

The impressive economic and technological progress that South Korea has demonstrated for the last decades has brought the country to the forefront of the world's S&T powerhouses. This progress is firmly rooted in the principles of the knowledge-based economy pursued by South Korea. Korean RTD expenditure is about 3.5% of the country's GDP, well above the EU and OECD's average.

To further S&T cooperation between Europe and South Korea, an agreement on S&T cooperation was signed in November 2006. This agreement declares the importance of mutual access to the research, technological development and innovation (RTDI) programmes, projects and facilities of each party. This principle of reciprocity is a commitment that is crucial to building fair and mutually beneficial S&T cooperation.

The level of public awareness of cooperation opportunities for European researchers in Korean RTDI programmes, however, is still low. The KORRIDOR project aims to bridge this gap through disseminating information on existing cooperation opportunities and opening up new ones.



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What is KORRIDOR?

KORRIDOR is one of several ACCESS4EU projects which aim to increase the awareness in EU Member States and Associated Countries of opportunities for European researchers and research organisations to access RTDI programmes in industrialised partner countries outside the EU.

The KORRIDOR project specifically aims to widen and strengthen the RTDI cooperation between South Korea and Europe in common research areas of interest, by opening up opportunities for European researchers in Korean research and innovation programmes, facilitating joint research initiatives supported by the Korean side and improving the cooperative climate between Europe and Korea.

KORRIDOR runs for a duration of two years (December 2009 to November 2011) and involves five partners from three different countries (Germany, France and South Korea).

What can KORRIDOR do for you?

In the framework of KORRIDOR the following activities are planned:

- Mapping existing access opportunities for Europeans in Korean RTDI programmes
- Setting up an RTDI database featuring information on current South Korean programmes open for European researchers
- Preparing Participation Guidelines and FAQs for European researchers interested in participating in Korean RTDI programmes
- Preparing recommendations for the EU-South Korea Joint S&T Cooperation Committee
- Organising information days in Europe in order to promote the identified access opportunities
- Organising a conference "EU-Korea S&T Cooperation: mutual opportunities and benefits"
- Setting up a helpdesk at KIST Europe

Database of RTDI programmes

A useful tool developed in the framework of all ACCESS4EU projects is the RTDI Programme Database that acts as "one-stop-shop" for information on RTDI programmes in South Korea and other partner countries with which the EU has S&T agreements.

The database offers various ways of searching for funding programmes, for instance, by country or by research theme (according to the existing FP7 themes). All information is presented in English.

The database is not only useful for European (and other) researchers interested in cooperation with South Korea, but also for policy makers and other stakeholders who would like to know more about the South Korean research and innovation landscape.

The database is accessible on the general ACCESS4EU website at:

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