

## 1. Short description of the available local programmes or funds that could provide support to Horizon 2020 participants

Horizon 2020 is Open to the World. This means that participants from all over the world, regardless of their place of establishment or residence, can participate in most of the calls of Horizon 2020.

South African researchers, universities, research organisations and enterprises are able to team up with their European partners to participate in projects under Horizon 2020 and make the best use of Europe's excellent opportunities in research and innovation. Through participation in Horizon 2020, South African partners can gain great benefits from access to excellent talent, knowledge, data and infrastructures and connection to world-leading teams, networks and value chains.

Potential South African participants are automatically eligible for funding under Horizon 2020 in the same way as European participants are.

South African contributions to Horizon 2020 projects can also be made in cash and in kind. Information on international programmes of research funding organisations in the South Africa is regularly published on the websites of relevant South African agencies and foundations (including calls for joint research projects with EU research and educational institutions).

Information on key research and innovation in South Africa to investigate on research funding opportunities may be found on the following website: <http://www.esastap.org/funding/fpseed.php>

## 2. CURRENT PRIORITIES / ROADMAP FOR EUROPEAN UNION-SOUTH AFRICA S&T COOPERATION

The roadmaps for international cooperation provide an overview of the current state of play and of the main priorities for the future cooperation.

See: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf/policy/annex\\_roadmaps\\_sep-2014.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf/policy/annex_roadmaps_sep-2014.pdf)

South African participation is welcomed in all calls for proposals of Horizon 2020. In addition, South Africa has also been targeted as a partner for cooperation in the 2014-2015 Horizon 2020 work programme, which includes topics to encourage cooperation with South African researchers in different areas. European Union and South Africa agreed jointly (the 13 January 2014 at the EU-SA Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee meeting) to step up cooperation in the following three flagship areas: **Health; Environment (Global Earth Observation); Excellent Science-Research infrastructures.**

Future cooperation between European Union and South Africa will also focus on the following areas: **Marine and maritime research; Raw materials (Mining and minerals research and innovation).**

The above mentioned focus have been agreed with the aim of creating win-win situations based on common interest, complementary strengths leading to mutual benefit, optimal interest scale and scope and concrete synergy between the EU and South Africa, often in the context of major initiatives at multilateral level. *(A full list of topics included in the work programme 2014-2015 is provided in Annex Roadmap.)*

Regarding the Development Cooperation Instrument, the multi annual indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020 will focus on Employment creation; education, skills development and innovation and building a capable and development state, three sectors which are part of the National Development Plan of the Government of South Africa.

Cooperation with South Africa on research and innovation is acknowledged to be one of the most active areas of collaboration under the South Africa –European Union Strategic Partnership with a strong and longstanding relationship between the South African Department of Science and Technology and the European Commission, DG Research and innovation (DG RTD).

This strong relationship gave concrete results under the 7<sup>TH</sup> Framework programme (FP7). South Africa ranked number 5 in terms of non-EU participation in FP7.

### **3. Brochures aiming at to support participation in Horizon 2020**

A dedicated information brochure about Horizon 2020 is available consulting the following websites:

- Why participate in Horizon 2020 ? :

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf//h2020\\_why\\_flyer\\_practical\\_information\\_web.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none](http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf//h2020_why_flyer_practical_information_web.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none)

- How to participate in Horizon 2020 ? :

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf//h2020\\_how\\_flyer\\_practical\\_information\\_web.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none](http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/pdf//h2020_how_flyer_practical_information_web.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none)

### **4. Webpage of the delegation of the European Union to South Africa and functional mailbox which can be addressed in specific questions.**

- Delegation of the European Union to South Africa:  
[http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/south\\_africa/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/south_africa/index_en.htm)
- Question may be addressed to: E-mail: [Delegation-S-Africa@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Delegation-S-Africa@eeas.europa.eu)

### **5. List and availability of local National Contact**

- Strengthening Technology, Research and Innovation Cooperation between Europe and South Africa (ESASTAP): <http://www.esastap.org/>
- Regional Contact Points: The South African Department of Science and Technology has appointed National Contact Points (NCPs) to provide guidance and assistance to South African participants in the European Union's new Framework Programme Horizon 2020. The South African NCP Network consists of experts appointed because of their knowledge and experience of participation in European research programmes, as well as their understanding of South Africa's research strengths in the thematic areas they are responsible for. See: <http://www.esastap.org.za/ncp/index.php>