

ESASTAP

“Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation Cooperation between Europe and South Africa”

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What is “ESASTAP”?

South African and the European Commission entered into a **science, technology and innovation cooperation partnership agreement** in 1996

The cooperation agreement is coordinated and managed through the Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (**JSTCC**)

Need for a dedicated platform for the enhancement (promotion, coordination and support) of the European-South African cooperation, and support the implementation of the policy dialogue

A **coordination and support action** co-funded by EU Framework Programme and the South African Department of Science and Technology (DST)



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ESASTAP AIM AND OBJECTIVES

Aim: to promote, facilitate and coordinate the cooperation between the SA-EU research, development and innovation (RDI) in areas of common interests, through participation in reciprocal programmes

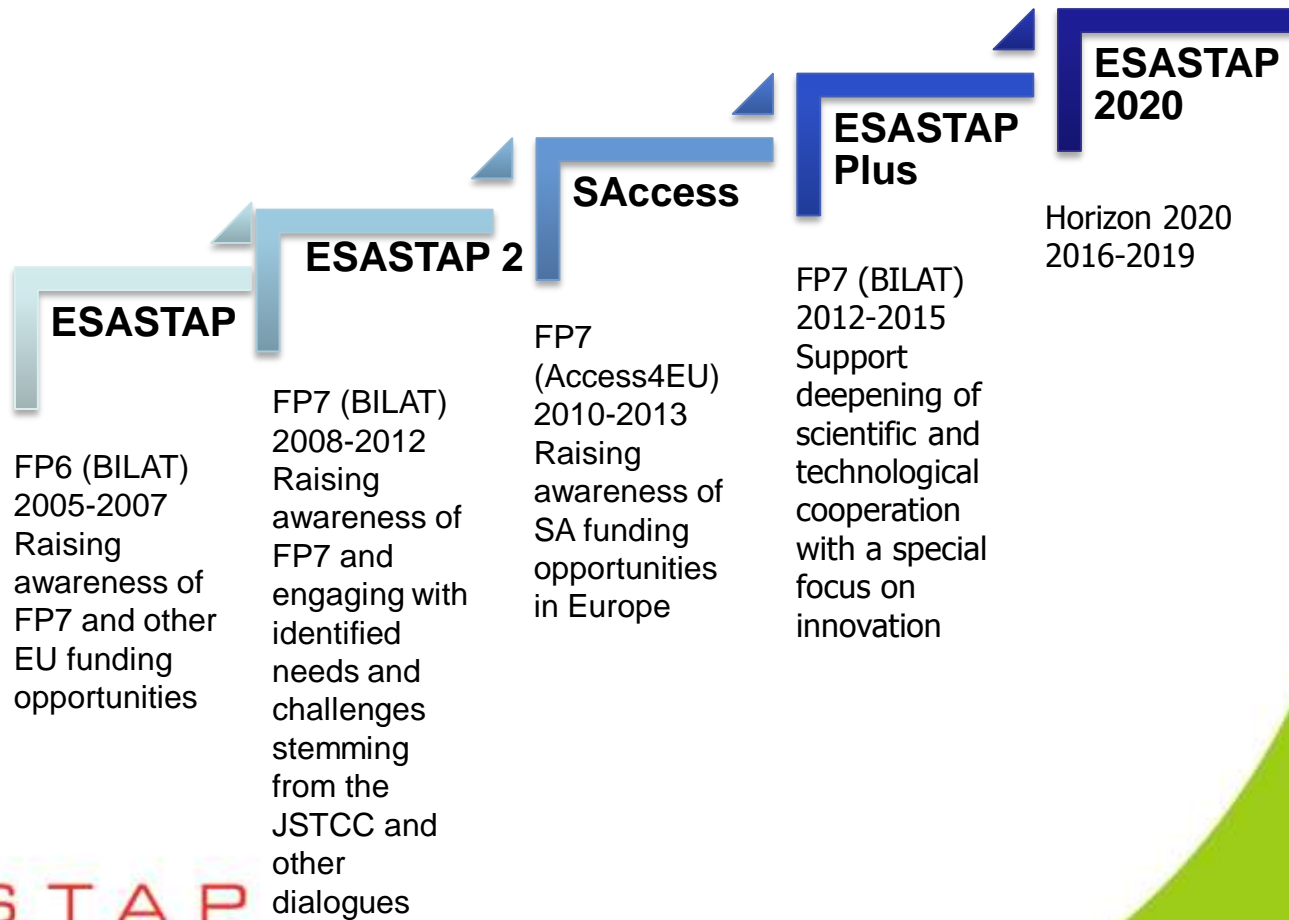
Objectives

- Enhance the RDI cooperation under the main programmes (such as FP)
- Enrich and facilitate the policy dialogue
- Fostering innovation partnerships
- Promote greater coordination and synergy



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ESASTAP EVOLUTION



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ESASTAP ACTIVITIES

- Raising awareness of the SA research and innovation programmes in Europe
- Organisation of thematic workshops for the identification of focus areas for coordination and cooperation
- Facilitation and implementation of joint EU-SA activities (e.g EC, EU MS, and other EU strategic partners)
- Ongoing support to the bilateral SA-EU policy dialogue and JSTCC
- Conduct and update in-depth analytical studies on SA-EU RDI cooperation (e.g FP participation and beyond, innovation landscaping)



ESASTAP ACTIVITIES...

- The continued support of SA participation in other programmes and networks such as ERC, ERASMUS+, EDCTP, COST, EUREKA and EUROSTARS
- Support of the SA NCPs through the implementation of a series of trainings and webinars by experienced EU NCPs and information multipliers
- The implementation of innovation activities and showcasing results of successful research projects with the aim to bring them closer to market



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ESASTAP 2020 partners

Institution	Country
Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH)	Greece
DST	SA
Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)	SA
National Research Foundation (NRF)	SA
Technology Innovation Agency (TIA)	SA
Institut de Recherche pour le Developement (IRD)	France
Agenzia per la Promozione Della Ricerca Europea (APRE)	Italy
German Aerospace Centre: International Bureau of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (DLR)	Germany
Research Council Norway (RCN)	Norway
Zentrum für Soziale Innovation (ZSI)	Austria



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SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Strong policy dialogue between SA - EU
- Increased awareness of EU funding programmes and DST support instruments
 - Increased SA participation in EU funding programmes
 - FP6 & FP7 (ranked only behind USA, Russia, China and India)
 - strong start in Horizon 2020 (34 projects by July 2016)
- Complete and effective SA NCP network
- Strong strategic relationships and partnerships in specific thematic fields (e.g marine sciences, minerals and mining, health innovation, space)



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SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS.....

- Over 50 events targeting researchers, SMEs, innovation stakeholders and key stakeholders and policy makers
- Events and discussions for enhancing coordination of different SA–EU S&T cooperation programmes towards creating a roadmap for a coordinated action
- Identified the innovation landscape in SA and the respective framework conditions
- Enhancing innovation cooperation (events, funding scheme for TT professionals)
- Promoted the twinning of research organisations between MS&AC and SA



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DST SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS

Marketing of SA S&T excellence

- Partner search service on ESASTAP website (mobility portal)
- Distribution of SA and EU research opportunities
- Facilitate and support of SA delegations to participate in strategic EU activities
- Coordinating SA exhibitions in EU activities

Financial support

- Seed funding – to cover some of the SA researchers' travel cost to Europe to prepare FP, EUREKA, EUROSTARS and ERASMUS+ (S&T related) projects, or participate in COST activities
- Co-investment funding – for SA researchers participating in approved FP, EUREKA and EUROSTARS projects

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