

## EU-Australia S&T cooperation

- The EU is Australia's largest scientific partner. There is a growing awareness of the value of closer European-Australian collaboration in research from both the research and policy communities.
- In 1994 Australia was the first country to sign an S&T agreement with the EU and since then cooperation has steadily increased across a diverse range of areas.
- The EC-Australia S&T cooperation roadmap aims to strengthen cooperation in specific areas and use collaborative research to address global challenges.
- The EU-Australia Partnership Framework, adopted in 2008, agrees to ongoing collaboration in innovation, science and research.
- Australia's participation in the EU Framework Programme is underpinned by strong bilateral research collaboration with a number of EU countries.



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## Project consortium and contact

A number of partners are involved in the project:

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

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## AUS-ACCESS4EU

Supporting EU Access to Australian Research Programmes



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## What is AUS-ACCESS4EU?

ACCESS4EU projects aim to increase the European research community's awareness of opportunities to participate in research, technological development and innovation (RTDI) programmes in industrialised partner countries outside the EU. In this context AUS-ACCESS4EU will:

- highlight Australia's distinctive research strengths and resources, where they may complement those of the various European regions;
- map opportunities open to European researchers and provide this information through an RTDI database and information days in Europe;
- identify barriers to greater European participation at policy and practical levels;
- discuss project data with key Australian programme owners and other stakeholders, providing the opportunity to facilitate further development of cooperative research policies.

The project runs from October 2009 to September 2011.



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## What can AUS-ACCESS4EU do for you?

- We map existing access opportunities for Europeans in Australian RTDI programmes.
- We develop practical participation guidelines and FAQs for European researchers interested in participating in Australian RTDI programmes.
- We organise information days in major European cities to give researchers, research managers and administrators the opportunity to meet Australian programme managers and find out more about the programmes on offer. Details of forthcoming information days are listed on the Events page on our website.
- We regularly publish up-to-date information in our AUS-ACCESS4EU e-newsletter which is downloadable from our website at [www.aus-access4.eu](http://www.aus-access4.eu).
- AUS-ACCESS4EU partners will inform the Australia-European Union Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee (JSTCC) on the state of S&T cooperation and present recommendations to strengthen the Australian-EU S&T relationship.



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## Database of RTDI programmes

A 'one-stop shop' providing a wide range of information about research and innovation programmes open to EU researchers can be accessed in the RTDI programme database on the ACCESS4EU web portal at [www.access4.eu](http://www.access4.eu)

Individual ACCESS4EU projects focus on the following countries:

Australia	India	South Africa
Brazil	Mexico	South Korea
Canada	New Zealand	USA
China	Russia	

The web portal and database are not only useful for European (and other) researchers interested in cooperation with Third Countries, but also for policy makers and other stakeholders who would like to know more about the research and innovation landscapes in the ACCESS4EU countries.



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