

The third work package focuses on *'Information dissemination and outreach'*. In order to achieve a maximum outreach of the project and effective impact in EU research institutions, APORTA will follow the *'Common Dissemination Strategy'* for all ACCESS4EU projects – above all through taking part in an overall ACCESS4EU web portal, joint information days, contributing to a newsletter, etc. On the ACCESS4EU web portal, as well as on a specific APORTA website, a database will be made available including all national calls open for European researchers.

The fourth work package is dedicated to *'Project Coordination and Management'*, thus ensuring a successful implementation and outcome for APORTA.

3. Expected impact

APORTA will provide feedback to the European Commission in the context of the Joint Committee meetings of the S&T agreement between Brazil and the EU. By making recommendations regarding current possibilities and obstacles, APORTA intends to enhance the reciprocity laid down in the S&T cooperation agreement and increase the mutual benefits for both sides. The expected impact of APORTA will thus be an increased participation of EU scientists in Brazilian research and innovation programmes and a closer interaction and cooperation.

List of Partners

- **International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the German Aerospace Center – DLR – Germany**
- **Foundation of Research and Technology Hellas – Forth – Greece**
- **Institute of Research for Development – IRD – France**
- **National Council for Scientific and Technological Development – CNPq – Brazil**



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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. Background and objectives

Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world, both in terms of territory and of population. As a key emerging world economic power, Brazil is an important partner country for the EU in Latin America.

Brazil's government is aware of the importance of science and innovation for the country's economy and society. Due to special efforts of Brazilian policy, the scientific production of the country has grown fast in the last few years and Brazil now accounts for about 2 % of the scientific production worldwide. National innovation efforts have made Brazil a leading actor in technology intensive areas such as off shore petrol mining, construction of aircrafts and the production and use of bio-fuels. Through the governmental 'Action Plan for Science, Technology and Innovation', Brazil is investing EUR 17 billion in the national research and development system in the period from 2007 to 2010.



“ Each ACCESS4EU target country is unique. But, within the ACCESS4EU framework, we aim to create one single gateway to research programmes around the world. ”

More recently, in the context of the 2nd Brazil – European Union Summit (Rio de Janeiro on December 22nd, 2008) both the European Union as well as Brazil stated, once again, their commitment to collaborate in the field of Science and Technology and to foster cooperation in this field. S&T cooperation with Brazil dates back to 2004 when the S&T agreement was signed.

Access4EU-projects as such are aimed at increasing S&T cooperation between the EU and third countries by identifying access opportunities for European researchers in national research and/or innovation programmes managed by third countries.

APORTA, the ACCESS4EU directed to Brazil, meets the challenge of raising awareness among EU researchers about opportunities offered by Brazilian research and innovation programmes. APORTA strives to enhance the participation, and hence the active cooperation of EU Member States' research institutions in the national research and innovation programmes managed by Brazil.

2. Implementation and dissemination activities

APORTA focuses on collecting information regarding national research and innovation capacities and programmes within Brazil. A further objective is to widely disseminate this information to researchers and other stakeholders in the European Research Area, aiming at the creation of effective collaboration

activities between the EU and the Brazilian research community. The results of APORTA will be publicly available on a common ACCESS4EU web portal (www.access4.eu), and presented during information days and relevant events in Europe.

APORTA is divided into four work packages. The first work package is aimed at '*Inventory and monitoring*' and can be considered as the analytical cornerstone that will be used for the development of the dissemination and information instruments in further work packages. A mapping and inventory of Brazilian national research programmes will be carried out. The rules of participation and funding of European organisations and researchers as well as the potential obstacles to their participation, will be analysed. Additionally, the participation of EU researchers and institutes in Brazilian national research programmes shall be monitored.

The second work package targets the '*Dialogue with the EC and Brazilian Programme owners*'. The EC as well as Brazilian programme owners, who are responsible for setting the rules and regulations of access conditions, will be involved from the beginning in a close dialogue through a series of conferences, workshops and continuous exchange through other means of communication.

