

# EUROPEAN-SOUTH AFRICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMME (ESASTAP)



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# Overview of Presentation

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# What is ESASTAP?

- **Dedicated platform to promote scientific and technological cooperation between SA and EU**
- **Specific Support Action implemented by SA Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the FP6**
- **Bringing together existing efforts from:**
  - **DST and EC**
  - **National Contact Points**
  - **SA Senior S&T Representative in Brussels**



# Challenges

- **Insufficient awareness of opportunities – both within SA and the EU**
- **Need to improve SA's understanding of FP cooperation instruments**
- **Difficulties for SA researchers to find European FP consortia partners**
- **Need to broaden range of participants – especially SMEs, industry, HLI, UT**
- **Promote proactive engagement with opportunities**

# ESASTAP Priorities

- **Create dedicated programme and branding for SA-EU S&T cooperation**
- **Supporting SA's FP preparation for participation**
- **Marketing SA's S&T excellence in Europe**
- **Exploit synergies between FP participation with other international cooperation activities, especially bilateral links with European countries.**



# ESASTAP Instruments

- **Awareness-raising & information:**
  - **Website:** <http://www.esastap.org.za>
  - **Weekly e-mail updates**
  - **Brochures and catalogues**  
(incl. electronic document library)
  - **Seminars and workshops**



# ESASTAP Instruments (2)

- **Partner-matching service:**
  - **Active on the esastap website**
  - **Dissemination of information via European and South African networks**
  - **Dedicated partner-matching events**
  - **Seed Funding instrument – travel costs for partners to and from South Africa (R2 631 572, 90 applicants)**



# ESASTAP Instruments (3)

- **Advisory and support mechanisms:**
  - **Providing institutional support to NCPs**
  - **Guidance and support to SA FP participants through dedicated help desks**
  - **Preparation of SA specific FP materials and other guidance notes**



# ESASTAP Instruments (4)

- **Marketing SA S&T excellence in Europe**
  - **Concerted efforts via Brussels S&T Representative office**
  - **Events and publications**



# National Contact Points

- **Total of 14, appointed by DST**
- **Responsibilities**
  - **Information and awareness raising**
  - **Advising, assisting and training**
  - **Signposting**
- **List..**



# NCPs

| NCP                 | NAME                 | INSTITUTION     |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Legal and Financial | Cristina Pinto       | Wits Enterprise |
| Health              | Iqbal parker         | UCT             |
| Bio                 | Geoff Meese          | CSIR            |
| ICT                 | Johan Eksteen        | CSIR            |
| NMP                 | Mabatho Mphomane     | DST             |
| Energy              | Phindile Masangane   | SANERI          |
| Environment         | Renee le Roux        | NRF             |
| Transport           | Mathetha Mokonyama   | CSIR            |
| Aeronautics         | Kamalluddien Parker  | CSIR            |
| SSH and SiS         | Christa Van Zyl      | HSRC            |
| Security            | Barend Taute         | CSIR            |
| Space               | Mothibi Ramusi       | Grintek         |
| Mobility            | Mamohloding Tlhagale | DST             |
| EURATOM             | Van Zyl de Villiers  | NECSA           |

# Opportunities

- **Progressively greater opportunities for international cooperation in FPs**
- **Connect with global research**
- **Strong political commitment to SA-EU S&T cooperation**
- **SA's existing knowledge base and experience of successful FP participation**
- **Benefits not only in financial resources leveraged, but also in knowledge generation experience gained**
- **Long-term strategic networks built**

# SA strategy for FP7 engagements

- **SA participation informed by national policy perspective:**
  - **Connection of SA to global R&D research**
  - **Increase leveraging of international funding for SA R&D**
- **Strategy: Raising awareness, identifying opportunities, explaining modalities, and fostering partnerships with Europe**
- **Learn from successful SA project funded in FP4, FP5 and FP6**

# Upcoming ESASTAP Actions

- **FP7 information session in all provinces**
- **Proactive identification of opportunities for SA participation in FP7 calls for proposals**
- **Specific effort for Marie Curie Mobility Instruments (Outgoing and Incoming fellowships)**
- **Legal and finance specific workshops**
- **Proposal drafting workshops**
- **Identify and engage SMEs with the FP7**



# Thank you!

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