



ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTIVE INNOVATION OF ARGENTINA ON MARINE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CO-OPERATION

The European Commission and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation of Argentina (hereafter referred to as `Sides`) intend to foster cooperation in the framework of the '*Agreement for scientific and technological collaboration between the European Community and the Argentine Republic*', signed on 20 September 1999 and entered into force on 28 May 2001 (hereinafter referred as the Agreement)¹.

At the EU-Argentina Joint Steering Committee established under the Agreement, held in Brussels on 27 March 2017, both Sides recognised that marine research, including ocean research, is a top priority for cooperation.

The Sides acknowledge the key role that oceans play in the development of national and regional economies, to achieve sustainable development goals, climate change, biodiversity, and food security. The Sides are convinced of the mutual benefit that would accrue from linking research activities in the South Atlantic with those in the North Atlantic.

Against this background, the Sides intend to sign this Administrative Arrangement to foster cooperation on marine science, technology and innovation.

This Administrative Arrangement is not intended to create rights and obligations under international, national or domestic law and it has no financial implications.

I. Objectives

The Sides intend to cooperate on marine science, research and innovation aiming to:

- further develop a common understanding and deepen knowledge of marine ecosystems, and the link between oceans, research and innovation,

¹ OJ L6, 11/01/2000, p. 32

- encourage and support research collaboration and development of relevant technologies,
- increase operational efficiencies by optimising the use and, as appropriate, sharing of research infrastructures, and access to and management of data and platforms,
- facilitate human capital development and scientific exchange, and
- explore international opportunities for sustainable marine cooperation.

II. Possible areas of cooperation

The Sides intend to encourage cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation based on mutual benefit in key common areas of interest such as:

- Climate variability and ecosystem approaches;
- Ocean observation (including seabed mapping), forecasting and monitoring processes and systems;
- Food security, sustainable fisheries, aquaculture and biodiversity;
- Ocean technology;
- Polar research (interlinkages between different connected systems -Oceans and Climate-).

III. Forms of cooperation

Cooperation under this Administrative Arrangement may include the following forms:

- Exchange of scientific information and
- Joint cooperation actions in the areas described in Section II;
- Mapping of stakeholders in Ocean Science, as well as institutional mechanisms, existing activities and potential actions that should encourage joint responses among the main actors of each Side;
- Organisation of and participation in seminars or other meetings on specific topics in the areas described in Section II;
- Organisation of awareness-raising events aiming at the promotion of ocean engaged citizens, including through ocean literacy;
- Actions to promote skills and competence development related to Blue Economy to facilitate human capital development.

IV. Technical Working Group

The Sides intend to set up a Technical Working Group consisting of two representatives from each Side. The Technical Working Group is intended to operationalise this Arrangement.

Signed in Brussels on 18 April 2018, in duplicate in the English language.

For the European Commission

For the Ministry of Science, Technology
and Productive Innovation of Argentina

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Carlos Moedas

Commissioner for Research, Science and
Innovation

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José Lino Salvador Barañao

Minister of Science, Technology and
Productive Innovation