



## BILAT USA 4.0 Kick-Off Meeting Brussels—March 15-16, 2016



On March 15-16, 2016, Christine I. Caly-Sanchez, Associate Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence,; and BILAT USA 4.0,, attended the BILAT USA 4.0 kick-off meeting in Brussels.

During two days, 10 European and 6 US partners from the consortium, and high representatives from the European Commission met and discussed the main activities and actions in the BILAT USA 4.0 to undertake in the next 12 to 18 months

Over the next three years, under the BILAT USA 4.0 project entitled **“Bilateral Coordination for the Enhancement and Development of STI Partnerships between the EU and the USA—EU-USA cooperation in research and innovation”**, the 16 European and American partners are committed to support researchers / administrators, research organizations, universities, companies, industry associations, government agencies and policy makers in their efforts to increase bilateral collaboration in science, technology, and innovation (STI), and in particular in four thematic areas:

- Ocean and Arctic,
- Health,
- Transportation,
- NMP (Nanotechnology)

The EU and the USA have highly-productive, immensely-innovative and excellence-driven research and innovation systems.

BILAT USA 4.0's targeted transatlantic activities work towards:

- Strategic priority setting for EU-US cooperation through identifying emerging STI fields with a high benefit and added value from cooperation, thus providing evidence-based input for policy decision-making
- Stronger interaction between EU and US researchers through thematic events promoting funding opportunities on both sides and thus strengthening the quality and quantity of partnerships between STI actors in EU MS/AC and the USA
- Establishing optimal framework conditions through proposing concrete solutions for eliminating co-operation obstacles deriving from researchers' and innovators' feedback, thus, creating an environment that favors joint solutions for global challenges
- Enhanced coordination and synergies between different policies through analyzing EU, MS/AC and US programs and detection of duplications, thus, contributing to a greater coherence, joint ownership and resource efficiency

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- Ensuring close synergies with calls launched in H2020 and their int. dimension through screening of US-targeted actions in H2020 and liaising with relevant (ERA) projects to guarantee a consistent information exchange. Ensuring sustainability, project activities build on former and liaise with existing initiatives. Relevance and exploitation of project actions will be assured by a close coordination with the EC. The project will pursue a targeted communication connecting the diverse range of EU-US STI stakeholders.

For the past 3 years, the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Ex-

cellence at FIU has had the privilege to be part of the BILAT USA 2.0 project. MFJMCE has disseminated information on Horizon 2020 and EU funding on Research & Innovation by organizing workshops in the US for researchers, Universities faculty, and the community at large.

In the next three years, The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence will organize different information sessions workshops and webinars, on Horizon 2020, and will disseminate the information to its Jean Monnet partners in the US, scientists, and the community at large. The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at FIU is

proud to be part of BILAT USA 4.0, a project of excellence, and is looking forward 3 years of success for work with our partners in order to strengthen and enhance collaboration in Innovation & Research between the US and EU.

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