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**PERMANENT ACADEMIC FORUM  
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN-EUROPEAN UNION  
(FAP ALC-UE)**

**V LAC-EU ACADEMIC SUMMIT  
Alcalá de Henares, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of July of 2023**

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**DECLARATION OF ALCALÁ DE HENARES ON THE CREATION OF A  
COMMON EURO-LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SPACE FOR  
HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

Summoned to the V LAC-UE Academic Summit by the Permanent Academic Forum Latin America and the Caribbean-European Union (FAP ALC-UE), the rectors, deans, directors, professors, researchers, students and graduates of universities, academic and research centers, and representatives of academic networks from Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union have met on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the University of Alcalá, in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, for the V ALC-UE Academic Summit.

We appreciate the interventions at the opening session of the Mayor of Alcalá de Henares, Ms. Judith Piquet; Mrs. President of the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE), Dr. Eva Alcón, Rector of the Jaime I University of Castellón; First Vice-President of the EUROLAT Parliamentary Committee, European Parliament, Mr. Jordi Cañas; Mr. General Secretary of Universities, Mr. José Manuel Pingarrón; Mr. Secretary General of the OEI, Mr. Mariano Jabonero; Mr. Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation, Mr. Adrián Bonilla; representative of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), Ms. Sara Tagliabracchi.

We also appreciate the greetings and special messages from Mr. Ramón Jáuregui, President of the Euroamerica Foundation; Mr. Pablo Vommaro, Research Director of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO) and Mr. Jean Michel Blanquer, former Minister of Education of France.

The V Summit focused on the analysis of the fundamental components of the strategic relationship between the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean in the field of HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION. In particular, the following topics were addressed:

- Dialogue University and Culture of Peace

- The vision of the LAC-EU rectors on the institutional, technical and financial bases for the construction of the Common Space for Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation
- Development, present and future of the Strategic Association of Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union: the role of education
- The future of higher education: threats, challenges and opportunities
- Gender and higher education
- Students' vision of the LAC-EU Common Space for Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation.
- Significant Connectivity: Science, Technology and Innovation, the role of higher education and LAC-EU cooperation. Experiences and projects.
- Democracy, economy and climate change: challenges for Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Universities, Circular Economy and the SDGs in the bi-regional space: LAC-EU shared experiences, convergences of government, university and business.

BASED ON THE PRESENTATIONS, EXPERIENCES, ANALYSIS, IDEAS AND PROPOSALS OF THESE WORK DAYS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY, WE AGREE:

1. To reiterate our commitment to work in our respective countries and regions for the creation of the COMMON EURO-LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SPACE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION.
2. On the urgency of advancing towards the realization of this objective, urging the leaders of our countries and of the EU and CELAC to create the political and institutional conditions for an Academic Integration Agreement between both regions.
3. To request the LAC-EU Permanent Academic Forum and its Executive Secretariat to forward the proposal approved by the Bi-regional Academic Council on an LAC-EU Academic Integration Agreement, to the Heads of State and Government of both regions, who will meet soon in Brussels at the III CELAC-EU Summit.

Finally, we express our gratitude to the members of the Organizing Committee, the collaborating organizations, the Scientific Committee of Rectors of the V ALC-UE Academic Summit, and all those who have contributed to the realization of this event of the bi-regional academic community. In particular, our appreciation to the University of Alcalá, in the person of its Rector Mr. José Vicente Saz Pérez, the Vice-rector for International Relations, Mr. Julio Cañero Serrano, the Rector Emeritus Mr. Fernando Galván Reula, and the technical and administrative team of the University for their hospitality and the magnificent organization of the V Academic Summit.

Alcalá de Henares, 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023