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**SECTOR BUDGET SUPPORT CALL
FOR PROPOSALS**

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BRIEF BACKGROUND

- The DSI has been a beneficiary of EU development funds from DG DEVCO now known as the Neighbourhood Development and International cooperation Instrument through the Sector Budget Support Programme.
- The DSI is currently implementing projects supported through the SBS Programme focusing on viability and validation of innovation for service delivery, innovative technology solutions, R&D partnerships for competitiveness and international innovation support.
- This presentation will focus on the international innovation support component.



INTRODUCTION TO THE SBS CALL

- The (DSI) seeks to boost socio-economic development in South Africa through research and innovation. To achieve its goals, the Department provides leadership, an enabling environment and resources for science, technology and innovation.
- The SBS Programme under the International Innovation Support Actions is aimed at supporting learnings from different approaches to facilitate the creation of social or commercial value for Research and Development (R&D) outputs or the translation of those R&D outputs into adopted policy, social and/or commercial value. These may originate from International Cooperation Programmes, in particular from the collaborative cooperation in the European Union (EU) Framework Programme for R&D.
- South African researchers within the National System of Innovation (NSI) from Academia, science councils, NGOs and the private sector who completed projects funded under the EU Framework Programmes (FP), e.g. FP6, FP7 and Horizon 2020 (EDCTP AND THE ERA.Nets) are invited to submit proposals for funding of their projects. These proposals should be from the results of completed projects with international partners, which can be escalated to the next level in order to ensure maximum impact.

SCOPE: THE THREE COMPONENTS UNDER THE CALL

The call is open to all South African researchers who participated and completed projects from the previous Framework Programmes (FP) i.e. (FP6, FP7 and H2020). Applicants are invited to submit research and innovation project proposals which are related to a closed project. Each applicant researcher or SME is required to submit only one proposal in one of the following categories.

- 1. SCALING UP TOWARDS MARKET READINESS**
- 2. POLICY ADVICE AND DEMONSTRATION**
- 3. PARTNERHSHIP BUILDING AND BUSINESS SUPPORT**

SCALING UP TOWARDS MARKET READINESS

- The project idea, product, process or service must be innovative, market-driven, result oriented and there must be a technological risk involved. There must at least be a proof of concept in place (e.g. prototype);
- The project should have an obvious advantage and benefit resulting from the technological cooperation between the participants, (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc);
- The project should benefit all involved partners in a well-balanced consortium (No single organisation can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget);
- Participation by international partners is allowed, funding can be negotiated with the SA partner(s). Participation by international partners with own funding would be preferred.
- Inclusion of Historically Disadvantaged Institutions/individuals is strongly encouraged
- Budget: maximum **R5 000 000** per project.

POLICY-ADVICE AND DEMONSTRATION

- The project, process or service must be innovative and able to influence policy direction in the specific thematic area to enhance the research that has already been done – possible research on expanding some elements to ultimately giving advice that could help policy makers;
- The demonstration must be novel to the environment but in line with the objectives of the original project;
- The project should benefit all involved partners in a well-balanced consortium (No single organisation can be responsible for more than 70% of the project budget);
- The proposal should be able to clearly define possible policy changes/amendments in line with government rules and regulations.
- Participation by international partners is allowed, funding can be negotiated with the SA partner(s). Participation by international partners with own funding would be preferred.
- Inclusion of Historically Disadvantaged Institutions/individuals is strongly encouraged
- **Budget: Maximum R1 500 000 per project.**

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

- Applicants do not need to submit funding proposal for this category;
- This category will consist of proposals that were excellent but not approved to qualify for funding from the scaling up towards market readiness or policy-advice categories;
- Proposals must provide an in-depth business plan with milestones to translate the results of the project to enhance collaboration and forming of international partnerships therefore enabling the opportunity to apply for funding on future international opportunities;
- Budget: maximum **R500 000** per business plan for support.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The call is open to all South African researchers who participated and completed projects from the previous Framework Programmes (FP) i.e. (**FP6,FP7,H2020, EDCTP & ERA.Nets**).
- Project should be implemented within South Africa.
- The project idea, product, process or service must be innovative with relevance to the completed project;
- Duration of the project may not exceed **24 months (2 years)**

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Each project proposal will go through a financial assessment process to finalise the exact funding. The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance with the project duration.

