

3. Expected impact

In the short-term, the project will contribute to identifying the most suitable funding opportunities, providing clear and transparent guidelines for their uptake, and building a system of facilitation services (Helpdesk, NCP network), dissemination and promotion. It should result in an increase of European RTD teams willing to engage with Korean counterparts in Korean RTD programmes. Moreover, initial bilateral partnerships will have greater chances of success, thanks to a better choice of opportunities, better quality of proposals and support during the proposal preparation and submission process.

In the long-term, the project will help in identifying existing obstacles and pitfalls (legal, organisational, etc.) and directing the dialogue with the major agenda-setting entities in EU-Korea S&T Cooperation, in order to initiate the necessary improvements in the frameworks for European participation in Korean RTD programmes. The policy paper will highlight the current problems, and describe the progress and further actions which should be undertaken in this direction. The improvement of the frameworks shall lead to the increase of effective collaborations of European research organisations in Korean programmes, as well as the less-readily measurable improvement of mutual understanding of the respective research systems in Europe and Korea. A long-term impact is also expected on researchers' mobility between Korea and Europe.

List of Partners

- **International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the German Aerospace Centre – DLR – Germany**
- **Centre National de Recherche Scientifique – CNRS – France**
- **Korea Institute for the Advancement of Technology – KIAT – South Korea**
- **National Research Foundation of Korea – NRF – South Korea**



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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. Background and objectives

The Republic of South Korea is one of the priority partners of the European Union (EU) in the global economy. The impressive economic and technological progress South Korea has been demonstrating for the last several decades has brought the country to the forefront of the world's powerhouses. This progress is firmly rooted in the principles of the 'knowledge-based economy' that South Korea is consistently pursuing. The Korean economy is now the 12th largest in the world, and a key trade and investment partner for Europe. Korean RTD expenditures are above 4% of the country's GDP, well above Europe and the OECD average. Korea is among the world's most technologically advanced and digitally connected countries and a recognized market leader in electronics, mobile communication and the automotive sector. Korea is one of the most important EU RTD partners, with well established legal frameworks for cooperation.

At the same time, the level of public awareness of cooperative opportunities for European researchers in Korean research and innovation programmes is still low. Addressing this issue, the project's



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overall objective is to widen and strengthen the scientific cooperation between Korea and the EU in common research areas of interest by opening up access opportunities for European research groups in Korean national research and/or innovation programmes, facilitating joint research initiatives supported by the Korean side and contributing thereby to the improvement of the cooperative climate between Europe and Korea.

2. Implementation and dissemination activities

The project will set up an expert working group comprised of leading representatives from Korean S&T policy implementation agencies and European experts. This group will map all existing thematic and organisational options open to European participation. It will study the participation regime and existing problems and will develop recommendations. The findings obtained by the working group will be presented in a policy paper, participation guidelines, FAQ document, etc.

The Korean RTD programmes' Helpdesk service will be set up in Europe to provide fast and free consulting and advice services on access opportunities, legal, organisational, financial and cultural issues and available supporting mechanisms. Additionally, this Helpdesk will monitor the participation of European researchers in Korean RTD programmes and distribute

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this information to all stakeholders. The aim is to equip existing multipliers (European INCO NCPs, all Korean FP7 NCPs) with the project findings and facilitate partner search and consortia building and provide consulting services and advice both in Europe and Korea.

A range of dissemination and liaison-building mechanisms will be used:

- organising Korean RTD workshops/stands/booths collocated with selected European flagship RTD events in order to promote access opportunities;
- organising a conference on the 'EU-Korea S&T Cooperation: mutual opportunities and benefits' to promote bilateral cooperation and raise awareness on access opportunities to Korean RTD programmes;
- setting up a project webpage in a common web portal of the ACCESS4EU projects;
- reporting on project findings to the members of the Joint Committee on the EU-Korean S&T Agreement on the occasion of their annual meeting;
- issuing and circulating newsletters, publications and promotional materials.