



EDITORIAL

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In 2022 we conclude a cycle as regional representatives for Latin America, since we had the honor of occupying this position for three years, coinciding with the affiliation of our institution to the WAITRO network. Throughout this time, we have benefited from networking, participation in training events and have gained knowledge about the potential we have as a region to approach global issues.

From CeNAT, we have participated in two high impact face-to-face events organized by WAITRO. These events were the workshop "Horizon Europe Capacity Building & Networking Event 2022" workshop and the "WAITRO Summit 2022", held in Barcelona and Cape Town, respectively. Through these events, we have had the opportunity to understand the working approach of the RTOs, identifying in some of them lines of research and development similar to those we have in the CeNAT. Our network of contacts has expanded, which has allowed us to establish subsequent meetings to seek alliances. As a result of these interactions, we submitted a proposal for Adelante2 in collaboration with one of the Latin American RTOs, the CIB (Corporación de investigaciones Biológicas) from Colombian, and a European counterpart (CIRAD of France).

This initiative and, we hope many others in the future, the CeNAT brings valuable strengths, such as human talent and installed capacity for R+D+i in areas of life sciences. In addition to our most precious asset as a country, which is our biodiversity, we are sure that through WAITRO and the strengthening of networks in Latin America led by the CTA, we will be able to establish alliances with more RTOs, aimed at obtaining resources to create and consolidate consortiums whose objectives contribute to improving the quality of life in our countries, in accordance with the objectives of sustainable development.

As a region and with a significant joint critical mass, we are in a position to aboard major regional challenges, support the development and implementation of highly scientific and technological solutions for local companies of various sizes, and contribute to solving specific problems in our region. Moreover, these joint strengths are attractive to other regions of the world with which we need to interact more closely. In order to achieve this group cohesion, and in addition to the excellent local training activities led by the CTA and offered by WAITRO and all its members, we would like to propose a regional "mini-symposia" or periodic spaces that allow the different members to expose their strengths and needs. We believe that from this in-depth knowledge session involving different actors of the network will emerge the comprehensive solutions we need.

TEAMS COMMUNITY: WAITRO LAC Members

In order to facilitate communication between members, from the CTA we created a group in **Microsoft Teams** to share news and information of interest to all.

Let's take advantage of this space for everyone and continue growing as a network.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ABOUT US

Continuing with the training to present Horizon Europe projects, in the next webinar we will explore the essential components and key elements to develop a solid budget.



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7

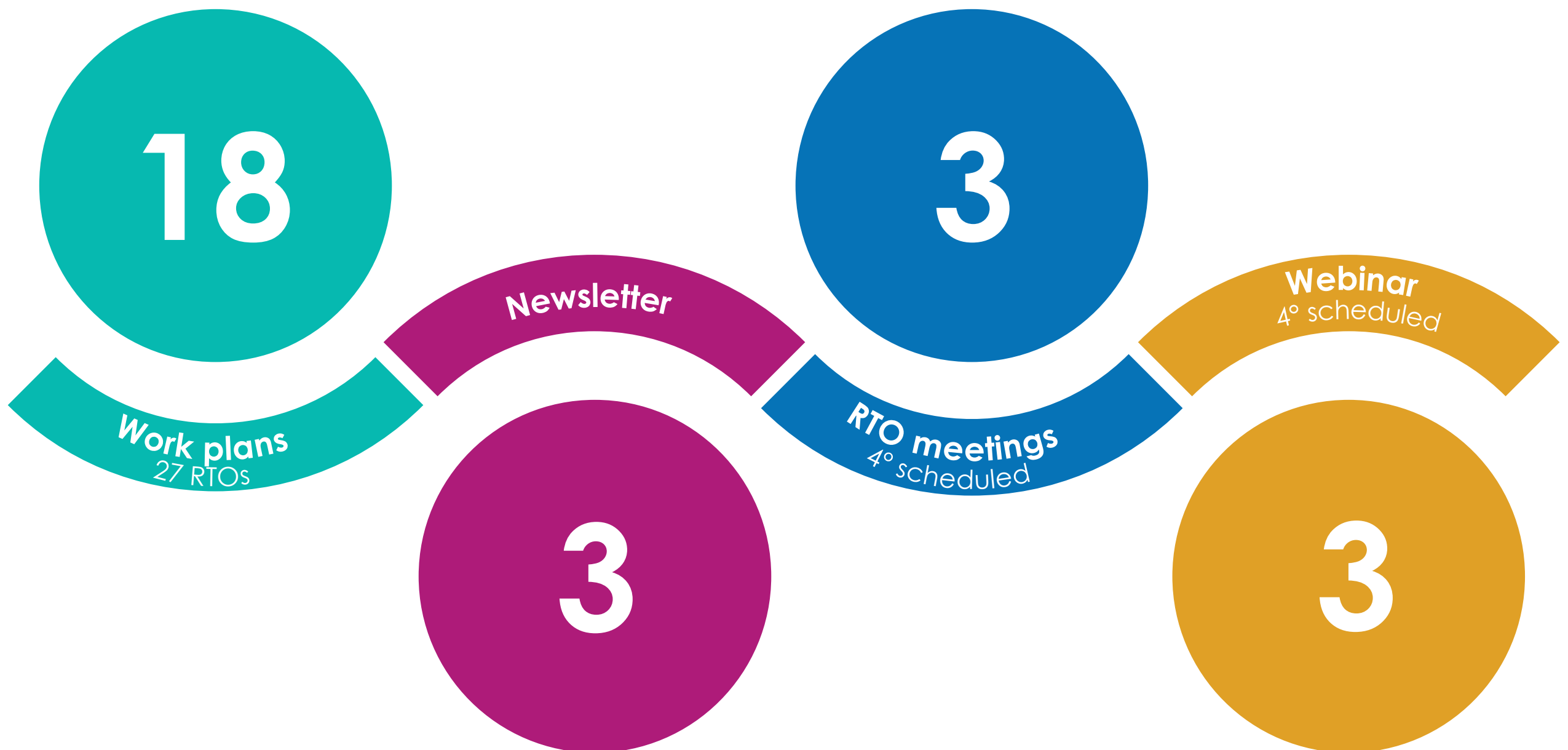
How to Structure Budgets for Horizon Europe Projects

