

SA S&T COOPERATION WITH THE EU, AND DST SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS



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SA S&T cooperation with Europe

- SA's own responsibility to promote cooperation, understand nature of EU instruments
- Create enabling national environment to support and promote researchers participation
- Other frameworks for SA cooperation with the EU:
 - EU Bilateral S&T Cooperation Agreements
 - Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee, thematic dialogues (e.g. Space, Information Society, KBBE, Energy)
 - Thematic partnerships (e.g. EDCTP)
 - Bi-regional frameworks (e.g. AU-EU)
 - INCO projects – BILAT, INCO-NETs and ERA-Nets
 - Interface with multilateral frameworks (e.g. OECD, Carnegie Group, GEO, etc.)





SA S&T cooperation under H2020

- **Expect to build progressive change under H2020**
 - Emphasize joint ownership and mutual benefit
 - More strategic focus on selection of partners
 - More joint initiatives beyond FP (coordinated calls and twinning)
 - Reciprocity and continue providing financial support
- **Reinforced role for JSTCC**
 - Joint definition of priorities
 - Have to ensure alignment with planning phase of funding instruments (work programmes)
- **Greater synergy S&T cooperation with other instruments**
 - E.g. development cooperation role for INCO projects and NCPs (BILAT and INCO-Nets)





Institutional support for FP participants

Advisory support

- **ESASTAP helpdesk** (contact@esastap.org.za) and website (www.esastap.org.za)
- **Network of H2020 National Contact Points (NCPs)**
- Experts in thematic areas of priority to SA (call analysis)
- Intelligence from the SA S&T Office in Brussels
- Support SA links to leading European groups
- Proactive identification of SA researchers best placed to respond

Services also to African researchers



Awareness raising and information

Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation between Europe and South African (*ESASTAP Plus*), promoting collaboration under the SA and European programmes

- Website, e-mail alerts, twitter
- **Information sessions**, trainings as per SA's needs
- Targeted workshops on FP7 topics relevant to SA priorities and strengths, and as requested by institutions

Opportunities communicated on esastap website



Partner-matching

- Dissemination of information via European and South African networks
- Dedicated partner-matching events in SA and Europe
- NCP facilitated partner matching activities
- Marketing, brokerage events, twinning



Financial support

- Seed funding – for SA researchers preparing for participation in H2020, EDCTP, ACP S&T, up to 80% of expenses
- Co-investment funding – for SA researchers participating in approved FP7/H2020, EDCTP, ACP S&T project needing matching funding
- Mobility matching fund – for SA researchers participating in approved Marie Skłodowska Curie (MSCA) or European Research Council (ERC) projects
- Networking support for participation in COST, EUREKA and EEN network activities





SA S&T cooperation beyond the FP

- Development cooperation: Sector budget support for S&T
- Joint Africa-EU Strategic Partnership
- Other EU programmes and networks:
 - COST, EDCTP, ACP S&T, EUREKA and EEN (still in progress)
- Diversity in focus:
 - Policy dialogue, multilateral cooperation
- Multiple partners:
 - Multinationals, foundations





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THANK YOU!**

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