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This project aims to establish a research network of faculty members and graduate researchers (Ph.D. and Master's students) in Humanitarian Operations in Finland and Brazil by starting a partnership between the Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Research (HUMLOG) Institute at Hanken School of Economics, Finland, and the Humanitarian Assistance and Needs for Disasters (HANDs) Laboratory at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The purpose of this collaboration is to develop joint teaching activities to strengthen our researchers' skills and leverage future joint research activities by identifying funding mechanisms in Europe and Latin America to which the new collaboration can apply. We also aim to become the first movers in such collaboration between European and Latin-American research institutes working on humanitarian operations and inspire other research institutes in Latin America to join. The proposal includes two summer schools: the first in January 2024 hosted by HANDs in Brazil and the second in August 2025 hosted by HUMLOG in Finland. Student/staff mobility at partner universities constitutes the main focus of this collaboration, where HUMLOG will be responsible for the project coordination. The joint activities planned for the collaboration and the summer schools include presenting advanced topics in humanitarian operations, discussing curriculum cooperation, sharing and commenting on research ideas and working papers, designing co-authored papers, scanning potential calls for proposals, and developing joint research projects for future funding opportunities. In addition, guest lectures from practitioners working in the humanitarian sector will enable participants to discuss real-life cases.

