Enhancing Research through Collaboration and Linkages

Workshop 3
The Australian Experience of FP4 and FP5 - the lessons for the New Framework Programme

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① What would be the most appropriate mechanisms to increase awareness among Australian researchers and technology developers of the opportunities for collaboration under the Framework Programs?

② How can the learning developed by successful participants be disseminated?

③ Is the current level of funding support for European collaborative research adequate?
How can the ‘operational friction’ between EU and Australian funding schemes be minimised?

Would Australian interest be better served by replacing the present pluralist approach with a ‘whole of government approach’ and a dedicated fund?

Is there a need for a ‘partner broking’ service for Australians with Europe, and if so, how should it operate?

Are there other major impediments to a higher level of, and more effective, collaboration?