



BILAT-USA and Link2US:

Advancing European Union and United States Cooperation
in Science & Technology

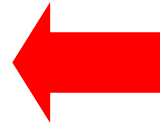
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Fostering strategic EU – US S&T Cooperation: two complementary projects

„BILAT-USA“



and „Link2US“



**7th Framework Programme for Research,
Technological Development and Demonstration:**

more 61.500 proposals submitted since 2007
incl. > 306.000 participations,
app. 10.500 proposals incl. > 63.000 participations funded*

The European Research Area

* Source: Proviso Framework Programme Monitoring, Nov. 2010,
Funded by all Austrian Federal Ministries with responsibilities for Research,
based on data provided by the European Commission

Objectives

- ✓ Improving the process of **providing information on programs and funding** designed to **promote cooperation towards the FP**;
- ✓ Better identifying, **demonstrating mutual interest and benefit in S&T cooperation** between the EU and U.S.;
- ✓ Sharing best practices via **joint fora such as workshops** and presenting state of the art & prospects for cooperation in particular fields.

complementary “Link2US” Project:

Improve awareness by European research community of U.S. collaborative funding schemes, **enhance cooperative research** with American counterparts. **Activities incl.** overview on U.S. funding programs, surveying bilateral agreements, analysing barriers, monitoring participation of European researchers in U.S. programs.



Who is involved: Partners

EU

**AT: FFG: Coordinator
„BILAT-USA“**

HU: Tetalap

IT: APRE

LU: Intrasoft

US

**AAAS: Coordinator
„Link2US“**



For European researchers interested in working with the U.S.



- ✓ Elucidating the U.S. national funding programmes, surveying bilateral agreements, analysing barriers to cooperation, and monitoring the participation of European researchers in U.S. funding schemes.
- ✓ Raising awareness and providing assistance to European researchers on the U.S. cooperative funding programmes through online resource networks.

Thus:

- ✓ Info on resources for collaborators in Europe on funding programmes in the U.S.
- ✓ Improving understanding of barriers to cooperation issues between U.S. and European researchers and conveying needs to relevant authorities.

What can you expect...

- ✓ **Reinforcing** the implementation of the EU-US S&T Agreement
- ✓ by increasing the Trans-Atlantic Dialogue
- ✓ **Strengthening** participation of US research teams in FP7
- ✓ **Provide** easy access to information by setting up effective dissemination channels
- ✓ **Identify and promote** best practices and raise awareness on cooperation opportunities
- ✓ **Create** synergies with other existing projects

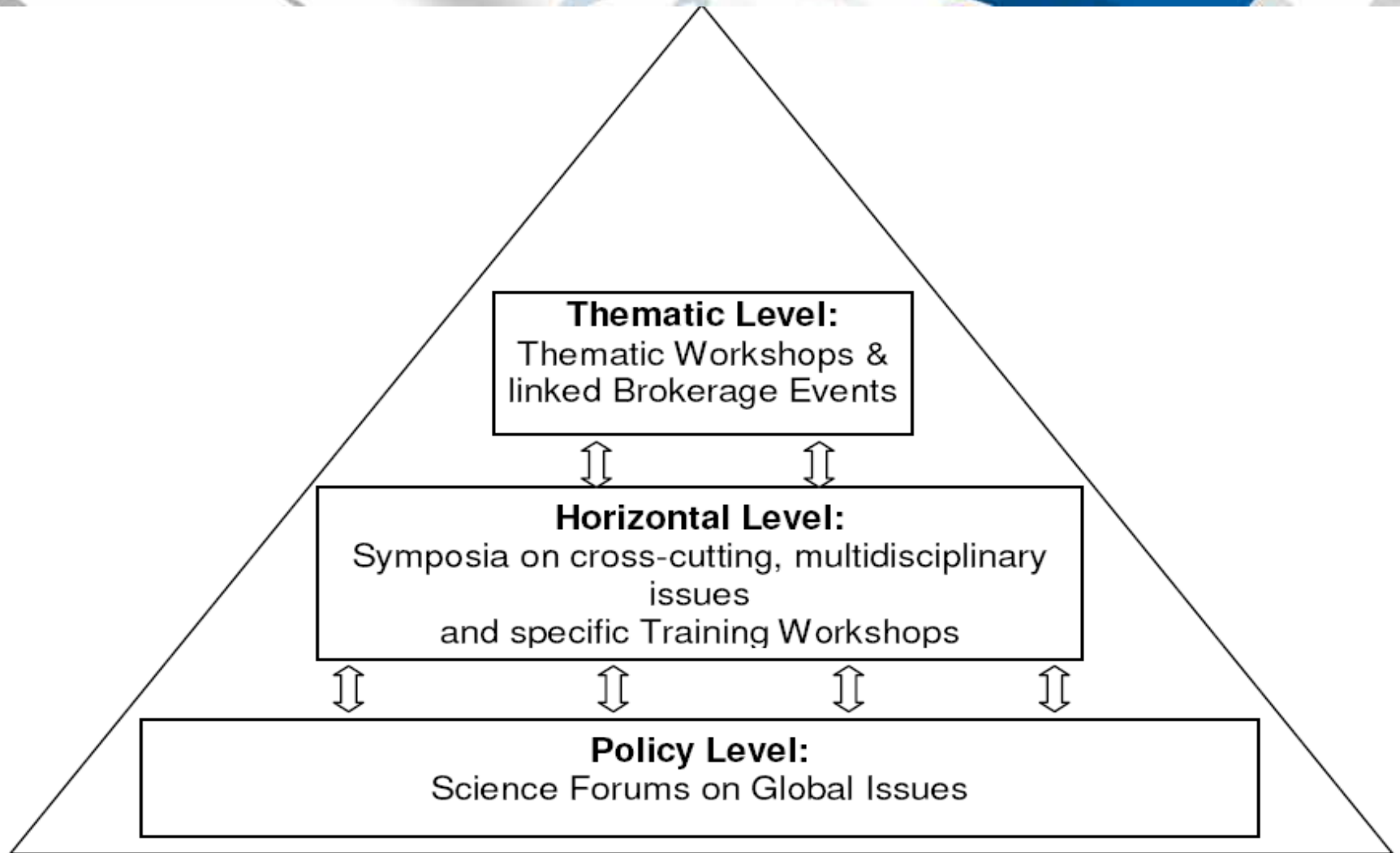


Figure 1: Cascade of interlinked events foreseen in the BILAT-USA

Summary and further information

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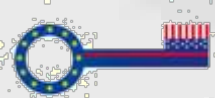
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