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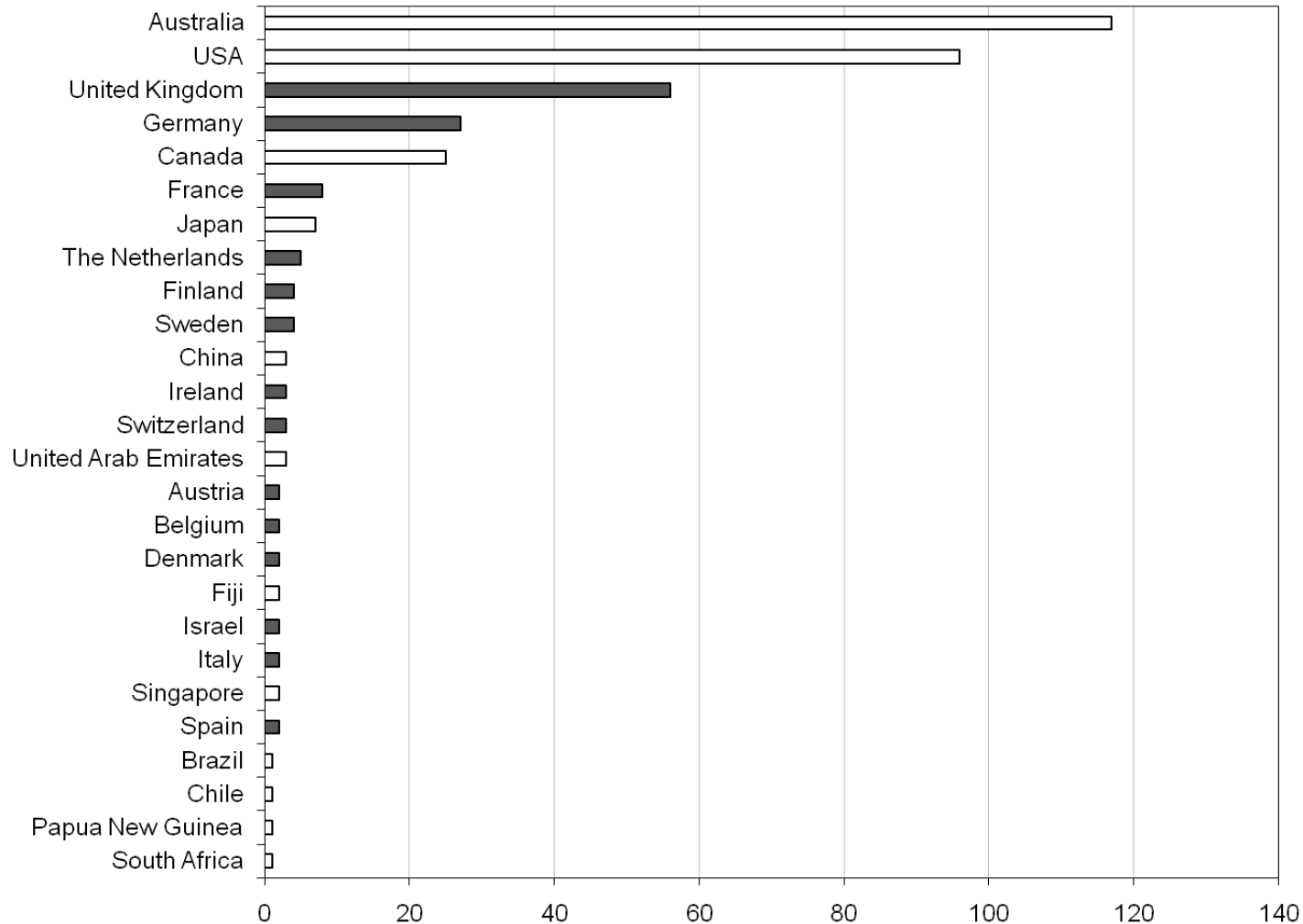
Facilitating Research & Innovation
Cooperation between Europe and NZ

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Recipients of Vote RS&T support by nation for project funding



FRIENZ - Overview

- New and deeper strategic science and innovation partnerships
- A greater understanding of the conditions needed to stimulate the engagement of private sector and commercial enterprises in NZ and EU schemes
- Closer institutional (research organisation/funder) bilateral collaboration
- Greater awareness among NZ and EU science and innovation communities of opportunities of mutually beneficial research related activities

FRIENZ - Underpinning Framework

Supporting JSTCC and policy level initiatives	
Relationship building at Member State, organisation and individual level	Programme development to strengthen strategic alliances using existing/new instruments
Stimulate private sector and commercial engagement in science and innovation	
NCP support for researcher collaboration and mobility to strengthen the sharing of ideas and processes	

FRIENZ - Expected impact

- Support for future JSTCC discussions, through implementing current and future EU-NZ Science & Technology and Innovation Cooperation Roadmaps.
- New strategic science and innovation partnerships between NZ and European actors in priority areas to increase the scale and scope of the relationship, using NZ, EC and Member State instruments.
- An increase in the NZ connections to Member States, utilising FRIENZ partner organisations' extensive cross European networks.
- A better understanding of best practice in delivering the policy environment/conditions to stimulate the engagement of private sector and commercial enterprises in NZ and European research and innovation schemes.

