

**Ways of successful science, technology and
innovation cooperation
between Europe and the USA**
23-24 April 2012

**MID TOWN Meeting und Businesscenter
Ungargasse 64-66 / Stiege 3 / 1st Floor
A-1040 Vienna**

Symposium organised by the BILAT USA project
in cooperation with the Strategic Forum for International
Science & Technology Cooperation (SFIC)

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AGENDA - 23 April 2012

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 09:50 Welcome Address

Andrea HÖGLINGER | Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)
Andrew R. LORENZ | Chief Economic Section, U.S. Embassy Vienna
Heribert BUCHBAUER | Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWf)
Sigi GRUBER | European Commission DG Research and Innovation, Directorate for International Cooperation

09:50 – 10:20 EU-USA S&T cooperation in a global context

Manfred HORVAT | Vienna University of Technology, Austria

10:20 – 10:50 Perspectives on Europe-USA Cooperation in Basic Science and Engineering Research

Carmen HUBER | National Science Foundation, Europe Office, France

10:50 – 11:20 Perspectives on Europe-USA Cooperation in Basic Science and Engineering Research

O. Sinan TUMER | SAP Research, SAP Labs, LLC, USA

11:20 – 11:50 Coffee Break

11:50 – 13:30 Plenary Session: Analysis of existing Instruments, Regulations and Obstacles for U.S. participation in the 7th Framework Programme

This session will present results of the survey and related conclusions.

Moderators: Manuela SCHISANI | APRE - The Agency for the Promotion of the European Research, Italy
Ralf KÖNIG | Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

BILAT-USA and Link2US - 2 complementary projects enhancing EU-U.S. S&T cooperation

Results of the BILAT-USA survey on legal governance in FP7 projects with U.S. partners

- Ralf KÖNIG | Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

Legal obstacles to US participation in FP7 projects

- Martin BAUMGARTNER | Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

Co-operation SPACE with US Partners

- Gerhard PAAR | JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH
- Sigi GRUBER | European Commission DG Research and Innovation, Directorate for International Cooperation

13:30 – 14:20 Lunch Buffet

14:20 – 14:45 Introduction & Link to SFIC

Gonzalo León SERRANO | Vice President for Research, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
Sigi GRUBER | European Commission DG Research and Innovation, Directorate for International Cooperation
Representatives of the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation

The following roundtables will include short presentations addressing given questions related to model agreements and solutions for IP issues, legal and administrative regulations related to cooperation agreements, status of researchers/guest researchers, etc. They will be followed by discussions among speakers and the audience.

14:45 – 16:00 Round Table Discussion 1: Multilateral European cooperation with U.S. partners – first experiences with new approaches

This round table will focus on joint cooperation and consortium models in multilateral schemes that have already established links to U.S. partners.

Moderator: Manfred HORVAT | Vienna University of Technology, Austria

Rapporteur: Ludger VIEHOFF | European Commission DG Research and Innovation, Directorate for International Cooperation

Space research collaboration with NASA: The Working Arrangement

- José Miguel BELLO VILLARINO | European Commission DG Enterprise and Industry

IRDiRC as a multilateral research cooperation framework with US NIH

- Rafael DE ANDRÉS MEDINA | ISCIII, Spain

The G8 Research Councils Initiative on Multilateral Research Funding

- Sophie FERRAND | ANR, France

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:45 Round Table Discussion 2: Successful bilateral research projects with U.S. partners – how to establish reliable frameworks and common procedures

This round table will focus on projects, lab-to-lab cooperation and cooperation between researchers in specific research areas.

Moderator: Astrid-Christina KOCH | Delegation of the European Union to the USA

Rapporteur: Wojciech DZIEDZIC | Ministry of Science and Higher Education Department of Strategy, Poland

Needs of researchers in administrative and funding frameworks for collaborative research with the USA

- Peter ERTL | Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, Austria

Collaboration between Finnish and US researchers

- Tiina KOTTI | Academy of Finland (AKA)

Teaming up. The United States as scientific partner of the Max Planck Society

- Per BRODERSEN | MPG, Germany

17:45 End of Day 1

17:45 – 19:30 Get-together with cocktail reception

AGENDA - 24 April 2012

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome

09:05 – 11:00 Round Table Discussion 3: Bilateral joint programmes with U.S. partners

This round table will focus on medium- and long-term cooperative programmes between one or more MS and one or more partners in the USA that fund research projects under those programmes.

Moderator: Svend REMØE | Research Council Norway

Rapporteur: Erja HEIKINNEN | Ministry of Education and Science, Finland

Nordic Research Opportunity – a collaboration with NSF

- Berit JOHNE | The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

ANR-NSF bilateral cooperation in the framework of ICC and MWN

- Sophie FERRAND | ANR, France

MIT-Portugal Programme

- Paulo FERRÃO | MIT-Portugal Programme

Top 500 Innovators Science-Management-Commercialization – collaboration between Poland and the USA

- Zygmunt KRASIŃSKI | IPPT-PAN, Poland

US-German funding collaboration in Computational Neuroscience

- Rainer GIRGENRATH | PT-DLR, Germany

11:00 – 11:40 Coffee Break

11:40 – 13:10 Round Table Discussion 4 – Future possibilities – establishing common knowledge bases with U.S. partners
This round table will focus on joint institutes, joint infrastructures and other institutional arrangements with/in the USA and present how to achieve mutual access, joint sharing of results etc.
Moderator: Gonzalo León SERRANO | Spanish SFIC delegation
Rapporteur: Claudia BERNARDING | PT-DLR, Germany

Science Across Virtual Institutes (SAVI) Program

- Carmen HUBER | National Science Foundation, Europe Office, France

Fraunhofer Centers in the USA

- Christina TREEGER | Fraunhofer, Germany

The IPUMSI – IECM Partnership to provide access to census microdata to social science researchers

- Antonio LÓPEZ-GAY | Center for Demographic Studies Barcelona, Spain

Bilateral S&T agreements as chance for a successful cooperation

- Ulrich SCHÄFFLER | German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

13:10 – 13:40 Findings from Round Table Discussions 1 - 4
Summary from the Moderators
Conclusions and Recommendations

13:40 – 14:00 Concluding remarks and actions for follow-up
Gonzalo León SERRANO | Vice President for Research, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Representative of the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation

14:00 End of Day 2 & End of Symposium