# PROMOTING BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION TO HORIZON 2020



## Co-financing Brazilian participation to H2020



- Brazil in H2020: the non-automatic funding rule
  - ➤ Emerging Economies no longer eligible to receive automatic funding under H2020

- How can Brazil participate in this framework?
  - Coordinated Calls i.e. in Biofuels and ICT
  - Structuring co-financing mechanisms to cover the costs of Brazilian participants within international consortia together with the EU

# Role of CONFAP & of the Brazilian State Research Foundations



- ➤ In December 2014 CONFAP and the Delegation of the EU in Brazil sign a "Letter of Intent" to promote Brazilian participation within Horizon 2020
- Almost all State Funding Agencies (FAPs) in Brazil which are part of CONFAP have signed the Accession to the Letter of Intent
- CONFAP is assisting its FAPs for fine-tuning, finalizing and launching their own "Guidelines" which define the implementation of the Letter of Intent

## Guidelines for participation of individual FAPs



#### What are the Guidelines?

- ➤ The Guidelines indicate the operational framework on how each FAP shall support the participation of its researchers/participants within projects funded under Horizon 2020
- In practice, the Guidelines can be considered like a parallel call for the submission of research and innovation proposals in coordination with Horizon 2020
- Each FAP shall adjust them to their own needs, funding capacities, research & innovation priorities, funding lines
- FAPs/States who have launched the Guidelines so far:
  - São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Santa Catarina, Goiás, Federal District
- On the process of launching the Guidelines:
  - Rio de Janeiro, Mato Grosso do Sul, Bahia, Espirito Santo, Sergipe, Paraiba, Alagoas



#### General features of the Guidelines



- Openness: the Guidelines should open to all Priorities and Calls to be launched within Horizon
  - Excellent Science
  - Industrial Leadership
  - Societal Challenges
- Evaluation: depending on the need of each FAP, the evaluation can be either done only within H2020 or also by the FAP respectively involved: each FAP chooses what is best
  - Projects positively evaluated by the FAP shall be only approved if also approved under H2020
  - Proponents shall have to attach to their proposal sent to the FAP also the complete proposal submitted under H2020 in order to allow a global assessment
  - Confidentiality is guaranteed

### How does CONFAP support



- Support for FAPs: each FAP which decides to implement the Guidelines within its State can count on CONFAP's support to its own specific for adjusting the general guidelines targets and needs
- Support to proponents is provided by giving general and technical orientations
- Support for dissemination within CONFAP's Forum and in its Web Site
  - Information fact sheets
  - Highlights on calls and opportunities

# Participation within the Biofuels Coordinated Call



- ➤ CONFAP is one of the involved Instituions on the Brazilian side, together with FAPESP and MCTI
- Some FAPs have decided to support the participation of Institutions from their respective States, in order to integrate consortia which wish to apply
- States which support the call, apart from São Paulo:
  - Minas Gerais, Goiás, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul, Paraná, Pernambuco



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