

ESASTAP Plus

***Strengthening Technology, Research and
Innovation Cooperation between Europe and
South Africa***



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Context

- ESASTAP background and evolution
- ESASTAP plus objectives
- ESASTAP Plus partners
- Support Instruments
- Other EU programmes
- SA's strategic approach to the Framework Programme



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ESASTAP background

- ESASTAP is a dedicated platform aimed at:
 - promoting S&T cooperation between SA and the EU,
 - addressing challenges encountered by SA researchers
- 1st and 2nd phases implemented by DST
 - Main focus was raising awareness of FP7 and other EU funding opportunities amongst the SA research communities
- 3rd phase (ESASTAP Plus)
 - more SA partners and European partners on board
 - duration 3 yrs starting in November 2012



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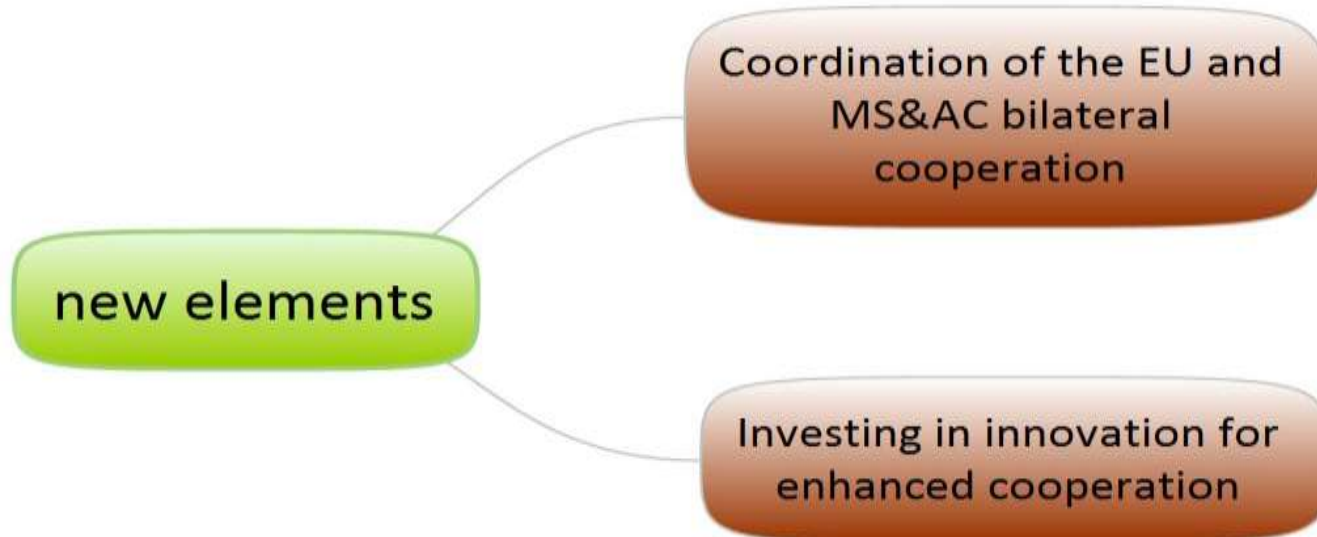
ESASTAP Plus Evolution

- **ESASTAP Plus** is the successor of a long and successful efforts, namely **ESASTAP** and **ESASTAP²**
- But also **SAccess**



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What's New?