FRIENZ - Expected impact cont.

- The identification of a strategic approach towards programme level cooperation (with the EC or MS Partners), and identification of those priority areas where benefit from such an approach will accrue.
- A community of research and innovation actors in Europe and NZ, well informed of opportunities for mobility and collaboration opportunities afforded by the EU, and NZ and bilateral partner agencies.
- An increase in the use of existing mechanisms for researcher mobility, both targeted to priority organisations/countries and on a bottom-up basis.

WP1 – Support of JSTCC Activities

Goals:

- Support the activities of the EU-NZ Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (JSTCC)

Activities:

- Brussels based Science & Innovation Councillor and Sector Contact Points to identify strategic organisations for NZ/EU cooperation
- MBIE Chief Science Advisor to undertake annual visits to Europe to strengthen relationships
- Annual update on policy trends to allow the allocation of funding to emerging opportunities

WP2 – Innovation policy and evaluation

Goals:

- Identification of policy approaches to support cooperation in research and innovation

Activities:

- Analysis of innovation measures in NZ and selected Members States to identify elements of best practice
- Development of a framework for the evaluation of international research cooperation
- A review of New Zealand's engagement with FP7

WP3 – Relationship building

Goals:

- Develop new strategic alliances between EU/NZ policy, funding and research & innovation organisations

Activities:

- Undertake SCP led study tours in Europe to develop key strategic links and highlight opportunities for EU researchers
- Undertake study tours for European research managers to New Zealand
- Hold showcase events in Brussels to highlight NZ research and innovation expertise and linkages

WP4 – Programme development

Goals:

- Develop new and existing programmes to strengthen strategic alliances between NZ and EU

Activities:

- Hold an ERA-Net workshop in Europe around topics of mutual interest between the EU and NZ
- Encourage the structural twinning of research organisations in NZ and EU to underpin joint programming initiatives
- Pilot an initiative to build industry-academic partners between the EU and NZ
- Evaluate the possibility of a joint EU liaison centre in New Zealand

WP5 – NCP support for research excellence

Goals:

- Create a community that is well informed of the opportunities for research and innovation collaboration afforded by the EU and NZ.

Activities:

- Train thematic Sector Contact Points on EU programmes and policies
- Provide National Contact Point services to support researchers and organisations seeking to engage in EU/NZ collaboration
- Provide targeted information days and training for SMEs and business

WP6 – Communication activities

Goals:

- Promote awareness of EU / NZ research, innovation and mobility programmes

Activities:

- Development of a web portal for NZ/EU collaboration opportunities
- Development of Talking heads videos of selected FP7 NZ funded projects
- Electronic promotional materials/newsletters
- Horizon 2020 launch conference in New Zealand

WP7 – Project management

Goals:

- Ensure the smooth running and delivery of the project

Activities:

- 6 monthly project management meetings (video conference/ in person)
- Virtual project advisory group with EU and NZ members to advise on project implementation and outputs
- Establishment of an external review panel to evaluate project quality and value for money

Timing

Year 1 (November 2012- October 2013)				Year 2 (November 2013- October 2014)				Year 3 (November 2014- October 2015)			
No.	Title	Lead	Delivery Date	No.	Title	Lead	Delivery Date	No.	Title	Lead	Delivery Date
D1.1, D2.1, D3.1, D4.1, D5.1, D6.1, D7.1	WP Activity Schedules	MBIE, DLR, RSNZ, ERS�	Nov-12	D6.5	Horizon 2020 launch conference	RSNZ	Feb-14	D4.2	Proposal on joint liaison centre	CNRS	Oct-15
D6.1, D6.2, D6.3	Communication plan; Launch of Web Portal; Preparation of promotional materials	RSNZ	Nov-12	MS7	Horizon 2020 launch conference	RSNZ	Feb-14	MS6	Proposal on joint liaison centre	CNRS	Oct-15
MS1	SCPs established	MBIE	Nov-12	D2.2	Report on specific barriers to innovation	DLR	Apr-14	D7.3	Draft final report	RSNZ	Oct-15
MS4	Launch of Study Tours	RSNZ	Jan-13	D7.2	Mid-term report	RSNZ	May-14				
D6.4	Talking heads videos	ERSL	Apr-13	MS2	JSTCC meeting	MBIE	Aug-14				
D1.2	1 st Annual update on policy trends	MBIE	Oct-13	D1.3	2 nd Annual update on policy trends	MBIE	Oct-14				
MS5	Workshop on ERA-NETs	DLR	Oct-13								