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It is not only the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2015 (COP 21/ CPM 11) in Paris in November/ December that should draw your attention to 'Climate Change' and 'Energy' issues this autumn: Several events in these fields with a dedicated focus on the Eastern Partnership Region and Central Asia will be taking place over the next months. For your convenience we have highlighted them in our 'upcoming events' section.

'Energy Research and Innovation in the Eastern Partnership' will also be in the focus of the upcoming Policy Stakeholders Conference organised by the IncoNet EaP project in Minsk, Belarus on 12-13 October 2015. [Learn more ...](#)

18th European Health Forum Gastein, 30 Sep - 2 Oct 2015

The EHFG was founded in 1998 as a European health policy conference aiming to provide a discussion platform for the various stakeholders in the field of public health and health care. The forum is held annually in the Gastein Valley in Austria. Its unparalleled mix of about 600 participants includes leading country- and EU-level representatives from the areas of health policy, administration, science, business and patient organisations.

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Clima East project brings Eastern Partnership countries together for climate change meeting with EU and Latvian officials

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Energy tour in Belarus fosters Green Economy

The main organisers of this event were the project 'Supporting the Transition to a Green Economy in the Republic of Belarus' – funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme – and the NGO 'Center of Ecological Solutions'. Events of the Energy Tour were held on 15 July in Starobin (Minsk region), and on 16 July in Zhitkovichi city (Gomel region).

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Horizon 2020 Draft work programmes 2016-2017

Below you will find links to draft versions of the Horizon 2020 work programmes for 2016-2017. These documents are being made public just before the adoption process of the work programme to provide potential participants with the currently expected main lines of the work programme 2016-2017. They are not yet endorsed by the Commission and they do not in any way prejudice the final decision of the Commission.

The adoption and the publication of the work programme by the Commission are expected in mid-October 2015. Only the adopted work programme will have legal value.

This adoption will be announced on the [Horizon 2020 website](#) and on the [Participant Portal](#).

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IncoNet EaP & CA Twinning Grants a huge success

The [IncoNet EaP](#) and [IncoNet CA](#) 'Twinning Grants' support collaboration between research partners from EU countries and their counterparts in the Eastern Partnership region and Central Asia to jointly participate in Horizon2020 calls. Twinning is a core activity of both IncoNets and has a long tradition in Europe as a successful instrument in capacity building processes.

Grant information

- [Call for Eastern Partnership Twinning Grants: 'Clustering of Scientific Projects and Institutions' closing soon!](#)
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The original deadline for both calls was in March 2016, but due to the great success of these calls, the funds are running out fast. The call for Central Asia already had to be closed; a new call for a restricted number of grants will be announced soon. For the Eastern Partnership some funds still remain.

Background

Twinning was successfully used in the EU for building the governmental capacities in the New Member States and afterwards was inherited in many other areas (governmental institutions, municipal organisations, universities, schools etc.). Furthermore many FP7 NCP projects use twinning as an instrument to build capacities in other countries. The concept of twinning typically includes a direct exchange of experience between people, personal presence, on site consulting in the beneficiary country and it is based on trainer-trainee relationships, where one participant in the process is giving and the other is receiving expertise.

The International Cooperation Networks for Central Asia (IncoNet CA) and the Eastern Partnership Countries (IncoNet EaP) aim to support the advancement of the bi-regional STI (Science, Technology, Innovation) policy dialogue between the EU Member States and Associated Countries on the one hand, and the Eastern Partnership Countries and Central Asia on the other. They have an explicit focus on the societal challenges that have been identified to be of mutual interest for these regions, namely climate change, energy and health.

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Workshop 'State of Affairs and Future of the EU-EaP STI Cooperation' | photo: Yannis Kechagiarias, CeRISS

IncoNet EaP and Inconet CA – international cooperation network projects funded under the FP7 Programme of European Commission – organised two ad-hoc workshops on the 'State of Affairs & Future of EU-Eastern Partnership and EU-Central Asia STI Cooperation' in Brussels, on 3 September 2015.

State of Affairs in EU-Eastern Partnership STI Cooperation

High level participants from the European Commission and the Eastern Partnership region as well as stakeholders and policy makers from EU Member States attended the workshop. The Policy Officer, Mr. Devars represented the Directorate General of Research and Innovation.

