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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Launch of the new regional project “Watershed and Coastal Management in the context of Climate Change in Latin America and Caribbean” WATERCLIMA LAC**

The European Commission plans to launch in the next few months, at the beginning of 2014, a call for proposals for the new regional project "Watershed and Coastal Management in the context of Climate Change in Latin America and Caribbean" (WATERCLIMA LAC). This is a pioneer regional project aimed at improving watersheds and coastal management in Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) countries, and boosting resilience to the consequences of climate change.

The project intends to give relevant tools to decision-makers and operators of financial redistributive systems in order to improve the water and coastal/marine management on the quantitative and qualitative levels linked with climate change. At the watershed level, this consists of designing/implementing sustainable financing mechanisms in order to ensure the autonomy and sustainability of the water systems. At the coastal level, this consists of providing a general overview of the potential impacts of climate change and other pressures, such as poor coastal water quality and poor management of upstream watersheds, as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of coastal and watershed management measures.

The actions falling within the scope of intervention of the project are divided into two components: watershed and coastal management, and aim to facilitate an environmentally inclusive and sustainable economic development for both Latin America and Caribbean regions through harmonized methodologies and practices which will be implemented at local level for a sustainable ownership.

The foreseen total budget allocation of the project for the Latin America and Caribbean countries is EUR 8 750 000, with an indicative maximum EU contribution of EUR 7 000 000. The maximum grant co-financing from the EU for any given intervention is 80% of the total eligible cost. The project has a duration of 4 years.

The call for proposals will be open to a large range of actors in the sector constituted in consortia with an international dimension that encompasses both regions and is as multidisciplinary as possible. Possible actors could be: international organizations, scientific institutions, universities, local, national and regional public institutions, private entities, sectorial associations, civil society organizations, etc. from the European Union, Latin America and the Caribbean. Once published, the documents of the call for proposals will be accessible from the following EuropeAid's webpage: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome&userlanguage=en> or, [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/index_en.htm) followed by clicking the "Call for Proposals & Procurement Notices" button

For further information, including a more detailed description of the type of actions targeted by the intervention for both components, please contact the EU Delegation at [Delegation-Jamaica@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Delegation-Jamaica@ec.europa.eu)