



New Zealand, Australia & Europe

NZ/Australia Government initiatives to support
researcher involvement with European RS&T



Why Europe?

- Strong researcher-researcher, institutional links.
- Australia the first 3rd country to establish an STC Agreement with the EU
- EU Lisbon Strategy has similar goals to NZ GIF
- Europe does close to 50% of the world's non-military R&D
- FP6 funds of €19 billion (NZ\$ 37 billion)
- Access to ideas, technology, facilities and people



Implementing the Strategy

The MoRST International Links Strategy gives top priority to EU, Germany, UK, France

Objectives:

- Engagement with European researchers including through FP6 and via institutional links
- Strengthen policy links
- Position NZ/Australia as reliable and beneficial partners for European research



Major initiatives:

- **S&T Counsellors**
- **Innovation Access Program-International Science and Technology**
- **International Investment Opportunities Fund**
- **Co-LAB/Clearinghouse/FRENZ**
- **ISAT Funding**



Priorities for NZ Counsellor activity

1. NZ engagement in EC FP activities
2. EC Policy monitoring/linkages
3. NZ engagement with EU Member State national RS&T activities
4. Enhancing relationships with key European institutions



Other initiatives

- CORDIS visitor
- CERN MOU
- Noumea Science visit
- Julius von Haast fellow
- Werner Friedrich's visit to Germany



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