

## Workshop

### South Atlantic Research in alliance with ESASTAP+ Brasília, 21/22 of October 2015

The Workshop is a joint activity of the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) and the BILAT projects B.BICE+ and ESASTAP+, funded by the European Union under FP7.

The European Commission and Brazil convened a Joint Steering Committee Meeting on June 27th, 2013 to identify future areas of cooperation under the Bilateral Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the European Union and Brazil. In this meeting, it was decided to set up a Working Group on Marine Research Cooperation with representatives from both sides, which would look into areas of mutual interest in relation to ocean science.

This cooperation is intended to increase our joint knowledge of the Atlantic Ocean and its dynamic systems, conducting joint research efforts and reciprocal access to infrastructures, with a preliminary focus on seven areas of cooperation:

1. **Transatlantic Ocean Observation and Forecasting System;**
2. **Food security (including aquaculture);**
3. **Innovative use and conservation of the Atlantic biodiversity (including biotechnology)**
4. **Ocean technology;**
5. **Ocean Literacy;**
6. **Land-sea interactions; and**
7. **Polar research (especially interconnections between the Atlantic and Antarctica).**

In details, it is intended to organize a workshop with the participation of marine scientists, representatives of the Government and other stakeholders from Brazil, South Africa, Europe and other countries to be invited (Argentina, Uruguay, Namibia, Angola, Cape Verde, among others).

A Regional Alliance for the Atlantic would present a new scale and a new scope to its partners, reflecting well the capacity to effectively meet the challenges ahead with no doubling of efforts to achieve aimed targets. In this scope, the identification of main challenges, common goals as well as opportunities for cooperation are desired in line with the ongoing work of the Transatlantic Research Alliance, under the auspices of the Galway Statement, comprising the EU, Canada and the USA.

The major outcome of this action will be the identification of concrete initiatives that South Atlantic research endeavors could gather in order to improve a Transatlantic Research Alliance, as well as the better understanding of how these initiatives could be promoted in the context of the program Horizon 2020, among others.

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