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BILAT-USA and Link2US:

Advancing European Union and United States Cooperation
in Science & Technology

BILAT-USA and Link2US Projects are co-funded by the European Community's Capacities Programme on International Cooperation under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Cooperation.



BILAT-USA

Bilateral Coordination for the Enhancement and Development of S&T Partnerships Between the European Union and the United States of America

The BILAT-USA Project aims to set up a sustainable, knowledge-based, bi-regional dialogue platform between S&T stakeholders from the EU-Member and Associated States, and from the United States.

The BILAT-USA Project will

- support a Trans-Atlantic Dialogue Platform, addressing global issues by bringing together relevant stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic,
- provide and disseminate information on S&T cooperation activities and opportunities between the EU and the United States to facilitate the establishment of new partnerships towards the Framework Programme,
- promote excellence in cooperative research, through the organization of science fora at the policy level, symposia on cross-cutting multidisciplinary issues at the horizontal level, workshops and linked brokerage events at the thematic level,
- facilitate networking with other existing FP7 projects and initiatives that support cooperative activities.

The project will include various information- and awareness-raising actions, such as establishing a comprehensive web-site and databases dedicated to EU-US S&T cooperation, organizing a number of specialized thematic workshops, training workshops and staging high-level events both at the scientific level as well as at the political and policy-making level.

“BILAT-USA” and “Link2US”: A New Dynamic for EU-U.S. Research Cooperation

Becoming “the most dynamic and competitive, knowledge-based economy”... This is a goal shared by both the Lisbon Agenda of the EU and the America COMPETES Act of the United States - two global leaders in terms of R&D expenditures.

This common goal offers great potential to enhance bilateral relations and to build greater science and technology (S&T) capacity in the world. Establishing strong partnerships in S&T will enable the EU and the United States not only to jointly address global challenges such as the environment, energy, and health, but also to advance knowledge and scientific understanding by benefiting from each others' experiences and know-how.

Already much progress has been made in the endeavor to create synergy: The EU-U.S. Science and Technology Agreement is a significant tool for further developing the official dialogue on S&T cooperation. The European Commission's Framework Programme - a key instrument in the implementation of S&T Agreements - provides an important platform to foster cooperation in areas of mutual interest. The 7th Framework Programme (FP7) fosters international cooperation through supporting dialogues and information exchange activities between the EU and Third Countries and regions including the United States and creates greater awareness on both sides of the range of opportunities for S&T cooperation. Two new projects begin October 2009: “BILAT-USA” and “Link2US.”

The objective of these complementary projects is to enhance EU-U.S. S&T cooperation through information sharing, dialogue, and network formation among the different stakeholders on both sides of the Atlantic and in the scientific research and policy communities. The outcome of these activities will contribute to overcoming barriers to cooperation, developing cooperative research policies and topics, and formulating respective FP7 programmes.

Link2US

Linking the European Research Community to the United States

The Link2US Project seeks to enhance U.S.-European Union S&T cooperation by increasing awareness of and addressing barriers to European scientists' and research organizations' participation in U.S. federal cooperative research funding schemes.

The Link2US Project will

- map opportunities of U.S. federal collaborative funding schemes and rules for participation through research and analyses,
- raise awareness among the European scientific research community by disseminating information about programmes and funding opportunities through a multi-faceted network,
- identify and analyze potential obstacles to cooperation through these programmes and funding schemes, so that they may be avoided and/or that solutions may be found.

Projects Duration

Both projects start in October 2009 and continue for 36 months.