

Project coordination and management

The objectives of this work package are:

- to organise and coordinate project activities;
- to provide a smooth interface between the individual work packages and to ensure the proper implementation of the work packages and corresponding tasks;
- to ensure a continuous quality assurance of the deliverables;
- to execute the overall legal, financial and administrative management;
- to provide the optimum implementation of the contract;
- to assure an effective information flow;
- to ensure an appropriate handling of unexpected events and conflict management.

3. Expected impact

- The main contribution of AUS-ACCESS₄EU will be the promotion and strengthening of EU-Australian research cooperation in S&T addressing common interest and mutual benefit (and building on shared understanding and trust). With AUS-ACCESS₄EU, the significance of the EU-Australian partnership will be emphasised and an enhanced momentum to EU-Australian S&T cooperation will be given. In general terms, AUS-ACCESS₄EU will promulgate a better understanding of the Australian research system in Europe.
- By supporting the EU access to programmes managed by Australia, this project contributes to the development of the reciprocity aspects of the S&T agreements between the EU and Australia. It will enhance the permeability of S&T cooperation programmes in both directions and facilitate a dialogue between European Member States/Associated Countries at the same level.

List of Partners

- **International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the German Aerospace Center – DLR – Germany**
- **Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology cooperation (FEAST) at the Australian National University – ANU – Australia**
- **The British Council – BC – UK**
- **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation – CSIRO – Australia**



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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. Background and objectives

The work plan of AUS-ACCESS₄EU puts the objective of the FP 7 Capacities Work Programme ‘Supporting the EU access to third countries programmes (FP-INCO-2009-5) to help to develop the reciprocity aspects of the S&T agreement by identifying programmes open to EU researchers and promote their participation’ into practice. The overall objective of the AUS-ACCESS₄EU project is to increase S&T cooperation between the EU and Australia by identifying access opportunities for European researchers in Australian research capabilities and programmes, and by widely disseminating this information to the European research community.

2. Implementation and dissemination activities

The individual activities and tasks proposed in the work plan of the project cover a wide array of activities within four work packages. Work packages 1 and 2 can be considered as thematic work packages. Work packages 3 and 4 are of a horizontal nature and thus support the successful implementation of the whole project.



Inventory and Monitoring aims to map the opportunities for European researchers and research institutes to access Australian Federal Government, State/Territory Government programmes and other significant programmes run by Academies/NGOs and philanthropic bodies, etc. This includes analysing the rules of participation and funding guidelines for European organisations and researchers, as well as identifying the practical obstacles to their participation in Australian research.

The inventory will include:

- a survey of the bilateral cooperation agreements of EU Member States and FP7 Associated Countries with Australia, with a special focus on the reciprocity conditions of agreements;
- a comparative analysis of the level of involvement of European scientists in Australian programmes and the participation rates of Australian teams in European programmes, including a study of best practices;
- an analysis of the rules of participation and funding of European researchers;
- an inventory of the rules and regulations of existing programmes and analysis of the potential practical obstacles to participation for European researchers.

Awareness raising and profile building. The objectives of this work package are to raise the awareness of Australian institutions and programme owners of this project, to analyse aspects of the reciprocity of research programmes and to give recommendations to the European Commission based on the results of this analysis.

The portfolio of inter-connected ACCESS4EU projects is an innovative and well-timed effort to focus attention on the importance of moving towards a truly global research system in which researcher mobility and reciprocity in access to national funding schemes play a key role in national policy frameworks.

This work package will consist of:

- a kick-off conference with the participation of Australian programme owners to make them aware of the project;
- the dialogue with Australian programme owners, i.e. identifying relevant programme owners, conducting interviews and coming to conclusions;
- organising at least 2 workshops with programme owners and the relevant policy decision makers on enhancing opportunities for EU participation in Australian programmes.

Information dissemination and outreach aims to increase the European research community's opportunities to access Australian support and capability in order to stimulate, encourage and facilitate the participation of European organisations in the programmes managed by Australian programme owners. This work package aims to make optimum use of synergies with existing activities and projects and will also ensure broad public dissemination of the outcomes of WP 1 and 2.

This work package will concentrate on:

- the preparation of relevant information and its dissemination to EU researchers, as well as relevant stakeholders and policy makers;
- organising information and awareness activities by Australian programme owners in the EU via presentations and information days;
- developing an interactive website for researchers in the private, public and academic sectors and establishing links to other ACCESS4EU websites and to the common central ACCESS4EU webportal; and
- linking with other relevant ongoing Coordination and Support Actions.