



## Introduction of the LINK2US project

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BILAT USA  
Link2US

## A new platform fostering the strategic EU – US S&T Cooperation



## Why a new platform?

- A “Window of Opportunity” for trans-Atlantic relations
- Further dialogue informed by policy-relevant research between the EU and the U.S.
- Strategic partnership and focus on strong common ground, i.e. innovation and technology, as good chance to provide leadership
- 2 complementary FP7 projects forming one platform to improve

## Who is involved?

**EU**  
**AT:** FFG: Coordinator  
Bilat-USA  
**HU:** TETALAP  
**IT:** APRE  
**LU:** Intrasoft

**US**  
**AAAS:** Coordinator  
Link2US



## Objective

Improve the awareness of European scientists and research organisations on U.S. collaborative funding schemes and increase their success in participating in these schemes with the aim to enhance cooperative research between EU and American counterparts.

## What does Link2US do?

- analyses U.S. national funding programme opportunities open to EU researchers and research organisations
- identifies potential obstacles to S&T cooperation in order to give recommendations / solutions for their avoidance
- provides informative awareness raising events

## What does BILAT-USA do?

- brings together relevant stakeholders from both sides of the Atlantic
- organises science fora at policy level, symposia on cross-cutting issues, workshops and brokerage events
- provides information on S&T cooperation activities and EU grant opportunities in order to facilitate new partnerships
- offers a web-site with EU-U.S. S&T related news, events and documents

## How can YOU benefit?

- Online platform with all relevant up-to-date information related to EU-U.S. S&T cooperation ([www.EuUsScienceTechnology.eu](http://www.EuUsScienceTechnology.eu))
- Documents, analyses and reports, such as
  - U.S. Funding Programmes open to European Researchers (available online)
  - FP7 Calls targeting cooperation with the U.S. (available online)
  - S&T Agreements between the U.S. and the EU, 27 Member States and Associated Countries (available online)
  - Barriers to Cooperation: EU researchers participation in U.S. Funding Programmes (under preparation)

## How can YOU benefit?

- Calendar with important upcoming events, meetings, actions, etc
  - e.g. Symposium on trans-Atlantic EU-U.S. cooperation in the field of large scale research infrastructures (9 June 2011, at FP7 Health Info Day, Brussels)
- E-Newsletter, providing information about the project's activities, as well as news and events of other related initiatives/networks/organizations in EU-U.S. cooperation

[www.EuUsScienceTechnology.eu/home/newsletter.html](http://www.EuUsScienceTechnology.eu/home/newsletter.html)

- Virtual helpdesk, giving assistance with the details of finding and applying for funding in the U.S.
  - Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm European time

## [www.EuUsScienceTechnology.eu](http://www.EuUsScienceTechnology.eu)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the BILAT USA Link US website. The header includes the logo and navigation links for HOME, BILAT USA, and LINK2US. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- HOME**: Overview, Framework of EU-U.S. S&T Cooperation, Documents & Publications, News & Events, Newsletter, Mutual Links, Contact and Feedback, FAQ, Search.
- News**:
  - Environment 2011 Calls within the FP7
  - Green Week 2010
  - Science Magazine Discusses European Union Research
  - Reaffirmation of the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate
  - Funding for 10 New Health Centers Announced
- Events**:
  - Exercise Open Forum (EOF)
  - 7th Framework Programme - FP7 (2007-2013) Energy Research Information Day - 2011 calls launch, 8 July 2010
  - Sale Day: FP7 Environment and Eco-Innovation Calls 2011
  - The World Water Week 2010
  - ICT Conference
- About the Portal**: This portal is dedicated to provide up-to-date information regarding science and technology (S&T) cooperation between the European Union and the United States. This web portal consists of three dedicated websites:
  - News will provide you an overview of EU-U.S. S&T cooperation, which includes:
    - various cooperation schemes such as EU-U.S. S&T Agreements, bilateral S&T agreements between member states and the US as well as cooperation within the 7th Framework Programme;
    - the most up-to-date S&T News from EU and U.S.;
    - Quarterly E-Newsletter;
    - Access to relevant Documents & Publications;
    - Link;
  - BILAT USA Project will provide information on the 7th Framework Programme including the open calls targeting.
- About the Projects**: Two new projects were launched in October 2009: "BILAT USA" and "Link2US". Supported by the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme (FP7), these complementary projects enhance EU-U.S. S&T cooperation through dialogue and information exchange activities between the EU and the United States and create greater awareness on both sides of the range of opportunities for S&T cooperation. The outcome of these activities will contribute to encouraging barriers to cooperation, developing cooperative research policies and topics, and formulating respective FP7 projects. In more pragmatic terms, the BILAT-USA and Link2US projects will together serve as an information platform for identifying funding programmes for cooperative research projects and facilitating fostering trans-Atlantic EU-U.S. cooperation.

Logos for the European Research Area and the Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation are visible in the bottom left corner.

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