

## COOPERATION PROGRAMMES – EUROPEAN UNION - LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

Programmes	Description	Objectives	Components	Geographical coverage	Budget	Implementation
<b>ALBAN</b>	Programme of high-level scholarships in Europe for Latin America	It provides scholarships for postgraduate studies for Latin American professionals/ future decision-makers, in higher education institutions in the EU.	Two types of scholarships are awarded: (i) postgraduate scholarships to undertake studies in the European Union, leading to a second cycle studies degree ('Master') or to a third cycle studies degree ('Doctorate') (ii) specialisation scholarships for experienced professionals/senior managers occupying leading positions in public or private organisations	EU countries + 18 countries of Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.	75 M€ (2002-06)	Implementation through the Santander Group (a university network particularly active in Latin America) and a support office located at the University of Porto (Portugal).  RELEX / AIDCO funds.
<b>ALFA (América Latina - Formación Académica)</b>	Programme of co-operation between higher education institutions of the EU and Latin America	It helps develop systematic and lasting partnerships including a mobility component.	1) <u>Sub-programme A: Academic and Institutional Management</u> 2) <u>Sub-programme B: Scientific and Technical Training</u> Both sub-programmes finance projects that promote knowledge-transfer in relevant scientific and administrative academic domains, including actions for the dissemination of results.	EU countries + 18 countries of Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.	42 M€ (2000-05)  Frozen at present	Centralised management by AIDCO.  RELEX / AIDCO funds.

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