The 'Roadmap for Cooperation between the EaP Countries and EU' (EC, 2014) was the basis for the development of the workshop. Presentations covered the main priorities for future cooperation with EaP countries i.e the societal challenges Energy, Climate Change, and Health, as well as ICT. Cross-cutting issues that were analysed in depth included: best practices between EU MS and Eastern Partnership countries, the establishment of a regional evaluation platform, and innovation in EU-EaP cooperation. The workshop ended with a round table discussion about the contribution of IncoNet-type projects and the involved partners to an enhanced EU-EaP STI cooperation.

It was an opportunity for interaction and advanced communication among the participants in view of the launching of the new Work Programme (2016-2017).

[visit the event website for more ...](#)

State of Affairs in EU-Central Asia STI Cooperation

The event took place at the beginning of the third and last year of the IncoNet CA project and marked a critical moment for the participation of these countries in Horizon 2020 and, in particular, the new Work Programme for 2016-2017.

It involved 47 key stakeholders from both the EU and the Central Asia countries, i.e. European Commission, EU/MS & CA national representatives, IGLO members, NCPs, representatives of other funding initiatives as well as

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Workshop 'State of Affairs & Future of EU-Central Asia STI Cooperation' | photo: Yannis Kechagiaras, CeRISS

IncoNet CA consortium partners, triggering in-depth discussions related to the state of affairs of EU-CA cooperation as well as to future challenges and how these could be settled in a most efficient way.

The workshop consisted of three main sessions. The first session was dedicated to the STI cooperation on the three Societal Challenges of Climate Change, Energy & Health and the new Work Programme of Horizon 2020 (2016-2017). Results of the IncoNet CA project on these societal challenges were presented (co-publication analysis; twinning grants; benchmarking exercise for energy institutes). A brief introduction of the broad directions of the new Work Programme on these 3 societal challenges completed the first session.

The second session was entitled 'Opportunities for future EU-CA STI Cooperation through research, innovation & business'. In this session, the Policy Mix Review of the STI system of Kyrgyzstan, organised by IncoNet CA, was presented as a tool for reforms in CA. Moreover, opportunities for EU researchers in Central Asia countries were discussed, while the role of KICs and their structure were presented in detail. The new role of ISTC in Central Asia and the role of the Centre for Higher Technologies were presented alongside cooperation opportunities under Horizon 2020. Innovation policies of Uzbekistan were another subject on the agenda. The final challenge address was water problems in Central Asia with emphasis on how these could be solved by using synergies with the EU.

The last session was a roundtable discussion under the topic 'How to enhance CA countries' R&I cooperation with the EU in Horizon 2020 and beyond. Issues that dominated the discussion among the panel and the audience were related to the low participation of the CA countries in H2020, the needs of the STI system of the region and how the EU could support it, and the readiness of CA countries to provide "incentives" to stimulate the EU-CA cooperation (e.g. co-funding). The European Commission was represented in the roundtable discussion by Mr Kostas Glynos, Head of Unit, DG Research and Innovation.

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Council of the EU adopts Conclusions on the EU Strategy for Central Asia

Considering Central Asia as a region of strategic importance, the European Union has committed to establish a strong, durable and stable relationship with the five Central Asian countries. Eight years after the adoption of the Central Asia Strategy, the Council welcomes the substantial progress achieved in developing the EU's relations with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as well as with the Central Asian region as a whole.

Here some of the passages related to STI cooperation, especially in Energy, Climate Change and Health issues:

'The Council calls for strengthening trade and energy links between the EU and Central Asian countries and reinforcing cooperation on [...] sustainable management of natural resources.'

'The Council also stresses the need to increase exchange of experience and know-how in innovative technologies, notably in the field of energy efficiency, agriculture and rural development, to encourage the sustainable development of the region.'

'Regarding the sensitive area of shared natural resources, notably water, the Council stresses the importance of promoting regional frameworks of dialogue and increased adherence to international conventions and legal principles governing trans-boundary resources. Underlining that Central Asia is particularly exposed to natural disasters and vulnerable to the climate change, the Council invites the Commission and the EEAS to support Central Asian countries in strengthening their capacity to address environmental challenges, promote a sustainable framework for resource-sharing and integrate disaster risk reduction, resilience, climate adaptation and mitigation in local, national and regional policies. The EU and its Member States should continue their support for regional initiatives in this sector, notably the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS).'

'EU education programmes, in particular the Erasmus+ programme, should play a key role in helping Central Asian institutions to build capacity, modernise and broaden their cooperation networks and individuals to gain international experience. Scholarships to support mobility and cooperation between Europe and Central Asia should be further promoted. Ensuring links between education, research and labour markets will further promote innovation and employment for young people and contribute to the sustainable economic development of the region.'

