



The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, FIU is proud to be a partner in the BILAT USA 2.0 project designed to promote EU-US collaboration in science, technology, and innovation (STI). These dynamic fields, and the transatlantic relationships between those in these fields will benefit greatly from this innovative project. This project, funded under the European Commission's [7th Framework Program](#), aims to support the political dialogue within the framework of the EU-US STI cooperation agreement, enhance cooperation between scientists and innovation actors on both sides, spread information on funding possibilities through a number of workshops and events, as well as analyze the state of the art and the progress of transatlantic science and technology cooperation. This project will run for 3 years beginning in November of 2012 and ending in October of 2015. The [BILAT USA 2.0 Consortium](#) includes 9 European partners alongside 4 US partners (of which FIU is one, in addition to John Hopkins University, Diplomacy Matters Institute, and the National Council of University Research Administrators). BILAT USA 2.0 is a program that is the result of the U.S.-E.U. recognition that international cooperation in research and

innovation has the potential to multiply the return on investment from domestic public expenditure, and as such seeks to increase bilateral cooperation between the United States and the European Research Area. MEUCE has already begun to make sure that information about this project reaches those in the U.S that will most benefit. The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence as part of its continuing efforts to foster transatlantic STI dialogue conducted a workshop on August 7th, 2013. This workshop served to help communicate and disseminate information about BILAT USA 2.0 and its accompanying framework programme [Horizon 2020](#) to policymakers, researchers, administrators, entrepreneurs, SMEs and the general public. For more information about this workshop please see Dr. Rebecca Friedman's press release on the following page. The Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence will continue to disseminate information about BILAT 2.0 to the community as it becomes available.

For more information on BILAT USA 2.0 and Horizon 2020 please visit the MEUCE website <http://casgroup.fiu.edu/miamieuc/news.php?id=2749> or the official website of BILAT at <http://www.euussciencetechnology.eu/>

The March 2013 EU-US Joint STI Committee Meeting determined four research areas as priorities for transatlantic cooperation.

- 1) [Marine and Arctic research](#)
- 2) [Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies \(NMP\)](#)
- 3) [Health](#)
- 4) [Transport](#)

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Transatlantic Research- EU, US, Canada launch

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HORIZON 2020

THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Washington D.C. 7 August, 2013 - 1-4 pm

Immediately following the end of the NCURA 55th Annual Meeting (4-6 August 2013), BILAT 2.0 USA partners organized a "Practical Workshop" on recent developments concerning the European Framework Program, including tentative changes that will appear when Horizon2020 calls begin in 2014. The session – with over 60 participants – took place on Wednesday August 7, 2013 from 1 - 4 pm in the afternoon and was organized by Florida International University/Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence, NCURA and DLR. The participants in the workshop hailed from institutions across the country, including the Office of the President at the University of California, the University of Tennessee, Rutgers University and the Developmental Disabilities Institute at Wayne State University in Detroit, and work in positions as scholars and research administrators in scientific fields that ran the gambit, health to nanotechnology to disability advocacy. This diverse group participated in a lively and active discussion over the course of the three hours.

The first segment of the workshop began with an informative talk by Errol Levy, Research and Innovation Counselor and Deputy Head of the Science, Technology and Education Section at the European Union Delegation to the United States of America, who provided an overview of European Framework Programs with an eye to Horizon 2020. Olaf Heilmayer shared a brief introduction to the BILAT 2.0 USA objectives and goals. The middle sequence of the workshop was spent in three "break-out" workshops on:

1) *Outlooks on Legal and Financial Aspects of the Horizon2020* (Errol Levy);

2) *Fellowship Programs: ERC* (Annika Glauner, member of the Community of European Research Project Managers of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and since 2011 Secretary of NCURA's International Region) and *Marie Curie* (Patricia Hawk, President of NCURA);

3) *From the Idea to Project: How to Find European Research Partner: European NCP-system* (Olaf Heilmayer, DLR) and *EURAXESS* (Viktoria Bodnarova, EURAXESS Links North America Regional Representative).

Each break out group had lively discussions going on. Very practical questions and concerns could be raised with regard to the European Framework Programme and its different funding schemes and project types in order to achieve the overall goal to increase the number of EU-US research partnerships and cooperation. After the entire group came back together for a brief wrap-up session of the different groups, a lively discussion in the plenum ensued summarizing the main issues and questions raised ranging from administrative issues, such as how to understand new rules on direct and indirect costs or how to translate American research vocabulary to EU understandings as well as technical and strategic questions such as how to best find a European research partner. The successful event allowed the building of bridges not only across the Atlantic, but also among scientists/scholars and research administrators. All involved are committed to continuing the dialogue and further spread information to increase cooperation.



Dr. Rebecca Friedman, Director of MEUCE, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director of MEUCE, and participants of BILAT USA 2.0 'Practical Workshop'