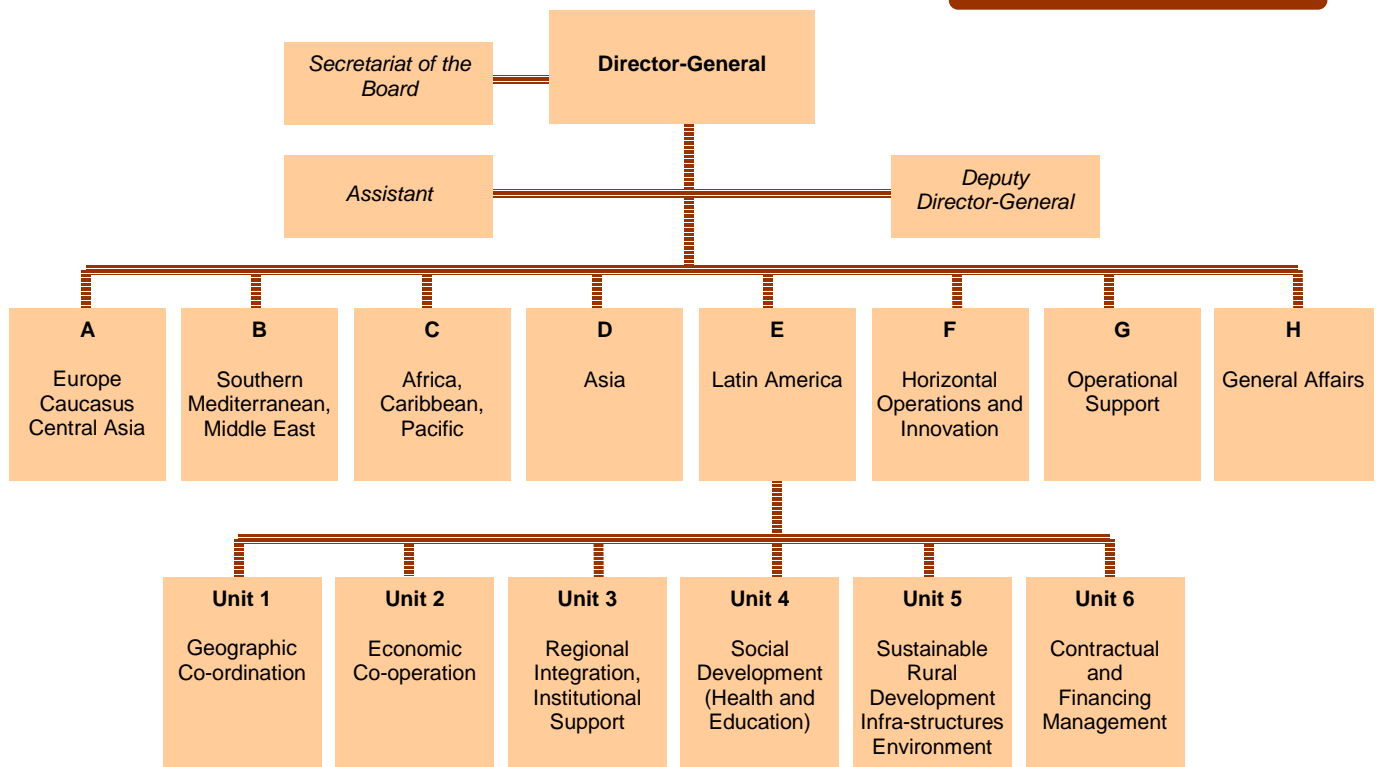
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EuropeAid Structure



Second Summit European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean

Madrid, 17-18 May 2002

The Second Summit between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean takes place in Madrid, on 17-18 May 2002, in the framework of the Spanish Presidency of the Council.

The meeting will gather the Heads of State and Government of the countries from Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union, and the President of the European Commission. The Summit will provide for the opportunity to build upon the foundations that were laid down in Rio de Janeiro, in June 1999, when the first meeting of the kind took place. A web site containing information about the Summit is available: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/world/lac/>

Reference Documents

Reference documents concerning co-operation activities between the European Union and Latin America, particularly in Higher Education and Training, including the ALFA (América Latina – Formación Académica) Programme:

- Council Regulation (EEC) n° 443/92 of 25 February 1992 on financial and technical assistance to, and economic co-operation with, the developing countries in Asia and Latin America, OJ L 52, 27/2/1992, Pg. 1-6
- Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament, on the Follow-up to the Rio de Janeiro Summit between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union, June 1999, COM (2000) 670 final, 31/10/2000
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Strengthening Co-operation with Third Countries in the Field of Higher Education, COM (2001) 385 final, 18/7/2001.

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