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'Environmental Policy Toolkit for Greening SMEs in EaP Countries' published



The objective of the 'Environmental Policy Toolkit for SME Greening' – published in the frame of the OECD's EaP GREEN programme – is to help governments in the European Union's Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) to design and implement key instruments to promote environmental compliance and green business practices among SMEs using the existing good practices in EU and other OECD countries. The Toolkit covers three categories of environmental policy instruments: regulatory simplification and incentives, informationbased tools, as well as financial and economic incentives.

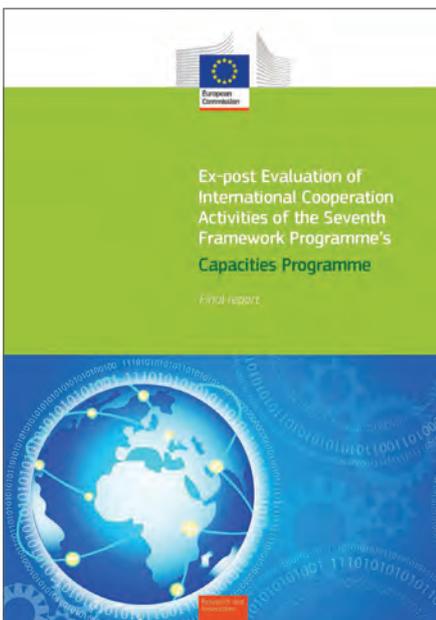
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Ex-post Evaluation of International Cooperation Activities in the FP7 Capacities Programme



This report presents the findings of a group of independent experts tasked to undertake an evaluation of the International Cooperation (INCO) Activities under the Capacities 'pillar' of the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (2007-2013).

The ex-post evaluation takes stock of the dedicated activities undertaken to strengthen international cooperation, assesses them, and concludes by making a number of recommendations at both strategic and operational level in view of further work under Horizon 2020.

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Over 4000 project factsheets from Horizon 2020 – the first wave of the EU's biggest ever research and innovation framework programme – can now be browsed and searched on CORDIS.

CORDIS is continuing its role as the European Commission's primary public repository, containing over 100 000 EU-funded research projects and results stretching back 25 years and now extending its services to Horizon 2020 projects.

The first Horizon 2020 grants were signed in 2014 and hundreds of new projects are being added every month. CORDIS retrieves its information from the grant agreements, publishing for each project its acronym, costs, topic, funding scheme, objectives, coordinating and participating organisations, including the EC contribution for each beneficiary. Horizon 2020 projects can currently be found through their programme area and topic but further information is planned to be added, including project websites, contact persons and cross-cutting domains. A more thematic approach to information will also be explored.

The publishable reports from Horizon 2020 projects will also be made available on CORDIS in the future, alongside the thousands of Report Summaries currently being submitted by projects funded under FP7, the previous framework programme. The publication of these reports is followed by multilingual Results in Brief for each project and coverage in the free [research*eu results magazine](#) – making it easier to identify exploitable results and opportunities for innovation.

Project factsheets on CORDIS also display the Open Access publications and research data collected by [OpenAIRE](#).

CORDIS provides the EU [Open Data Portal](#) with popular datasets for all FP4, FP5, FP6, FP7 and now H2020 projects, allowing data consumers to reuse and repurpose machine-readable project information as needed, alongside thousands of other public datasets from the EU institutions. The CORDIS search engine also offers tools to retrieve data in different formats like RSS, PDF, XML, CSV or just regular email notifications, with plans to progressively extend these functions.

CORDIS focuses on research results but if you are interested in participating in an EU-funded project, you can find everything you need on the [Participant Portal](#): funding calls, reference documents, submission of proposals, expert evaluators and project management and reporting. You can also find out more about the current 2014-2020 framework programme on the Horizon 2020 website.

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Supported by the IncoNet CA project, energy experts from all 5 Central Asian countries addressed by the project (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) participated in the [2015 European Sustainable Energy Week](#) in Brussels from 17-18 June 2015.

On 17 June, the five Central Asian researchers had the opportunity to present the scientific landscape of their countries in the framework of the so-called Networking Village. The Networking Village was a special feature of the EU Sustainable Energy Week, giving delegates the chance to play a much more active role in the 10th EU Sustainable Energy Week Policy Conference. It took place at the Committee of the Regions' Jacques Delors building on 17 and 18 June.

The Central Asian researchers were offered a booth for 90 minutes on 17 June, where other interested participants had the chance to attend a series of presentations: First, Mrs Ágota Dávid from RCISD, Hungary represented and introduced the IncoNet CA project, its current activities and open possibilities.

