



SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY – EUROPE AFRICA PROGRAMME (ST-EAP)

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ST-EAP: The Science and Technology – Europe Africa Project (ST-EAP)

- A programme funded by the European Union as a specific support action
- The overall goal is to increase potential for S&T co-operation between Africa and Europe through awareness creation of the EU funding mechanisms
- Partners
 1. The African Academy of Sciences (AAS)
 - A capacity building organisation with a view to increasing capacity in basic sciences. AAS also undertakes policy advocacy on pertinent issues in Africa such as energy and climatic changes
 2. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in South Africa.
 - A leading South African Scientific and Technological research organisation, undertaking directed and multidisciplinary research

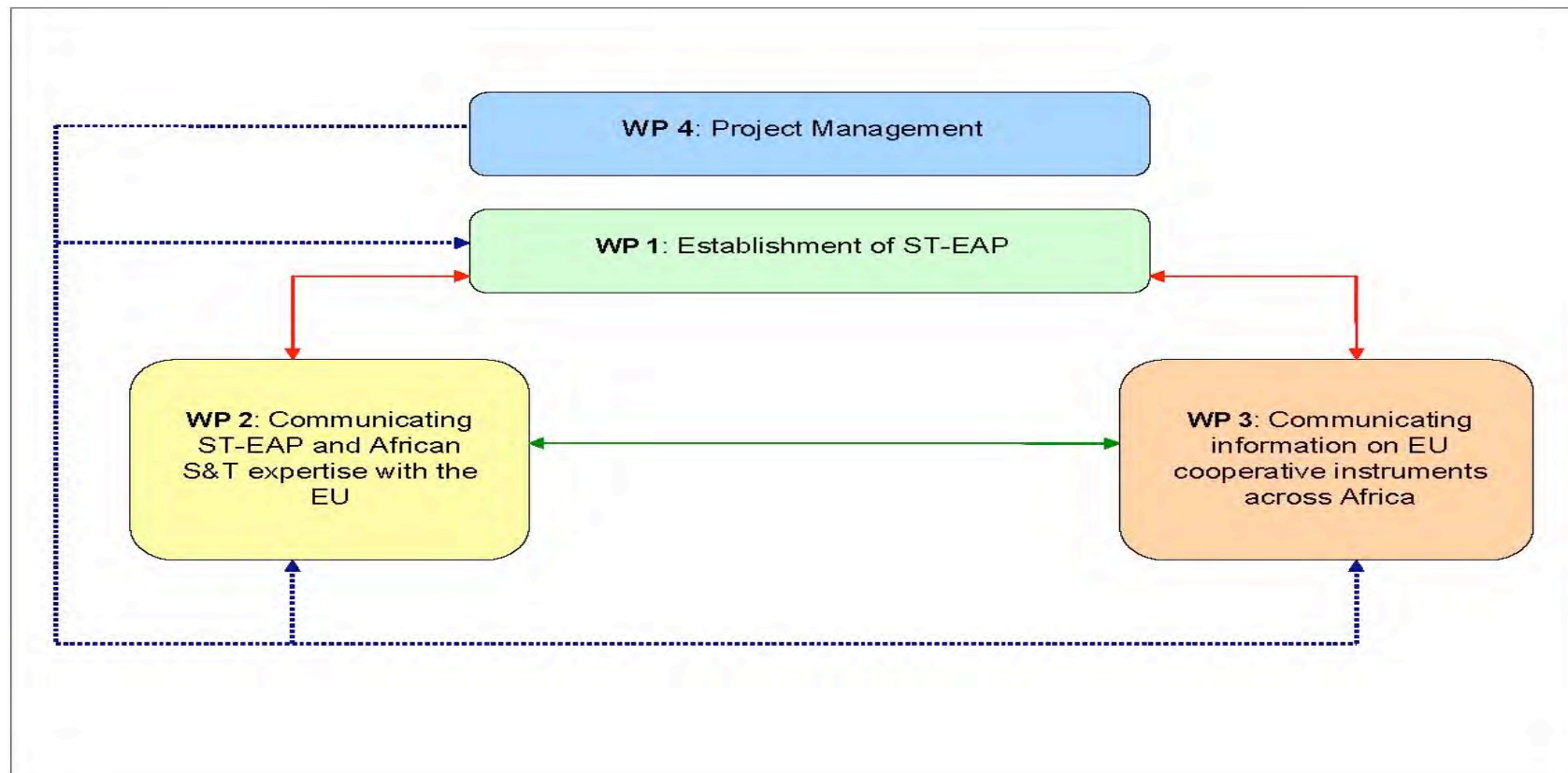


Background

- In Africa, there is under-utilization of good researchers due to a lack of good programmes and funding resources.
- The EU seeks to enhance its specific programme, "integrating and Strengthening the Europe Research Area (ERA)" which is now open to African Researchers
 - Better uptake (both quantitative and qualitative) of African research institutions in Framework Programme 7 (FP7) research programmes
- Thus the creation of ST-EAP to increase awareness of the EU funding mechanisms, in particular FP7

How does ST-EAP achieve its objectives?

The work plan to achieve ST-EAP's objectives involves 4 work packages (WP), with each comprising deliverables.



Activities

• WP 1 – Establishment of ST-EAP

- Launching of ST-EAP
- Evaluation of ST-EAP structure, impact and sustainability

• WP 2 – Communicating African S&T Expertise with the EU

- Mapping Africa's S&T expertise - Consolidation of a database of African Scientists and institutions that will act as a reference source
- Fostering networks
- Identifying centres/networks of excellence in FP7 thematic priority areas, and promoting networking between them and European research consortia

Activities

•WP 3 – Communicating Information on EU Co-Operation Instruments Across Africa

- Making well targeted presentations such as the EU/ICT Africa conferences
- Hosting awareness workshops – In Europe and Africa
- Promotion of electronic information exchanges such as e-newsletters and e-bulletins
- Analysis of African FP participation, development of FP success stories and case studies

•WP 4 – Project Co-ordination and Management

- Administrative and financial management
- Project outcomes dissemination
- Gender and transformation promotion

Expected Outcomes

Increase in the awareness of what the EU and the African S&T expertise bases have to offer one another in the development of FP projects which will lead to

1. An increase in the number of FP consortia of which African scientists are members
2. An increase in the number of successful proposals including African scientists
3. African Scientists seek to benefit by understanding more about the EU frameworks. African Institutions will build capacity through strategic collaborations

Achievements

From its establishment in 2007 ST-EAP's achievements can be summarised as:

1. Establishment of the project
2. Increased awareness of the EU funding mechanisms. ST-EAP has participated in more than 10 workshops within the past year
3. A creation of a S&T virtual community

How is ST-EAP different from Euro-Africa ICT?

- Similarity
 - Both funded by the EU as Specific Support Action (SSA)
- Difference
 - Euro-Africa ICT focuses on the ICT theme within FP7 while ST-EAP creates awareness broadly over all the FP7 thematic areas

Thank you for Your attention

For more information please visit

ST-EAP: www.st-eap.org

EU: cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

CSIR: www.csir.co.za

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