



## Fact Sheet APORTA

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### Project Partners

Name	Acronym	Country
1 Project Management Organisation of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research – German Aerospace Centre	<b>DLR</b>	Germany
2 Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas	<b>FORTH</b>	Greece
3 Institute for Development Research	<b>IRD</b>	France
4 National Council for Scientific and Technological Development	<b>CNPq</b>	Brazil

### General information about ACCESS4EU-Projects

Although the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7) is generally open to third country participation, reciprocal access to R&D programmes is still a crucial point, stressed in the bilateral S&T agreements between the EU and third countries. In this context, ACCESS4EU-projects work towards reciprocity of access opportunities by enhancing the participation of EU researchers in national research programmes of third countries through the following activities:

- Identification of access opportunities to European researchers in the national research and/or innovation programmes of the target countries.
- Analysis of the rules of participation and of potential obstacles for the funding of European researchers in programmes of target countries.
- Dissemination of the results to European research organisations and multipliers, information and awareness activities
- Monitoring of the participation of researchers from the Member States and Associated Countries to the programmes managed by the target country.
- Provide feedback for use by the Commission in the context of the Joint Committee meetings of the S&T agreements and make appropriate recommendation to ensure matching reciprocity from the target country.

### **Project description**

Within the framework of ACCESS4EU-projects, APORTA aims at enhancing the access opportunities, and hence the active cooperation of EU member states research institutions in the national research and innovation programmes facilitated by Brazil. Essentially, the project focuses on a substantial collection of information regarding national research and innovation capacities and programmes within Brazil. Together with this, Brazilian authorities are made aware of the advantages of programmes accessible for EU-participation. However, the primary objective is to disseminate this information to the widest possible number of researchers and other stakeholders in the European Research Area, aiming at the creation of effective collaboration activities between the EU and Brazilian research community. In addition the project contributes to the work of the Brazilian-European Steering Commission by identifying how stronger synergies can be achieved between FP7 and Brazilian national and innovation programmes. The results of APORTA will be publicly available on a common ACCESS4EU web portal, and presented during information days and relevant events in Europe. The expected impact of the project will be the reinforcement of the current bilateral S&T agreement between Brazil and the EU, an increased participation of EU scientists in Brazilian research and innovation programmes, and a better understanding of the reciprocity of such programmes on both sides.

In order to assure a successful project implementation, APORTA is divided into four work packages (WP):

#### **WP1 – Inventory and monitoring**

- Mapping and inventory of Brazilian national research programmes open to European researchers
- Analysis of the framework conditions for access
- Implementation of information on access opportunities for EU researchers
- Monitoring the participation of EU researchers and institutes in Brazilian national research programmes

#### **WP2 - Dialogue with the EC and Brazilian Programme owners**

- Awareness raising among Brazilian programme owners and pointing out advantages of access for European researchers
- Workshops on enhancing opportunities of EU participation in Brazilian programmes with relevant political decision makers and programme owners

#### **WP3 - Information dissemination and outreach**

- Awareness raising among European researchers on funding opportunities within Brazilian programmes, raising numbers of participation in programmes open to European researchers
- Creating strong networks between APORTA and bilateral programmes
- Linking up APORTA with other ACCESS4EU projects and contributing to a common ACCESS4EU web portal

#### **WP4 - Project Coordination and Management**

- Project implementation management and coordination of the project

#### **Active participation of the International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (DLR)**

The International Bureau is responsible for the coordination of APORTA and actively involved in other work packages.

#### **State of affairs and intermediate results**

APORTA was launched on October 1, 2009. Since then, tasks of mainly work packages 1 and 2 are being carried out: Mapping and inventory of Brazilian national research programmes open to European researchers and the dialogue with Brazilian S&T funding organisations. This work is a prerequisite for the information of and awareness raising among European researchers in work package 3. Here an online database was launched in mid-2010, which contains information on funding opportunities for European scientists in ACCESS4EU target countries.

#### **Highlights**

The kick-off meeting with all consortium partners took place in Bonn in December 2009.

In February 2010, [www.access4.eu/brazil](http://www.access4.eu/brazil) went online as part of the common ACCESS4EU web portal. The website features background information on S&T in Brazil and on EU-Brazilian research cooperation between as well as a database of Brazilian programmes and calls open for European researchers.

In April 2010, the first conference with relevant Brazilian political decision makers and programme owners took place in Brasilia, Brazil.

As coordinator of APORTA, the International Bureau participated in the fourth „Brazil-EU Steering Committee of S&T Cooperation“ which gathered high level authorities in Brussels in December 2010. First project results were presented.

#### **Planned activities until mid-2011**

In the first half of 2011, a conference directed at relevant Brazilian political decision makers and S&T programme owners will take place, exploring the current possibilities of European participation in Brazilian programmes and calls.