

# Chile-Germany Academic Forum

## PROJECT BRIEF

Chile and Germany have a long tradition of academic collaboration and today, this is related to the **global challenges of sustainable development** at the environmental, social, and economic levels. For this reason, it is imperative to rethink production and consumption models, as well as our inhabitation on the planet, to promote "green growth" based on multi-stakeholder territorial development strategies, the development of clean energies and the circular economy.

In this context, the formation of a consortium of Chilean and German universities is proposed for the creation of the **Chile-Germany Academic Forum**, which allows laying the foundations for the creation of a permanent and long-term scientific collaboration platform.

The first Chile-Germany Academic Forum will be **held in Santiago de Chile, between June 12 and 15, 2023**, in person. Its successive versions will be held periodically and alternately in each country every 12 or 18 months, or as decided by the member universities.

The Chile-Germany Academic Forum is a **co-organized event where all parties have with equal responsibilities and financing**. Each institution will be responsible for financing the costs associated with the participation of their academics, specifically flights and hotels. The universities of the host country will finance the costs associated with the development of the event and the internal transportation of the participants.

## OBJECTIVES

The **general objective** of the Chile-Germany Academic Forum is to contribute to the promotion of sustainable development in both countries based on scientific evidence, the training of professionals and work with and for society, with an emphasis on collaboration with industry.

The **specific objectives** are the following:

- Strengthen **international academic cooperation** between higher education institutions in Chile and Germany.
- Promote **joint work for innovation** based on science that allows the development and transfer of technologies.
- Promote spaces for **cooperation between academia, industry, and the government** of both countries.
- Expand opportunities for **young researchers** for their academic development.

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## MEMBERS

The Chile-Germany Academic Forum is made up of its founding universities from both countries. Strategic partners also participate.

### Chilean universities

- Catholic University of Chile
- University of Chile
- University of Concepcion



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CATÓLICA  
DE CHILE



UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE



Universidad  
de Concepción

### German universities

- Karlsruher Institute for Technology
- Technische University Berlin
- University of Hamburg
- University Heidelberg



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### Strategic partners

- Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD Chile)
- Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Chile
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
- Council of Rectors of Chilean Universities
- Chilean-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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## RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

In its first version, the Chile-Germany Academic Forum will focus on three areas of work, topics on which interdisciplinary workshops will be organized, led by academics from the different universities, in which the triple helix collaboration will be promoted in conjunction with the industry and governments of both countries for growth and green recovery.

- “Interdisciplinary perspectives on renewable energies and productive transformation”
- “Climate change, territoriality and sustainable governance for the green transition”
- “Circular Economy, Productive Models and Consumer Culture for Sustainability”

## GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The governance model of the Chile France Academic Forum is based on three levels, for which each institution must commit the participation of representatives:

- A **Steering Committee**, made up of the Vice Chancellors and Research Directors of the universities of both countries, who are responsible for making academic and strategic decisions for the development of cooperation and whose functions cannot be delegated to members of the Operational Team or the academic groups.
- An **Operational Team**, made up of professionals from the universities of both countries, the Director of DAAD Chile and the president of the CRUCH Internationalization Commission, who are responsible for the planning, organization, and implementation of the Forum according to the guidelines of the Steering Committee.
- Three **Academic Groups**, made up of the main researchers from both countries, who are responsible for the planning and academic coordination of the workshops, as well as the promotion of cooperation in joint research.