



IECO Newsletter | 24th October 2022

Dear researchers, supporters and friends of the IECO Network,

This is both a welcome and a farewell newsletter: Andreas Braun who has built up and led the IECO project for the last 5 years, is leaving KIT and IECO, he will assume a new professorship at the University of Kassel. Michael Janoschka, the new head at the Institute of Regional Science at KIT, was confirmed as the new project manager by the IECO Steering Committee on 13 October.

One week ago, a group of 5 IECO researchers returned to Chile after a 3 day intensive workshop at KIT. During this workshop the change of leadership was confirmed and the scientific activities of the upcoming year of IECO was discussed. We spent three entire days discussing research foci and funding opportunities, drafting plans and project proposals, and of course deepening our friendship during joint evenings.

In today's edition, you will find both a few parting words by Andreas Braun, as well as a welcome interview by Michael Janoschka, who will not only be the new project manager, but also contribute to IECO with research on urbanization processes in Latin America and social aspects of Eco Industrial Development.

Our thanks go to Andreas for his enthusiasm and commitment over the last 7 years. We are looking forward to continuing this adventure with Michael, welcome!

As usual, a selection of news and the updated list of open calls is found at the bottom of the newsletter. Enjoy reading!

The IECO Coordination team

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Welcome Prof. Dr. Michael Janoschka



Andreas Braun:

“Every goodbye is also a new beginning – this is the case for both myself and IECO. So let me just say that I enjoyed collaborating with Chile within IECO, I had a fantastic time especially during the various events we organized in Chile. I want to thank everyone who accompanied me on this journey and I am sure we’ll meet again in the future. Good luck and all the best to Michael and all German and Chilean project partners in the next phase of IECO!”



Michael Janoschka:

What is your academic background and current occupation/position?

“Since June 2022, I have been the director of the Institute for Regional Studies at KIT. I am a human geographer, with a strong focus on urban and regional development, especially in Latin America.”

Please tell us about the topics you would like to address in a German-Chilean collaboration.

“I am keen on further developing the scientific ties between the German and Chilean partner institutions collaborating in the IECO framework. By bringing in my own expertise on social processes taking place in cities and also regarding non-urban territorial developments, I want to strengthen the interface between research that tackles, from an interdisciplinary perspective, the variegated processes of territorial transformation. IECO provides the stimulating environment for exactly this, it allows bringing together social sciences approaches with environmental studies and technical solutions to achieve improving the relations between people and the environment.”



Why is that collaboration important?

“Such collaboration benefits all of us: It allows scientific progress that can be implemented in better academic teaching activities, but it also aims at transforming our world in a positive way. Taking into consideration the deep-ranging challenges of climate change and economic transition, this is highly relevant.”

What motivates you personally? Why are you interested in a German-Chilean collaboration?

“I have been collaborating with colleagues and student from Chile (and other Latin American countries) for many years, and I have found many truthful friendships when being in Chile and across the continent. I am constantly learning from exchange with Chilean partners and colleagues, which strongly supports my own self-reflection as a scientist.”

Anything else, we should know about you?

“Nothing good for the environment for different reasons, but I really like the carbon taste and smell of a barbecue.”



NEWS

Are your news about joint **German-Chilean actions** and opportunities not here?

Do you know of interesting **events and opportunities for Eco-Industrial Development**?

Just write us about it to ieco@kit.edu!

If you are a startup you can participate in the Kick-off of the “Energy Challenge Germany 2023: Start-Ups for the Energy Transition in Chile” on November 3. The aim of the program is to present German Energy Startups and the innovative potential of the German entrepreneurial ecosystem to representatives of the Chilean industry, thus open business opportunities for German Startups.

In this event you will have the chance to gather information first hand on how to be part of the program and get to know the winners of the previous edition of the Energy Challenge. You can register [here](#)

The Lateinamerika Verein e.V. together with the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce invites to the **73rd Latin America Day on November 10 and 11 in Hamburg**.

This year's conference will focus on the state of relations between Europe (Germany) and Latin America under the motto "Latin America-EU: new approaches to a traditional relationship". How are supply chains changing and what impact will German and upcoming European legislation have on them? What impact do "climate rules" and certifications have on financing? And is the Latin American energy market forward-looking? [More information and registration](#)

Info session for LAC institutions: MSCA Staff Exchanges call 2022, on **October 26**, 11 am Chilean time (online):

EURAXESS LAC and its partners are organizing a webinar in Spanish, about the MSCA Staff Exchanges (SE) call. The MSCA SE call is open, and it funds 4 years of collaborative projects implemented via short-term international and inter-sectoral exchanges of research staff. [Register here](#)

Chilean Green Hydrogen Day on November 9, 2022, organized jointly with Lateinamerika-Verein e.V., the Chilean government and Energy Partnership Chile-Alemania. The event is free of charge and will take place in the Plenary Hall of the Chamber of Commerce in Hamburg. [See all details here](#)

Open Calls Related to Eco-Industrial Development Topics relevant for

German-Chilean collaboration

Contact our coordination team if you are searching for a collaboration partner or a host

in Eco-Industrial Development topics in any of the IEICO universities.

Organisation	Call name (and link)	Place of action	Financing amount (€ approx.)	Application deadline	Description (what or who is financed)
HORIZON EUROPE	Founding opportunities for Energy R&I projects	International	Between €5 - €20 Million	27/10/2022	EU funding of EUR 99 million in total is now available for Energy. The projects will be selected for funding in a single-stage evaluation
CORFO	Manager Training Programme – Fit for Partnership with Germany	Chile	See link	02/11/2022	This call offers the possibility of participating with a commercial project focused on green technologies commercial project focused on green technologies.
Humbolt Foundation	Georg Forster Research Award	Germany	€ 60,000	31/10/2022	Up to four awards are granted annually to internationally renowned academics from developing and transition countries. The grant is to be used to conduct a research project with a German host institution in close collaboration with a specialist colleague. Nominations must be done by a German university. Note: Chile is not an eligible country.
BMWK	Resource Efficiency in the Context of the Energy Transition	Germany	Discretionary	31/12/2022	Funding is provided for research and development projects on the interdisciplinary topic of resource efficiency in the context of the energy transition. The focus is particularly on cross-system and cross-technology approaches. Projects must bring together at least two different research fields.
CINEA	CEF2 Energy - Cross-border renewable energy preparatory studies	Europe	See link	10/01/2023	The objective of this call is to support preparatory studies. Such studies can assist project promoters in selecting the best project concept

					and setting up the cooperation agreement, allowing for projects to be supported prior to having acquired the official status of a CB RES project
BMEL	Research funding programme "Renewable Raw Materials" (key funding topics) → Topic specific calls are found in this additional link	Germany	Discretionary project grant Applicants other than universities are expected to cover part of the costs.	Applications open all year and also upon topic specific calls	This program provides funding for application-oriented research and development projects dedicated to developing innovative sustainable solutions for production and usage of renewable raw materials. There are several key funding topics for which proposals may be submitted at any time. In addition, the BMEL issues fix-term calls for proposals on current research topics. Any German institution is allowed to apply. Cooperation between science and industry/organisations or municipalities is expressly supported.

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