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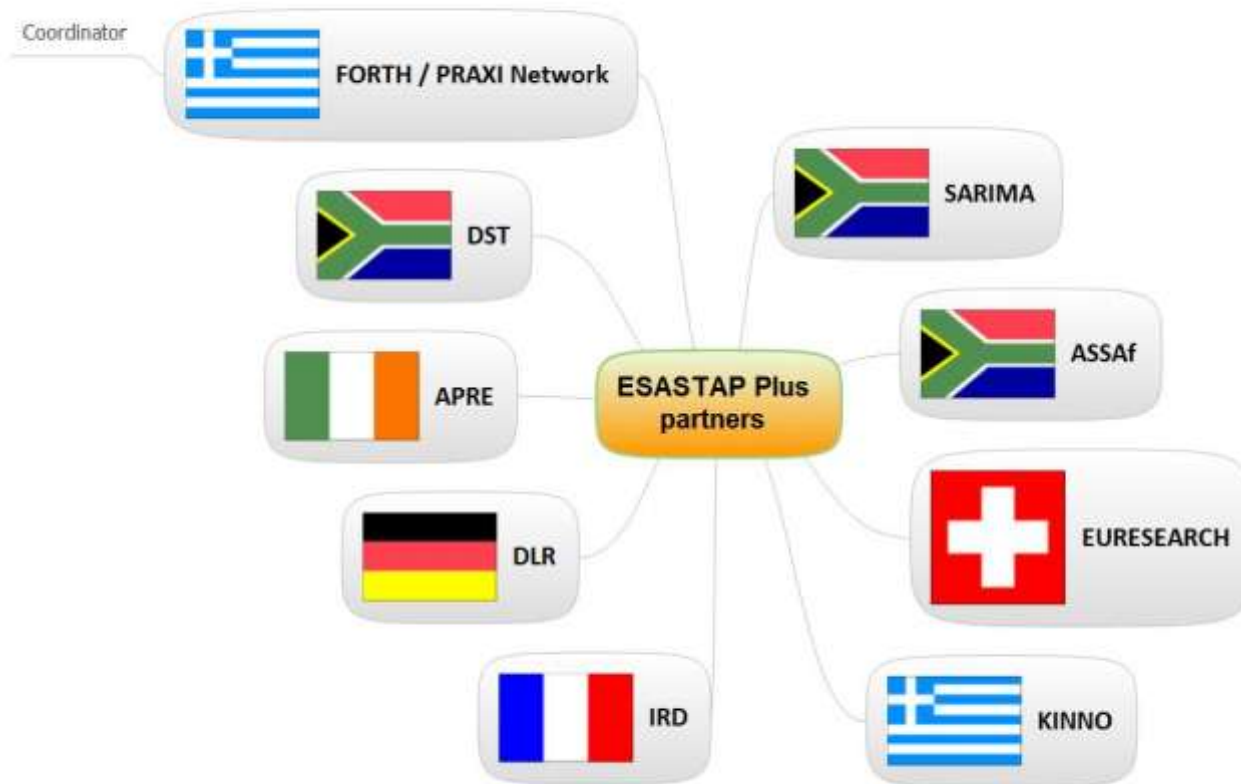
ESASTAP plus objectives

- Enrich the science, technology and innovation policy dialogue;
- Promote strategic cooperation under the main instruments, chiefly the Framework Programme;
- Better coordinate and exploit synergy between different EU and national programmes; and
- Expand cooperation to specifically address innovation partnerships.



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Partners



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Support Instruments

- Awareness raising and information
- Advisory and support mechanisms
- Financial support
 - Seed and co-investment
- Partner-matching service
- Twinning activities
 - Exchange of information, ideas, and best practices between researchers
 - Events/training on IP, technology transfer / exploitation



