



THE PACE-NET PLUS CHALLENGE

Many societies around the world face challenges in the areas of health and wellbeing, food-security, agriculture and marine resources management, and the impact of climate change. In the South Pacific, some of these challenges are compounded by geographic and socio-economic issues unique to the region. Scientific research, technological development, and innovative approaches all play important roles in assisting Pacific nations to address these challenges.

The opportunities for European and Pacific researchers to collaborate are many and diverse. EU policy and scientific strategies aim at reinforcing these collaboration opportunities, notably through Horizon 2020, the European framework programmed dedicated to Research and Innovation.

Strengthening bi-regional dialogue in Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) is a key step in achieving increased EU-Pacific collaboration towards these societal challenges.

OBJECTIVES

In the view of mutual benefit for Europe and the Pacific region, PACE-Net Plus aims to:

- Support EU-Pacific policy dialogue in Science, Technology and Innovation issues
- Reinforce EU-Pacific ST&I cooperation, focusing on 3 major societal challenges
- Encourage the coordination of European actions and policies targeting the Pacific by promoting the implementation of joint actions
- Enhance cooperation on innovation issues, by helping to bridge the gap between public and private sectors
- Strengthen Pacific-EU research cooperation partnerships, by promoting Horizon 2020 and other programmes within the Pacific research community, and communicating Pacific opportunities to European researchers.

3 MAJOR SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

- Health, demographic change and wellbeing
- Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research, and the bioeconomy
- Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials

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