NB!:The selected projects will enter into budget negotiation with the DSI where they have to motivate what budget items are going to be covered in that project bearing in mind DSI policies when it comes to the overheads.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Proposal template will be accessed on the following link:

<https://esastap.org.za/call-for-proposals-sbs/>

Call timelines:

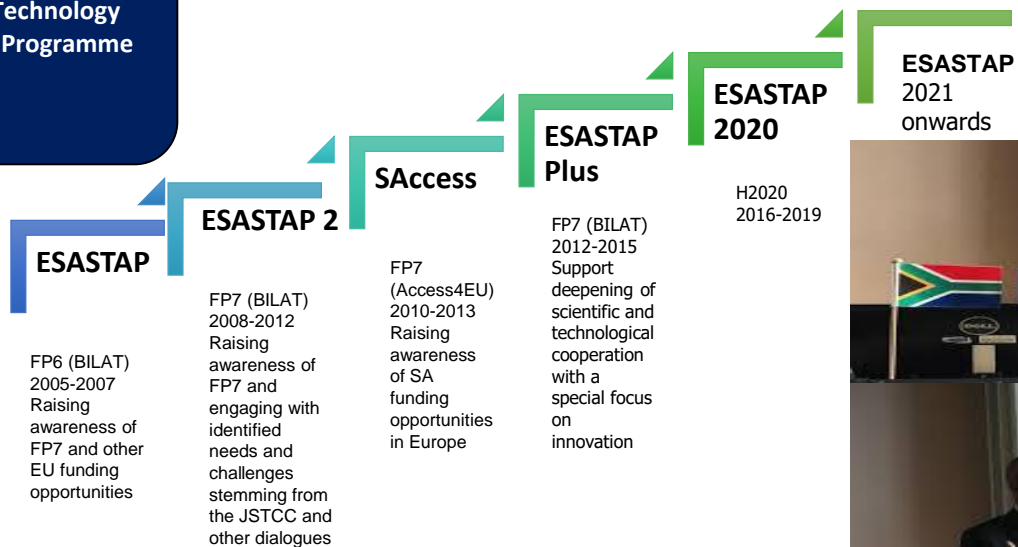
Activity	Date
Publish call	31 August 2022
Closing date for the submission of proposals Late submissions will not be accepted	31 October 2022 @18h00 CAT
DSI Review and selection process complete	30 November 2022
Communication with successful applicants	December 2022

ESASTAP SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS

ESASTAP EVOLUTION

Strengthening of the European-South African Science and Technology Advancement Programme

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



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DSI SUPPORT INSTRUMENTS

- **Awareness-raising & information**
 - Website, Information sessions, workshops, and marketing materials
- **Advisory and technical support**
 - National Contact Points (NCP Network)
 - ESASTAP helpdesk,
 - Brussels office
 - DSI line Directorates
- **Partner-matching service**
 - Organise and participate in events invited to and support innovators to participate in brokerage events;
- **Financial support**
 - Seed funding for SA researchers and innovators to participate in project finalisation meetings and other international events;
 - co-investments on approved projects for implementation
- **Upcoming calls**

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership –**EDCTP3**
GLOBAL HEALTH JOINT UNDERTAKING- More calls coming up!
;ERAMIN in December 2022; M.ERA.Net.



IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>
- <http://erc.europa.eu/>
- www.eurekanetwork.org
- <http://www.cost.eu/>
- www.esastap.org.za

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Dankie

Enkosi

Ha khensa

Re a leboga

Ro livhuwa

Siyabonga

Siyathokoza

Thank you