

R-LTC PROGRAMME (2021-2022)

NETWORK OF JOINT TRANSBORDER LABORATORIES (RLTC)

The first LTCs will soon culminate the 4-year period of support granted by the Universities of the Basque Country (UPV-EHU) and the University of Bordeaux (UBx), having shown great progress in terms of scientific excellence and internationalization potential.

The support of the universities has been key, especially aimed at consolidating the collaboration ties within the framework of each LTC in the Basque Country-New Aquitaine euroregional perimeter. The great achievement of this initial funding has been the development of a network of scientific collaboration between the groups of both territories that are, in many cases, at a key moment to make the definitive leap towards spanning beyond the euroregional context, deploying larger projects at the international level and, at the same time, contributing to the regional development of the Basque Country and New Aquitaine. For this reason, Euskampus Fundazioa, with the support of the Basque Government, is launching the Network of Joint Transborder Laboratories (R-LTC) programme through initiatives to consolidate and promote the achievement of a series of specific objectives:

- Promote a **structured and coordinated LTC network** in RIS3 areas, generating a stable framework to carry out research projects within the framework of the NA-BC-N Euroregion.
- Structuring a **sustainable transnational community of researchers**, in which **international collaborative environments** are fostered through the LTCs.
- **Maximize the impact of the LTC on the RIS3** of the regions that comprise it.

The LTCs Network (R-LTC) will promote activities around four main lines of action that facilitate the achievement of the objectives described:



SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Specific LTC technical secretariat that will...

- Expand the visibility of LTCs
- Identify funding sources, support in the preparation of proposals to set-up European projects
- Technical support to LTCs for coordination & management, participation in initiatives of special interest and positioning in specialized forums
- Generate networking opportunities and event organization



STRENGTHEN RESEARCH CAPACITY

- Pre & Post docs under co-tutelage with another ENLIGHT university/ company or social entity
- Training and Higher Education with other universities and agents
- Temporary hiring of researchers



EUSKAMPUS LTC- MOBILITY PLAN

- Euskampus LTC-Expeditions
- LTC mobility plans (up to 3 months stays)



KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ACTIONS

- Business Angels type of action
- Connection with Industry



OTHER...

The estimated budget for the first year of activity of the LTC network will be used mainly to support the actions aimed at deepening the anchorage with the territory and its international projection. To this end, Euskampus Fundazioa will channel the budget towards existing and future LTCs by evaluating the proposals that are submitted following the those templates:

- R-LTC template for existing LTCs wishing to join the LTC network.
- Incubator-LTC Template, for research groups with a shared research agenda that wish to present an LTC project in the future.

Beneficiaries

The entities to which the groups and researchers that are part of the already existing LTC or the potential LTC project (in the case of LTC Incubator), will be beneficiaries.

Incubator-LTC support can only be requested once.