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D2.2: Creation of a young student/scientists forum to promote new international cooperation

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D2.2	Creation of a young students/ scientists forum to promote new international cooperation	WP2	P1-IRD	1,75	R	PU	6

D.2.2 Creation of a young students/scientists forum to promote new international cooperation

With the objective of generating a formation and participation space for young scientists we have created a “Young students/scientists Forum”. The main objective of this forum is to promote scientific formation and participation in collaborative multidisciplinary scientific productions. The Forum will be a tool to facilitate exchange and Communications between young scientists of different scientific communities (climatologists, anthropologists, geographers, sociologists, agronomists, etc.) as well as debate and joint activities, allowing then to create a European-South American network expert in climate change.

WP2 leaders (V. Hernández and J.-PH. Boulanger), convened a first meeting of young scientists, which took place at University of Buenos Aires. Two main axes were proposed there to guide the debate and this group interactions: **technical-scientific issues and philosophical scientific issues**. As a conclusion of the meeting it was underlined that:

- 1) In order to ease the flow of information and to improve communication the CLARIS LPB website use is very important as well as the participation of young researchers in the meetings of the WP they are integrated in.
- 2) It is important that young scientists are aware of the progresses and obstacles that different WPs may have and that they are also able to contribute to the development of the investigation process and have a global vision of the project.
- 3) It is important to generate a common language, through which, with the input from each of the discipline, we can integrate the knowledge and gain a better understanding of climate change problematic.

The young scientists Group presented these conclusions at the Kick-Off meeting, and they are responsible for the hosting of the “Forum”. On that occasion also, the criteria to foster the participation of all the network young researchers were established. In that sense, it was pointed out that it would be considered a “young scientist” a “Pre-PhD, PhD, Post Doc Student Researcher with less than 4 years of permanent position” (presentation Forum in K-off, see www.claris-eu.org, internal). According to the data that the Forum took from the project database “Rough estimate: about 40 people out of 136 = 1 participant out of 3 is a young scientist”.

In their presentation the Forum expressed the objectives, their image of themselves and their proposals for during the four years:

We imagine this group as an open common space where dynamic debates and interactions among the members are facilitated, concerning two central issues:

- **Technical-scientific issues**
 - **Philosophic-scientific issues**
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- ✓ Create proper structures and common actions to improve communication between the scientists of the project
 - ✓ Form a community that identifies and sketches the ambitions of the new generations
 - ✓ Valorize interdisciplinary efforts

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Regarding the activities that the Forum will prioritize, the following ones were stated:

Proposed activities:

- Collaborate in the **formal inscription** of all young scientists to the project, achieving that all members have access to the circulation of information.
- Promote the formation of **working groups** by scientific interest, and to promote the **interaction** among these groups.
- Create a **web-based forum** adapted to the necessities of the young scientists of CLARIS LPB.
- Stimulate the **integration of knowledge** through global meetings and workshops.
- Generate **seed projects** to promote the interaction among the young scientists from different CLARIS LPB partners.
- Organize **young scientist meetings** at each CLARIS LPB meeting.

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