



## Engaging the Guatemalan Scientific and Professional Diaspora

### Overview

#### Main partner

National Secretariat of Science and Technology of Guatemala (SENACYT) is the national authority for science, technology, and innovation, responsible for policy formulation, coordination, and implementation in these areas. The institution plays a pivotal role in fostering research and development, establishing partnerships, and promoting international collaboration to enhance Guatemala's scientific and technological capabilities.



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#### Associate partner

The Academy of Medical, Physical and Natural Sciences of Guatemala is an independent institution dedicated to the promotion of scientific research and knowledge exchange. It serves as a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration among scientists and academic institutions in Guatemala and abroad.



#### Duration

12 months

#### Sustainable Development Goals



### Project design

#### Context & needs

The Guatemalan Scientific and Professional Diaspora (GSPD) holds great potential to contribute to national development through knowledge sharing and international collaboration. While there are growing efforts to engage with these communities there remains a need for greater coordination and long-term strategies. This project builds on existing initiatives to strengthen institutional frameworks, improve inter-institutional alignment, and support the creation of sustainable engagement mechanisms with the diaspora, helping translate their expertise into tangible national development outcomes.

#### General objective

To strengthen institutional capacities for engaging and integrating the GSPD into national development strategies by improving coordination, policy formulation, and digital engagement mechanisms.

#### Specific objectives

- Develop a structured mechanism for mapping and engaging the GSPD.
- Enhance inter-institutional collaboration between public institutions, academia, and diaspora networks.
- Conceptualise the development of a digital platform for effective diaspora engagement.
- Establish peer-learning mechanisms with international partners to exchange best practices on diaspora engagement.

#### Target groups

- GSPD members in Europe and the United States
- Public institutions involved in science, technology, and innovation policy
- National university, private universities, research institutions, and scientific networks

### Programme of activities

#### Activity 1

Consultations to public institutions and policy brief drafting

#### Activity 2

Workshops for public and academic institutions

#### Activity 3

Digital platform conceptualisation

#### Activity 4

Peer exchange with the Academy of Science of Costa Rica

#### Activity 5

Focus groups with diaspora communities

