

3. Expected impact

INDIA GATE is structured to maximise the impacts expected by the programme. As a main objective, INDIA GATE intends to **increase the S&T cooperation between India and the EU** by improving access to information on funding opportunities available in India for European organisations. It will identify Indian research and innovation funding programmes, obstacles for participation and make the information available in a user-friendly way to stimulate, encourage and facilitate participation of European researchers in those programmes. It will also monitor the participation rate of European organisations to provide relevant information to decision makers on the actual current situation. The expected impact is to have an increased number of projects implemented by consortium composed of both EU and Indian partners, an increased mutual understanding, an enhanced information flow, improved know-how on cooperation opportunities and enhanced capacity related to project development and implementation.

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- EIRC Consulting Private Limited – EIRC – India
- The Brussels Enterprise Agency – BEA – Belgium
- Indian Institute of Foreign Trade – CITT – India

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. Background and objectives

The main objective of the INDIA GATE project is to increase the S&T cooperation between India and the EU by creating a ‘one-stop shop’ for funding opportunities that are available in India for European organisations. The S&T agreement between India and EU recognises the mutual benefit of access to respective funding programmes, and while several initiatives exist to support Indian organisations’ participation in the Seventh Framework Programme, INDIA GATE aims to play a similar role for European organisations willing to participate to Indian RTD programmes. The INDIA GATE project will identify Indian research and innovation funding programmes, the obstacles that could prevent EU researchers and organisations from taking part in the identified opportunities and make the information available in a user-friendly manner to stimulate, encourage and facilitate participation.





Understanding the Indian research landscape to help drawing a new Euro – Indian cooperation.

The intention to create synergies between S&T initiatives is reflected in the Government of India's XI Five-Year Plan (2007-2012) as well as in the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research & Technological Development; several joint calls have already been launched. There are also many other funding programmes in India open to European organizations, most of them within the frame of bilateral agreements between individual EU Member States and India. The INDIA GATE project will play an important role in providing information on the current situation and feedback, with suggestions on how to improve the current status.

The strategic objectives of INDIA GATE are to:

- **map and identify funding opportunities** open for European organisations in India with a focus on their reciprocity character, rules of participation and funding rates;
- **analyse** the obstacles for participation with focus on their reciprocity conditions;
- **review** the bilateral agreements between EU Member States and India;
- **improve** the flow of information on programmes and funding opportunities (Initiatives of the Government of India, Bilateral Programmes) designed to support scientific and technological cooperation between the EU and India;
- **enhance** know how on cultural differences in business conduct and working style via a user friendly e-training;

- **identify** and demonstrate mutual understanding, interest and benefit in S&T cooperation between the EU and India;
- **monitor the participation rate** of European organisations in Indian funded programmes;
- **develop feedback** and recommendations for decision makers and **provide expert input** to the Joint Committee meetings;
- **increase the mutual understanding** of respective research systems.

2. Implementation and dissemination activities

The India Gate project starts with a review of the available funding opportunities and an analysis of the obstacles facing European organisations wanting to take part in Indian funded projects. The information will support the development of effective dissemination tools to be used in the dissemination strategy. A dynamic webpage will be developed and serve as a 'one-stop shop' for information on Indian programmes open to European organisations, with all relevant information available both in web format, e-training format and as downloadable material. Additionally, the participation rate will be monitored allowing to provide expert input to decision makers and the Joint Committee of the EU S&T cooperation agreement.

The dissemination activities will focus on:

- **raising awareness** of the Indian S&T programmes and encouraging participation of European researchers;
- **preparing relevant information** and disseminating it to European stakeholders;
- **enhancing the information flow** and facilitating multilevel information exchange;
- **creating synergies** with the other ACCESS4EU projects.