

3. Expected impact

The ACCESS2MEXCYT project will on the one hand provide the EU researchers with relevant information about access opportunities in Mexican research and innovation programmes, and on the other, the Mexican research community with opportunities for cooperation and for establishing new partnerships. Therefore, it is expected that the increased awareness from both sides will lead to a higher participation of EU researchers in Mexican research programmes, thus contributing to enlarge the scope of cooperation opportunities between Mexico and EU in the field of research.

From the perspective of political impact on the cooperation between the EU and Mexico, the project will contribute, with specific information and recommendations, to the EU-Mexico S&T dialogue in the frame of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) on the issue of 'reciprocity' in S&T cooperation.

The synergies with other EU-Mexico initiatives, such as UEMEXCYT II (European Union-Mexico Cooperation Programme on Science and Technology), with other relevant S&T projects and with other ACCESS4EU projects, will reinforce the impact of project activities.

List of Partners

- **Agency for the Promotion of European Research** – APRE – Italy
- **Centre of Studies for EU-Latin American Relations** – CERCAL – Belgium
- **National Council of Science and Technology** – CONACYT – Mexico
- **Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas** – FORTH – Greece
- **Institute of Research for Development** – IRD – France
- **Austrian Latin American Institute** – LAI – Austria



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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

1. Background and objectives

The starting point of the project is the ongoing international cooperation between Mexico and the EU, and in particular the sectoral agreement on Science and Technology signed in 2004, based on the principles of mutual benefit and access to EU and Mexican research programmes.

The ACCESS2MEXCYT project aims at increasing the awareness and the participation of EU research institutions (universities, public and private research centers, SMEs, etc.) in the Mexican research and innovation programmes. The expected results are (i) to identify and disseminate access opportunities for European researchers in research programmes managed by Mexico and (ii) to improve S&T cooperation between the EU and Mexico.

In addition, the project will provide valuable information to the EU-Mexico Joint Steering Committee (JSC) of the S&T Cooperation Agreement, in view of contributing to the dialogue on strengthening S&T cooperation between the EU and Mexico.



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2. Implementation and dissemination activities

The strength of the consortium lies in putting together key institutions with long experience in international cooperation and with wide networks both at governmental level and in the European and Mexican research communities.

The partners will:

- map Mexican research and innovation programmes and bilateral S&T agreements between Mexico and Member States, and identify barriers to EU participation in these programmes;
- raise awareness amongst EU researchers about Mexican research and innovation programmes, facilitate their access to information and promote their participation in these programmes;
- monitor the participation of European researchers in Mexican research and innovation programmes;
- provide feedback to the European Commission and to the EU-Mexico Joint Steering Committee (JSC) about the opportunities and obstacles for EU researchers and present suggestions to improve S&T cooperation.

All the dissemination activities will be conducted in coordination with other ACCESS4EU projects, in order to provide a complete picture of the opportunities in Third Countries.

The strategy for the dissemination of the information collected is based on the identification of the target public from one side and the dissemination actions foreseen, that are:

- brochure on the Mexican S&T funds and programmes opened to EU;
- short video on Mexican research capacities, national research and innovation programmes and the ACCESS2MEXCYT project;
- newsletters on access opportunities and opportunities of collaboration;
- project website;
- presentations of access opportunities in events organised by the European NCP networks;
- info-days;
- brokerage event in Mexico to build new partnerships.

To ensure a maximum attendance of researchers from all over Europe, the Info-days will be organised in coordination with other ACCESS4EU project events and/or other relevant EU S&T events. The events will preferably be organised as back-to-back events of European scientific conferences or Info Days.