Kazakhstan was represented by Mr Abzal Ussenov from the Institute of Organic Catalysis and Electrochemistry. Mr Ussenov focused on Sustainable Energy calls in Kazakhstan. The next speaker, Mr Bahtiyor Eshchanov from Uzbekistan, introduced to the audience a regional initiative, the Central Asian Renewable Energy Development Center (CARED), a non-governmental, non-profit organisation in Uzbekistan established with the support of leading academic and research institutions. Thereafter, Mr Nazirov Khurshed from the Tajik Technical University named after M. Osimi outlined the current energy status in Tajikistan, problems and the prospect of the use of renewable energy. Mr Gurbanmyrat Ovezmuradov analysed the conditions and prospects of development of renewable energies in the agricultural & water sectors of Turkmenistan. Finally, Mr Uluk Kydyrbaev from BizExpert Analytical Center Bishkek, gave a presentation about Renewable Energy in the Kyrgyz Republic.

On 18 June, the CA researchers participated in the E²Tech4Cities event – Energy & Efficiency Technologies for Cities –, a highly visible brokerage event organized by Enterprise Europe Brussels and hosted by [impulse.brussels](#) and Enterprise Europe Northern Ireland at Invest Northern Ireland at the occasion of the EU Sustainable Energy Week.

The Central Asian scientists had bilateral talks with about 8-12 European counterparts as an average. In addition to the scheduled face-to-face talks, Central Asian researchers also had the chance to initiate less formal talks with the 95 registered participants. Based on the follow-up reports of the Central Asian participants, the events provided the scientists with valuable networking opportunities for future EU-CA collaboration.

Source and further information: [RCISD](#)

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IncoNet EaP organises sessions on 'Bioremediation' and 'Phytoremediation' at the 6th Bioremediation Conference

On 2nd of July 2015 the IncoNet EaP consortium organised sessions on Bioremediation and Phytoremediation which were an integral part of the 6th European Bioremediation Conference (EBC-VI) in Chania, Greece, on 29 June-2 July 2015. This particular event was a high profile conference at European level.

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Speakers of both IncoNet EaP sessions | photo: Piotr Świerczyński, IPPT PAN

IncoNet EaP Sessions

Main topic of the first session was Phytoremediation. There were 5 presentations from 3 Eastern Partnership countries. Additionally, the IPPT PAN representative delivered a presentation about experiences, results and activities carried out within IncoNet EaP project.

The second IncoNet EaP session was dedicated to Bioremediation. There were 7 presentations from 6 Eastern Partnership countries. A total of 50 researchers from 25 countries participated in the two sessions.

The strength of both sessions was the presentation of a detailed panorama on Phytoremediation and Bioremediation in Eastern Partnership countries. Additionally those sessions were an excellent opportunity for networking and provided possibilities of collaboration with other EU countries. Most of participants underlined that similar activities should be repeated in the future.

Visit the IncoNet EaP website to view or download the [presentations](#).

Source: [IPPT PAN](#)

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Clima East project brings EaP countries together for climate change meeting with EU and Latvian officials

The EU-funded Clima East project, which supports the Eastern Partnership countries to be better prepared to deal with climate change impacts, organised a meeting in June to discuss ongoing United Nations negotiations on Climate Change.

The two-day meeting was attended by representatives of the ministries dealing with Climate Change from the six Eastern Partnership countries as well as the officials from the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia and the European Commission's Directorate General for Climate Action.

The participants discussed progress towards a possible legally binding and universal agreement on climate to be negotiated at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 21) in Paris later this year. They also discussed each country's national priorities and contributions to reducing emissions and adapting to climate change impacts.

Speaking after the event, Mr Dragos Cimpoies, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova stated:

'It was a wonderful workshop: a lot of exchanges of opinions between all the participants here, good opportunities to meet new contacts, both Clima East team members and EU institutions staff, for future collaboration.'

Mr Grigol Lazriev, Head of Climate Change Department of the Georgian Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection commented:

'I think this meeting was really useful to us. Many issues were clarified, for example regarding the mitigation component of INDC we discussed during the organised breakout session: what kind of penalties can be introduced, how to monitor our INDCs, to what extent is it possible to make changes to this document after ratification – many interesting issues were discussed.'

Zsolt Lengyel, Team Leader of the EU-funded Clima East project said:

'While all of the Eastern Partnership countries have begun to address climate change challenges by developing national strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation, meetings such as this allow us to look for a common approach as well as to share best practices from both inside and outside the European Union. It is essential as countries prepare for the upcoming Paris climate convention meeting of December 2015, that countries discuss openly their detailed suggestions for the international climate agreement as well as their own climate action commitments, called INDCs in the climate jargon. Our Riga workshop allowed for such exchange of views between the EU and the six eastern partnerships countries.'

