**CONCEPT NOTE**

**PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOPS FROM 19 -21 JUNE 2023**

The European Commission (EC) and the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) will host Proposal writing workshops targeting Historically Disadvantaged Institutions in Cape Town, Eastern Cape, and Limpopo from 19 – 21 June 2023. The proposal writing workshops will be conducted at the University of Western Cape on 19 June 2023; at Walter Sisulu University on 20 June 2023 and at Vaal University of Technology, 21 June 2023.

The Strategic Partnership directorate responsible for managing the SA-EU STI cooperation, will be addressing the need to enable capacity building within Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDIs). Capacity Building in HDIs is a significant component within the South Africa Governments SA-EU STI Cooperation. Statistics show the need to increase access to EU Funded Programmes opportunities by HDIs, through increased participation.

The objective of the workshop is to create an enabling environment for inclusive access by the South African National System of Innovation (NSI) including the support mechanisms to aid access to opportunities in SA-EU STI Relations. This workshop will allow researchers and innovators the chance to learn more about available opportunities within the SA-EU STI cooperation, how to access them and how to write winning proposals.

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**Link for registration:** 

**PROGRAMME FOR PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP – CAPE TOWN**

**LINK FOR REGISTRATION:** 

**DATE: 19 JUNE 2023 AT** **08H30-13H15**

**VENUE: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE, CAPE TOWN**

***PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP***

**Moderator:**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | ***Presenter/ moderator*** |
| 8.30 – 9 :00 | Arrival and Registration | Administrator |
| **9:00 – 9:20**  **Opening - Moderator: *(Dr Lwando Mdleleni, University of the Western Cape)*** | | |
| 9:00 –9:20 | Welcome and Opening remarks | ***Tugela Matubatuba*** *Director: Strategic Partnership, DSI. South Africa* |
| *University of the Western Cape: Prof Jose Frantz, DVC Research and Innovation* |
| ***Dr Vincenzo Lorusso,*** *Policy Officer - Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with africa**and bilateral cooperation with ASEAN countries* |
| ***Information session*** | | |
| 9:20 – 9:40 | - Horizon Europe - Africa Initiative II | ***Dr Vincenzo Lorusso,*** *Policy Officer - Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation with africa**and bilateral cooperation with ASEAN countries* |
| 9:40 – 10:00 | EURAXESS | ***Dr. Ahmed Maalel*,** Region representative for Africa- EURAXESS Worldwide |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Researchers' mobility programs in Horizon Europe | ***Dr. Dalibor Drljaca****, EURAXESS Worldwide* |
| 10:20-10:30 | ESASTAP Support | ***Ms Karabo Mphogo***: *Assistant Director Strategic Partnerships* |
| 10:30 – 10:40 | **Questions and Answers** | |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | **The Break & Photo session** | |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | **Practical Workshop** | |
|  | * Getting started with the EURAXESS portal. * Getting to work with Funding and Tenders Opportunities portal * PIC number (Registration of organisations on the portal) * Reading a call topic / Understanding the submission template * Searching for partners | |
| 13:00 – 13:15 | **Closing remarks** | |