José Andrés Linares y Francisco Juliá



PROGRESS OF CTA'S WORK AS RFP 2023

In its work to promote and dynamize the articulation of research and technology organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean, CTA continues to carry out actions and articulate the network. These are the actions we have been carrying out.



NETWORK

II INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The Direction of Research and Intellectual Production of the Universidad Autónoma de ICA will hold on October 23 and 24 an International Congress of Research, which will be held in face-to-face and virtual mode, hoping to have both national and international assistance, in order to boost competitiveness in R & D + i in Latin America.



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CHILE LEADS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN LATIN AMERICA

Chile stands out in the Latin American Artificial Intelligence Index (ILIA), leading the region in AI infrastructure, research and governance. Despite the gap with global leaders, the country is positioned as a benchmark in AI in Latin America.

This study, led by Chile's National Center for Artificial Intelligence, is a multinational effort with collaboration from working groups across the region, supported by Amazon Web Services, BID, CAF, Google, HubAPTA, and with technical assistance from UNESCO, OEA and Stanford's HAI.

The ILIA provides a detailed overview of AI in Latin America and the Caribbean, addressing issues such as infrastructure, human capital, data, regulations and citizen participation. The results reveal diversity in the region, with countries standing out in different dimensions.

The study is composed of several chapters, including "Country Briefs" for the 12 countries studied, such as Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, Brazil and Mexico. Chile leads, but the ILIA highlights the opportunity for cross-learning among regional experiences.

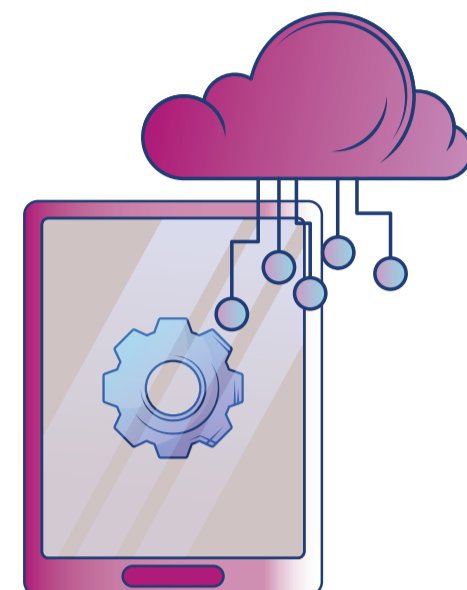
Taken from the Latin American Artificial Intelligence Index.
Learn more at: <https://indicelatam.cl/>

TASKS

WE ARE ONE STEP AWAY FROM HAVING OUR DIRECTORY

In order to continue strengthening our relationship within Waitro, and to be able to better articulate ourselves, we invite you to fill out the form where we can all learn more about the areas of work, common interests and projects in which we can participate. This will help us to get to know each other better and generate better connections in our region.

Fill out the form here:
<https://forms.office.com/r/UjzTAEjU5L>



WE CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE OUR NETWORK

We invite members who have not yet had a **work plan** meeting to contact us so that we can have this space where we can specify the participation activities of each institution within the network and thus be able to articulate and build a network that benefits us all.



WAITRO FOR ALL

We want the good news of the Waitro network to reach all levels of our institutions.

That's why we invite you to share with your collaborators the link to subscribe to the Waitro newsletter:

<https://waitro.org/newsletter/>

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