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Participants at the 2nd NoGAP Brokerage Event | photo: Dorothea Haas, SEZ

NoGAP's 2nd brokerage event was organised on 16 June in Frankfurt am Main/Germany. The event was held in conjunction with the International Trade Fair 'ACHEMA 2015' targeting chemical and process industries. Almost 30 representatives of universities, research institutions and SMEs from Ukraine, Georgia, Belarus, Germany and Romania took part.

16 representatives from research institutes, universities and SMEs presented the capabilities, technology offers and requests from their institutions. Presentations cover a wide range of topics, from gas technology to electric welding and food industries as well as services for energy efficiency in SMEs.

Representatives from the KIC Inno Energy provided information about funding opportunities from KIC Inno Energy. These opportunities complement funding under H2020 for innovative projects from the energy sector.

NoGAP pursues the objective of bridging the gap between research and innovation in the EU and the Eastern Partnership countries by generating offers and requests and expressions of interest from partners in Eastern Partner countries, and matching them with partners in other countries. This second brokerage event was the successor of NoGAP's first brokerage in Kyiv in fall 2014.

The events are complemented by training measures for researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers to disseminate knowledge about issues of innovation management in the countries of the Eastern Partnership.

For more information, including the presentations and photos of the event, please visit the [NoGAP website](#) and the [NoGAP facebook page](#).

Source: [NoGAP](#)

Upcoming events

18th European Health Forum Gastein

30 September 2015 – 2 October 2015 | Gastein, Austria

Over the past decade the European Health Forum Gastein has made a decisive contribution to the development of guidelines and above all the cross-border exchange of experience, information and cooperation.

The overall aim is a platform for discussion for the various stakeholders in the field of public health and health care.

About 600 leading experts participate in the annual conference held in the Gastein Valley in Austria in October. The unparalleled mix of participants including leading country- and EU-level representatives from the areas of health policy, administration, science, business and patient organisations, are especially critical to the success of this event.

This year's motto 'Securing health in Europe. Balancing priorities, sharing responsibilities' is meant to reflect that in a constantly changing political and social environment for health, current health systems need to safeguard past gains while responding to new threats and opportunities.

Source and further information: [EHFG website](#)

EU-EaP Policy Stakeholders Conference 'Energy Research and Innovation in the Eastern Partnership'

13-16 October 2015 | Minsk, Belarus

This will be the 2nd Policy Stakeholders Conference (PSC) organised by the IncoNet EaP project and the 6th in a series of events targeting the Eastern Partnership region, which was started by its predecessor project IncoNet EECA. Focusing on 'energy efficiency', this year's PSC will be adjusted to the 'ENERGY EXPO 2015', which will take place in Minsk from 13-16 October 2015.

The event is adjusted to ENERGY EXPO – 2015, the largest expo in the energy sector in Belarus which this year marks its 20th anniversary. It will take place in Minsk on 13-16 October 2015 with such key events as the International Specialized Exhibition and Belarusian Energy and Ecology Congress. Participants will get a chance to attend it.

The Policy Stakeholders Conference 'Energy Research and Innovation in the Eastern Partnership' is an invitation only event.

This PSC is the 2nd organised by the IncoNet EaP project. Learn more about the previous Policy Stakeholders Conferences.

- [PSC Draft Agenda](#)
- [Energy Expo Information in English](#)

For further details and updates please visit the [IncoNet EaP website](#) and also read the info about the [EU-Central Asia 'Energy' PSC in Astana on 30 Sep - 02 Oct 2015](#).

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[IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA support twinning activities](#)

The IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA 'Twinning Grants' support collaboration between research partners from EU countries and their counterparts in the Eastern Partnership region and Central Asia to jointly participate in Horizon2020 calls. Due to the great success of these calls, the funding budget is running out fast. The call for Central Asia has been closed, the EaP call will close soon.

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Deadline: 28 September 2015

[Ukraine in European Dialogue Fellowships](#)

This junior fellowship program aims to support the research of Ukrainian scholars who are completing or have recently completed doctoral studies in a Ukrainian institution of higher education. It offers access to the resources of the IWM in Vienna to younger researchers who have demonstrated exceptional talent to allow them to work on a research project of their own choice.

