

Invitation letter for the participation in the online survey on:

Establishment of STI joint liaison offices of European research organizations in: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa and the United States of America

Dear Ms/Mr

Dear representative of a European research organisation, research funding agency, university, university association, SME, SME association, Cluster, and/or Technology Transfer office

12 bilateral FP7 projects (funded from the European Union's '7th Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration' to enhance the research and innovation cooperation between Europe and a Third Country) are herewith kindly asking you to participate in an **online survey examining the operational feasibility of establishing joint STI liaison offices of European research organisations in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, South Africa, and the USA (EU's Target Countries for fostering STI collaboration).**

The resulting analysis shall give recommendations to the European Commission about the necessity of STI Joint European Liaison Offices (STI JELOs) jointly demonstrating European science, technology and innovation in the above mentioned Target Countries and will flow into decisions for possible future joint STI activities. Through the participation in this joint online survey, you will have the possibility to give your opinion and recommendations on a possible STI joint liaison office for European research organisations. In case such joint liaison offices will be established you will have the benefit of using the offered services for your organisation.

All 12 BILAT projects would like to thank you for your participation!

ABEST (Argentina), BBICE+ (Brasilia), BILAT RUS Advanced (Russia), BILAT USA 2.0 (USA), CAESIE (Australia), DRAGON STAR (China), ERA CAN+ (Canada), ESASTAP PLUS (South Africa), EU-MEX INNOVA (Mexico), FRIENZ (New Zealand), JEUIPSTE (Japan), and KONNECT (Korea).



Please note that this online survey has been developed in a joint effort of the 12 BILAT projects (funded under FP7) and is not within the responsibility of the European Commission.

The online survey will be open for participation as from 1 September 2014 to 10 October 2014 and completion will take maximum 15 minutes.

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