

Digital Dialogues Implementation Forum (DIF)

Dialogues between Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe

Shaping the Future of EU-LAC Cooperation and Connectivity

EVENT DETAILS

Date & Time: 13 November 2025, from 14:30 to 16:30

Venue: Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton Cariari, San José, Costa Rica. Room Cocori.

Format: In-person event

DESCRIPTION

The Digital Dialogues Implementation Forum (DIF), organised in the framework of the [SPIDER project](#) and taking place alongside the [TICAL 2025 Conference](#), brings together policymakers, institutional representatives, and leaders from research and education networks to strengthen cooperation between Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of digital transformation.

Through two complementary sessions, the Forum will present key findings that inform the future EU-LAC Digital Cooperation Roadmap, from policy insights and strategic recommendations to the technical opportunities offered by the BELLA network. Together, they aim to connect political vision and technological capacity, advancing a more sustainable, interconnected, and inclusive digital ecosystem between Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

AGENDA

Time	Session
14:30 – 14:40	Welcome and objectives <i>Universidad Politécnica de Madrid</i>
14:40 – 15:30	From Vision to Action: Consolidating EU-LAC Digital Dialogues Towards a Future Roadmap for Cooperation <i>This session will build on the results of the mapping of bi-regional agreements and dialogues carried out under the SPIDER project. Based on this evidence, panelists will discuss key findings and recommendations, identifying next steps towards a joint roadmap for digital transformation.</i> Insights from the mapping of EU-LAC digital dialogues and agreements through the AI SPIDERHUB platform, presented by CEDIA – 10 minutes Roundtable with panelists – 30 minutes • Representative from the Delegation of EU to Costa Rica • Representative from the Ministry of Science, Innovation, Technology and Telecommunications of Costa Rica (MICITT) • Representative from the Ministry of Education and Culture of Uruguay (MEC) • Representative from Digital for Development (D4D) Hub Open questions from the audience – 10 minutes
15:30 – 16:20	BELLA Beyond Borders: Unlocking the Future of EU-LAC Research and Innovation Connectivity <i>This session will discuss the potential of BELLA high-speed connectivity to boost digital transformation, offering an updated perspective on its role as a key infrastructure to expand scientific and technological cooperation between the two regions.</i> Findings from the SPIDER survey and focus groups on the use and potential of BELLA for EU-LAC digital transformation, presented by REUNA – 10 minutes Roundtable with panelists – 30 minutes • Representative from Latin American Cooperation of Advanced Networks (RedCLARA) • Representative from European National Research and Education Networks (GEANT) • Representative from Siftia and Federation of Information Technology Entities in Latin America (ALETI) • Representative from the 28DIGITAL Open questions from the audience – 10 minutes
16:20 – 16:30	Conclusions and closing <i>INMARK</i>