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Deadline: 1 February 2017

[Joint Russian-Austrian initiative research projects competition of the Russian Foundation for Basic research \(RFBR\) and Austrian Science Fund \(FWF\)](#)

The Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) and the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) announce a call for proposals for joint Russian-Austrian projects in basic research. The aim of the competition is to develop international cooperation and to grant financial support for initiative research projects being conducted by Russian and Austrian researchers.

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Deadline: 1 March 2017

[Competition for Joint Russian and French Research Projects within the Framework of International Associated Laboratories \(LIA\) and International Joint Units \(UMI\)](#)

The Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) announce a call for proposals for joint Russian-French initiative projects in basic research, to be conducted by Russian and French scientists within the Framework of International Associated Laboratories (LIA) and International Joint Units (UMI).

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Armenia: Eastern Partnership Horizon 2020 Info Day and NCP Workshop

More than 130 participants from various research organisations, SMEs, Development Agencies, and National Contact Points took part in an Horizon 2020 Info Day and NCP workshop on Proposal Preparation and Management of EU Funded Projects. The events in Yerevan were organised by the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (NAS RA) in cooperation with the INCONTACT 2020, IncoNet EaP and INNOVER-EAST projects.



H2020 Info day and NCP workshop | photo: Anahit Khachikyan, NAS RA

In addition to a general overview of Horizon 2020 and MSCA, this Info Day provided specific information on the opportunities for Eastern Partnership countries with a special focus on Energy & Environment. The NCP workshop on the following day covered all the aspects on how to write a successful European proposal as well as the technical and financial management of EU funded projects. The EURAXESS and COST actions as well as Enterprise Europe Network services & tools were also introduced.

The events were conducted by invited experts from the 'Agenzia per la Promozione della Ricerca Europea' (Italy), 'Bay Zoltán Nonprofit Ltd. for Applied Research' (Hungary), 'Centre for Research and Technology' (Greece), 'Centre for Regional and International STI Studies and Support' (Greece), 'Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Technical and Scientific Sphere' (Belarus) and others. Both events were considered a true success with quite sophisticated but at the same time very efficient agendas. 18 presentations were held on the two days.

The Info Day and the NCP Workshop took place in line with a series of events held in Yerevan and were followed by INNOVER-EAST's 1st International Policy Conference titled 'National State of Innovation in the Eastern Partnership Countries in Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency', held on 8 July 2015.

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Azerbaijan: Horizon 2020 Information Event on Climate Action, Energy, Health and Environment

With the support of the IncoNet EaP Project this two day event organised by the International Relations Office of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS), took place in Baku on 1-2 July on the premises of the Kempinski Badamdar hotel.

The Horizon 2020 Information Day was devoted to Eastern Partnership participation in Horizon 2020: objectives and opportunities, applying for funding, validation of participants, and new funding opportunities.

More than 60 scientists and experts of scientific research institutes and organisations of Azerbaijan, whose activity area is connected to research, management and investments in the field of Health, Climate, Environment and Energy, as well as European partners from the Pasteur Institute, the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Regional Center for Development Information and Science (RCISD-Hungary) and PLANET SA (Greece), participated in the event. Participants were welcomed by the National Coordinator and Deputy Chief of International Relations Office of ANAS, Ms.Zarifa Aliyeva.

Three parallel thematic sessions: 'Health and well-being', 'Climate Change and Environment' and 'Energy' were organised for representatives of the Scientific and International Cooperation Departments of the institutes of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences intending to support the cooperation in Horizon 2020 by focusing the calls in selected areas: Health, Demographic Change and Well-being; Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials; and Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy. New funding opportunities and benefits for researches in Horizon 2020 were discussed.

The second day – organised by the International Relations Office of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences with the support of the IncoNet EaP project and the EAST-HORIZON project– was a training on proposal writing and partner search was carried out.

For more details and to download the [presentations](#) from this event please visit the [IncoNet EaP website](#).

Source: [Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences](#)

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Belarus: Energy tour in Belarus fosters Green Economy

The main organisers of this event were the project 'Supporting the Transition to a Green Economy in the Republic of Belarus' – funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme – and the NGO 'Center of Ecological Solutions'.

Events of the Energy Tour were held on July, 15 in Starobin (Minsk region), and on July, 16 in Zhitkovichi city (Gomel region). A seminar and festival on green economy and energy efficiency subjects were the main features of the tour.

The Energy Tour was conducted with the support of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk Regional Committee of Natural Resources and Environment Protection, and Gomel Regional Committee of Natural Resources and Environment Protection.

Seminars for representatives of housing and utility sector, enterprises, and representatives of local community were held in the first part of the day. During seminars, presentations on green economy principles, possibilities of energy saving, and new technologies that can be used in different sectors (housing and utility, industry, and household) were held. Guests were also informed about fund raising for implementation of the projects in energy efficiency area.

