

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Lessons Learnt from EU-Brazil Cooperation

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Initial Remarks

- The S&T agreement between EU and Brazil was signed in 2003.
- The first meeting of the Steering Committee in Brasilia was at the end of 2007.
- The S&T agreement does not include any financial commitment.
- Some areas are identified as priority: ICT, biotechnology, bioinformatics, space, materials, health, etc.

Institutional Frameworks

- The agreement is being implemented by the adoption of two institutional arrangements:
 - The Steering Committee – DG R&I
 - The Information Society Dialogue – DG CONNECT
- The first covers all the ST&I thematic areas, excluding ICT.
- The second is only for ICT, but covers more comprehensive issues – ST&I; legislations, and regulations aspects.

Highlights from the two arrangements



- The Steering Committee has not achieved significant progresses taking into account that it was not able to identify priorities for the cooperation and to establish an implementing mechanism.
- For the ST&I domain the Information Society Dialogue developed a prioritisation exercise, and mainly an implementation mechanism: the coordinated calls.

Advantages of the Coordinated Calls



- Better identification of the common interest areas for the cooperation in ST&I between EU and Brazil what minimizes the risk of lack of proposals and of relevant actors involvement.
- Commitment of the EU and the Brazilian Government in allocating financial funds for supporting the international cooperation activities in ST&I.
- Reduction of difficulties for establishing the consortiums.

Problems to be solved by Brazil

- Reduction of the asymmetries between EU and Brazilian financial instruments and procedures.
- Availability of financial funds for supporting ST&I international cooperation activities.
- Availability of administrative and legal support for the participating institutions, mainly the SMEs.

What about the future?

- Under Horizon 2020 Brazil is not anymore eligible to EU funds.
- The impacts of this decision on the EU-Brazil international cooperation in ST&I will be immense.
- The two institutional arrangements that are nowadays in place in Brazil should be more coordinated, integrated, and analysed.
- The LA political context should not nurture the EU decisions on ST&I international cooperation activities.

Thank you

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