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## **IRELAC POLICY COMMENTS 2018/02**

### **IRELAC INPUT FOR THE HRVP-COMMISSION COMMUNICATION ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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- 1. Avoiding fragmentation between intrinsically related policy areas (e.g. Science, research, innovation and technology area1, Higher Education area 9, Education and employment area 5) by restructuring the 10 chapters in a few axes;**
- 2. Guaranteeing continuity of policy dialogue on key issues included in the strategic partnership e.g. through Peer Learning Platforms in a two-tier dialogue: experts of the two regions and policy makers;**
- 3. Making sure that each of the identified policy areas has an associated policy instrument, adequate funding and credible monitoring mechanisms, involving not only Governments but also relevant stakeholders;**
- 4. Preventing techno-administrative procedures to become obstacles to policy-focused collaboration (e.g. Executive Agencies focused on**

- project management and administrative compliance rather than achievement of substantial results);
5. Maintaining or re-establishing bi-regional specificity elements in EU-LAC collaboration (e.g. bringing back an explicit ALFA action line within ERASMUS+ rather than absorbing LA specificities within generic Capacity Building in Higher Education);
  6. Focusing on policy areas in which EU and LAC –due to cultural affinities or objective complementarities - can unite forces towards shared global sustainable development goals or against undesirable global trends;
  7. Massively involving stakeholders from Civil Society and relevant bi-regional networks in all phases of policy definition, implementation and evaluation;
  8. Identifying and adequately funding a few concrete - but highly symbolic - initiatives that can re-launch EU-LAC cooperation and make it visible (and immediately relevant) to citizens of the two regions.