The festival on green economy and energy efficiency started after the end of the seminar in the main square of the city. The festival included a mobile interactive exhibition titled 'Trip to the biggest energy station of Belarus'. The exhibition was located in a mobile van equipped with solar batteries, sunlight collectors, and wind-powered generator. The mobile van also included more than thirty unique objects that demonstrated different energy efficiency technologies principles of work.

'Energy efficiency is one of the main directions of green economy, that's why it was decided to expand the concept of the Energy Tour and to include such important questions as green economy, its principles, and the process of the transition to a green economy in the Republic of Belarus to the agenda', said Volha Chabrouskaya, Project Manager of the project 'Supporting the Transition to a Green Economy in the Republic of Belarus'.

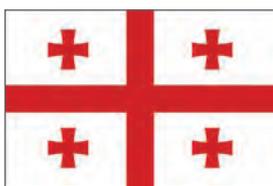
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Russia: 'ERA.NET RUS Plus' marks new stage in EU-Russia science cooperation



Meeting of ERA.Net RUS Plus Funding Parties | photo: Nina Schüle, DLR

On 1/2 July 2015, 20 funding parties from Austria, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey and Russia met at Saint Petersburg State University to take a final decision on multilateral research projects to be funded in the framework of the ERA.NET Plus with Russia.

The overall aim of the ERA.NET Plus with Russia initiative is to encourage durable partnership, develop and enhance transnational funding of research between Europe and Russia. ERA.NET Plus with Russia comprises 30 partners and is coordinated by the DLR Project Management Agency, which is part of the German Aerospace Center (DLR).

With an overwhelming number of 300 proposals submitted within the two funding lines 'Science & Technology' (nanotechnologies, environment/climate change, health, social sciences and humanities) and 'Innovation', the ERA.NET Plus with Russia has clearly demonstrated the tremendous interest of European and Russian researchers in implementing joint research projects despite the worsened political relations between Russia and the EU. With 62 funded projects (44 in S&T/18 in innovation) and a financial volume of EUR 20 million of the national and regional funding parties and the European Union, the ERA.NET Plus with Russia is considered to be a huge success.

It has become not only the largest geographical ERA.NET, but also a flagship and leading initiative in the EU-Russia science cooperation. Thus, the initiative will further enhance the significance of the EU-Russian partnership and help to reach a new strategic level in EU-Russian science cooperation with benefits for European and Russian S&T communities, policy-makers, economies and societies alike.

Source and further information: [ERA.Net RUS Plus website](#)

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Russia: EU will maintain scientific ties with Russia despite tensions

Science diplomacy can light the way where other kinds of politics and diplomacy have failed, according to Research Commissioner Carlos Moedas. While EU-Russian diplomacy gets more strained by the week, science communication lines will remain open, the EU Research Commissioner Carlos Moedas said on a visit to the US in May, as 'Science|Business' reports.

'The EU has imposed many sanctions on Russia, but one area where we have endeavoured to maintain our strong connection is in the area of research and innovation', Moedas said in a speech in Washington.

'Russia is a very active scientific partner of the EU. It is still a welcome partner in the Horizon 2020 [research programme]. We are working to maintain this important bridge to Russia, preserving a precious link through the common language and ideals of science', the Commissioner said.

Moedas used his visit to remind US and European governments of their obligations to not let science ties suffer during an icy spell in international relations. 'My hope is for the United States and the EU to continue to lead by example in this regard', he said.

Source and further information: [Science|Business](#)

Russia: European Parliament emphasizes the need to promote cooperation with Russian researchers

In a resolution on the state of EU-Russian relations adopted on 10 June 2015, the European Parliament 'underlines the need to promote, as much as possible, people-to-people contacts and to maintain, despite the current state of relations, strong dialogue and cooperation between EU and Russian students and researchers'.

While the overall tone of the resolution is critical, it also stresses that 'a constructive relationship between the EU and Russia must be sought in the long run, in the interest of both parties and with a view to facing common global challenges'.

Source and full resolution text: [European Parliament](#)

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Russia: Good News for EU-Russia Science Cooperation



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Russian researchers, universities, science institutions and enterprises are able to team up with their European partners to participate in projects under Horizon 2020. To support Russian participation in Horizon 2020 actions and in view of the fact that participants from Russia are no longer automatically funded by the EU, the Russian Ministry of Education and Science publishes dedicated calls to offer funding support for Russian Horizon 2020 participants.

