

Engaging with the European Union: Collaboration in the field of Research, Science and Technology (RS&T)

Past, Present and Future

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Research Focus

- In 1991, a Science and Technology Cooperation (STC) Arrangement was formed between the EU and New Zealand.
- In 2006, much scope existed to develop this relationship further.
- Is a future EU-New Zealand relationship in the field of RS&T both feasible and appropriate and, if so, how can New Zealand raise its profile in the EU to become an important partner in joint research enterprises?

Past

- 1991 Science and Technology Cooperation (STC) Arrangement
- The Lisbon Agenda and Framework Programme VI
- Increased FP involvement
- Facilitating Research cooperation between Europe and New Zealand (FRENZ)
- Bottlenecks hampering more effective collaboration
 - Navel gazing, visibility, funding, information, distance

Present

- Ongoing Framework Programme collaboration
 - ISAFRUIT, EUROPREVALL, GO-GLOBAL, FOOD-FRENZ
- Ongoing collaborative bottlenecks
 - Misinformation, asynchronicity, funding
- Upgrade of the Science and Technology Arrangement
- Harmonisation

Future

- Be realistic as to New Zealand's RS&T capabilities on the world stage
- Be strategic so as to best utilize our limited funding and resources
- Promote New Zealand's niche capabilities
- Promote successes
- Work towards increasing harmonisation