



## ESASTAP IS A DEDICATED PLATFORM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EUROPEAN - SOUTH AFRICAN (EU-SA) SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL (S&T) COOPERATION

### WHO WE ARE:

This project is a Specific Support Action implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the European Union's Sixth Framework Programme (FP6) and jointly funded by the European Commission (EC), with the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) as the implementation partner. This initiative has been created as a dedicated platform to promote SA-EU S&T cooperation, bringing together efforts from:

- DST and EC
- National Contact Points (NCPs)
- SA's senior S&T representative in Brussels

### WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE:

- Promote improved cooperation between SA and European research groups
- Promote synergy between South Africa's FP participation and bilateral cooperation with EU Member States
- Highlight SA S&T excellence internationally to encourage S&T partnerships
- Advance the achievement of strategic SA S&T priorities and strengthen regional partnerships
- Enhance the internationalisation of the European Research Area (ERA)
- Derive benefit for participating countries by leveraging economic growth and social development benefits through S&T cooperation

### HOW WE ARE DOING THIS:

- **Raising awareness and dissemination of information:**
  - Website
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - Weekly e-mail updates
  - Brochures and catalogues
  - Seminars and workshops
  - Registration for ESASTAP Community
  - Summaries of Intended Participation (SIPs)
  - Targeted service according to individual priorities
- **Partner-matching service:**
  - Website partner search databases
  - Dissemination of information via Europe and local networks
  - Dedicated partner-matching events
- **Advisory and support mechanisms:**
  - Providing institutional support to NCPs
  - Guidance and support to SA participants through dedicated help desks
  - Preparation of SA specific FP guidance notes
- **Marketing SA S&T excellence in Europe:**
  - Concerted efforts via Brussels S&T representative office
  - Events and publications
- **Studies and analysis to inform policy for promoting cooperation:**
  - Results of past SA FP participation

Register for membership of the ESASTAP Community at <http://www.esastap.org.za> or email us at [contact@esastap.org.za](mailto:contact@esastap.org.za)



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