

Learning from bilateral EU-Brazil S&T cooperation

On March 10th, the IRD-Brazil (*Institut de Recherche pour le Développement*) and the CNPq organized a meeting at the Delegation of the European Union in Brasilia addressed to European representatives of the bilateral cooperation in science, technology and innovation (STI) with Brazil.

It was the first meeting organized in Brazil by the APORTA Project whose main purpose is to better spread in the European scientific community the opportunities for joint research and/or innovation activities offered by the call for proposals of Brazilian agencies such as CNPq, FINEP, Faps and Capes.

First of all, this meeting aimed to present the APORTA Project to the interlocutors of bilateral cooperation as they are key players to disseminate Brazilian science in their countries.

Moreover, the meeting served to disclose the initial results of an ongoing survey of bilateral cooperation agreements and existing bilateral actions between EU Members States and Brazil. For this, 8 interviews were conducted with representatives of the bilateral cooperation of France, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Finland, Portugal, United Kingdom and Sweden. This study took into account the results and typology identified by a benchmarking report of cooperation programmes in STI conducted within the frame of the EULANEST Project on 5 European countries and 4 Latin-American countries, including Brazil.

This initial results of the ongoing study showed how various European countries perform efforts and allocate resources to establish scientific and technological relations with the Brazilian scientific community, and implement cooperation in science and technology based on common projects adapted to the cultural context and scientific interest of this country. Irrespective of the European Union, which provides a formal framework for collaboration and allocates its own resources for cooperation, participants agree on the need to improve relationships between Embassies and cooperation services of European countries and to increase the sharing of information. They could mutually benefit from their accumulated experiences.



Ángel Landabaso, Science and Technology Counsellor of the Delegation of European Union moderated the debate at the meeting. Ángel Altisent Peñas, Education Counsellor of the Embassy of Spain, Ademar Seabra da Cruz Junior, Counsellor of the Brazilian Foreign Affairs Ministry, Paulo César Gonçalves Egler, Coordinator of the Brazilian Bureau for Enhancing the International Cooperation with the European Union (B.Bice), Paulo César Siqueira, Multilateral Cooperation Coordinator at the CNPq, Jean-Loup Guyot, IRD Representative in Brazil and Patrick Séchet, responsible for the APORTA Project at the IRD office in Brasilia, were among the participants of the meeting.

The next meeting of the APORTA Project, on 19th of April, will bring together the Directors of Brazilian science and technology agencies and it will aim to launch a dialog process to increase the reciprocity in the cooperation with the European scientific community.

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