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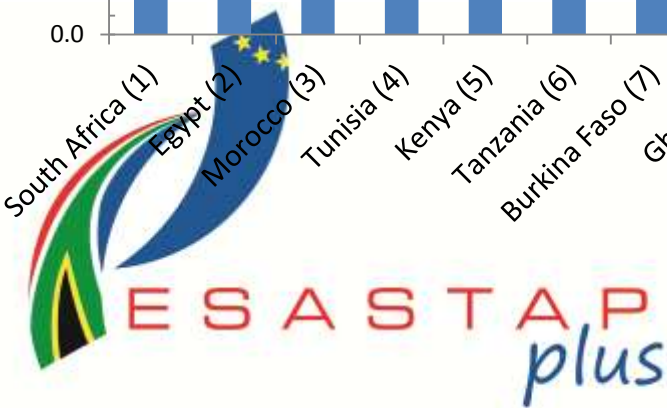
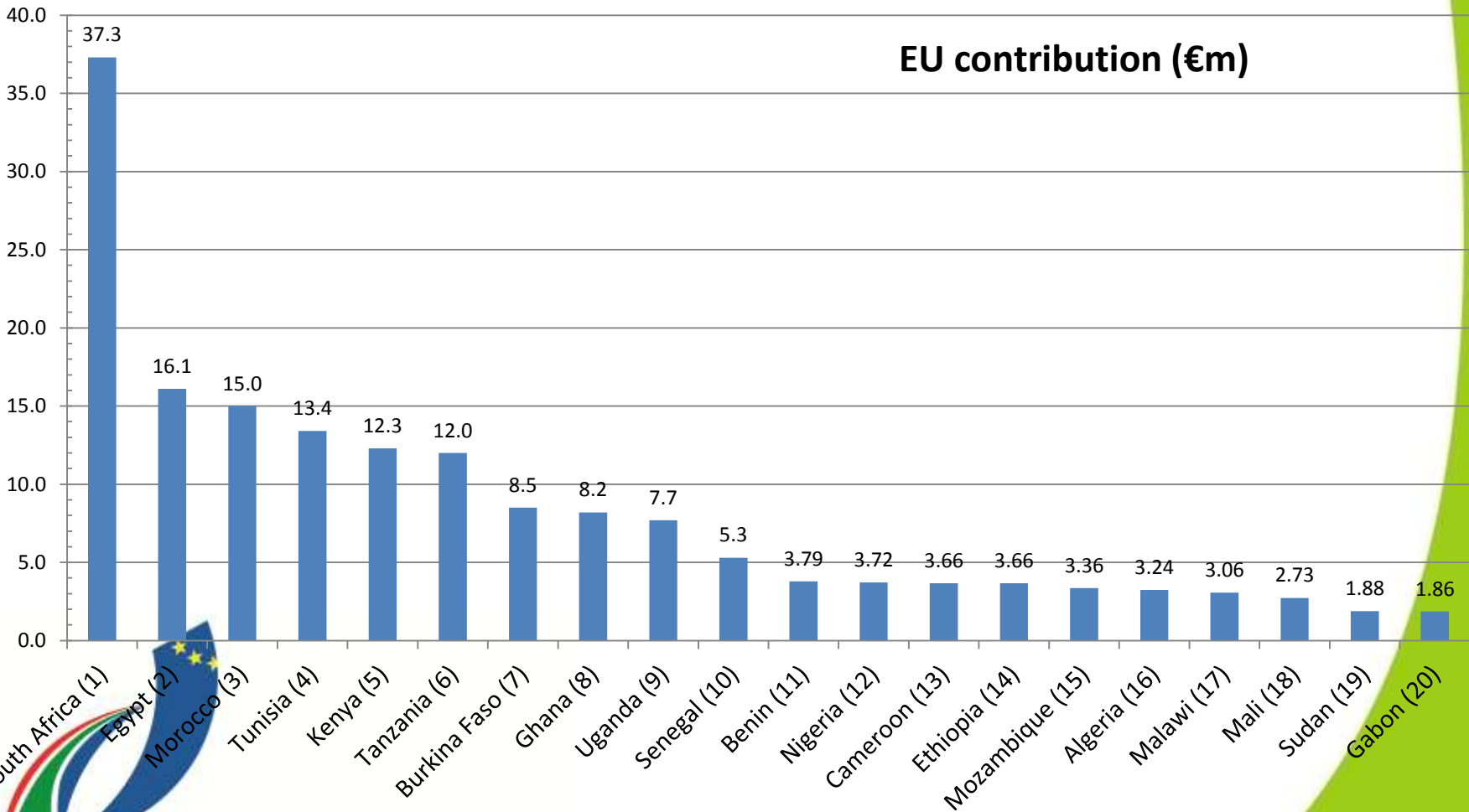
ESASTAP achievements

- 310 participations, €34.33 million, 68 institutions, (CSIR, DST, UCT, SU, UKZN and UP)
- Success rate: 26.7 % (*European 21% and 3rd countries 22%*)
- Awareness of the EU funding programmes in SA
- Good partnership with the SA NSI, still to improve on private sector
- Currently the first 3rd country participant and 5th non-EU partner country
- Established funding and support instrument to support SA participants in the EU funding programmes
- Growth in the ICT, space, MCA research in the last few years (Traditional partner in the health, environment and KBBE)
- Increase SA participation also in other EU competitive funding programmes and networks



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African participation stats



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Other EU programmes and networks

- European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnerships (EDCTP)
- African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) S&T programme
- European Cooperation in S&T (COST)
- EUREKA network
- Europe Enterprise Network (EEN)
- ESOF (Euroscience Open Forum)



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SA Strategic approach to FP

- SA own responsibility to promote cooperation
- Understand nature of EU instruments
- Participation should be aligned with own national strategic objectives
- Create enabling national environment for researchers to participate – proactively identifying
 - FP topics relevant to SA priorities and strengths
 - SA researchers best placed to respond
 - Support SA links to leading European groups
- FP will not be appropriate in all instances
- Promote long-term strategic relations
- Enrich and complement bilateral cooperation



Thank you!

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