Several of these have been included in the latest issue of the 'S&T Gate RUS. EU' newsletter, which is compiled by the EU funded BILAT-RUS Advanced project.

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Ukraine: BILAT-UKR*AINA projects completes its activities

The BILAT-UKR*AINA project, funded by the European Union's 7th Framework Programme, was successfully completed after 34 months duration on 30 June 2015. The project aimed to enhance and promote bilateral cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) between the EU and Ukraine.

Through its diverse activities, BILAT-UKR*AINA:

- supported the institutional S&T Policy Dialogue between the European Commission, the EU Member States and Ukraine;
- provided analytical input and operational tailor-made support to the Joint S&T Cooperation Committee and ensured practical follow-up;
- monitored and analysed the STI cooperation between EU and Ukraine;
- transferred best practice concepts and know-how on funding programmes, technology transfer, innovation support measures etc.;
- supported the association process of Ukraine to HORIZON 2020 programme through analytical inputs;
- supported the establishment of the Ukrainian NCP network and training of NCPs;
- promoted the Ukrainian participation in HORIZON 2020;
- provided training for researchers, organised targeted events webinars, in-house trainings, workshops, a summer school and HORIZON 2020 promotion events;
- facilitated implementation of the joint EU-Ukraine STI Roadmap through pilot activities (i.e. established of the Ukrainian National Technology Platform for Advanced Materials – UNTPAM) and identified mutual research topics in the fields of Nanotechnologies and Biotechnologies to further support the road-mapping process between EU and Ukraine and
- reached relevant policy-level institutions, funding bodies, NCPs, researchers, research managers/institutions, research-oriented SMEs and industry, other relevant EU projects and the public at large.

The project activities were implemented by a project consortium consisting of nine renowned institutions from EU Member States and Ukraine coordinated by the Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI).

All project outputs as well as other project related information are publicly accessible [here](#).

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Ukraine's Science Minister welcomes new funding initiative by CRDF Global

CRDF Global is a nonprofit organisation that promotes international scientific and technical collaboration through grants, technical resources, training and services. The organisation is based in Arlington, Virginia and has offices in Moscow, Kyiv and Almaty.

CRDF Global has created an emergency fund to support Ukrainian scientists and innovators. While Ukraine has an established system of science and higher education it has been severely affected by a lack of funding and security due to the current crisis.

Accompanying the announcement of the 'Emergency Fund for Ukraine's Scientists and Innovators', Serhiy Kvit, Ukraine's Minister of Education and Science, released a statement outlining the significance of this new effort.

'On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Science I would like to thank CRDF Global for its continuous support and dedicated commitment to our cooperation. During these challenging times it is vital for Ukraine to reinforce viable partnerships, especially in the spheres of education, science and research that have long-lasting impact on the country's development', stated the Minister.

His [full statement](#) as well as [information about the funding initiative](#) are available on the CRDF Global website.

Source: [CRDF Global](#)

EU further supports Ukraine's reform agenda and its economic recovery

On 18 June 2015, Commissioner Hahn and the Ukrainian Minister of Economy, Mr Abromavicius, signed a financing agreement worth €55 million for the programme EU Support to Ukraine to Re-launch the Economy (EU SURE). With this programme, the EU's grant allocation for this year alone is set to amount to around €200 million and it is a further sign of the unprecedented support made available to a non-EU country in such a short period of time, in a variety of grants and loans. In addition, also today the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine has ratified the 'Memorandum of Understanding' for the third macro-financial assistance package from the European Union, amounting to €1.8 billion.

'Today's ratification by the Ukrainian Parliament of the Memorandum of Understanding for the new EU macro-financial support is a clear sign of the commitment of Ukraine to its reforms path', said Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue. 'The measures included in the Memorandum, in particular on the fight against corruption and on the reform of its public administration, are key for Ukraine to become a secure and prosperous state, despite the conflict in the East of the country. We are now working towards disbursing the first payment of €600 million in the coming weeks.'

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European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Commissioner, Johannes Hahn, said: 'I am glad to sign the financing agreement for the 2015 special measure in support of private sector development and economic recovery. This programme will support the development of SMEs across Ukraine and early recovery of those regions most affected by the conflict. The package will help to set up Business Support Centres in 15 regions. We hope this can help launch new businesses and contribute to a new start for people who have had to leave their homes due to the conflict.'

This is part of a wider coordinated effort under the Eastern Partnership to improve access to finance for SMEs and to help them prepare for the Trade part of the Association Agreement aiming at establishing a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area which will be provisionally applied as of 1 January 2016. The recently launched DCFTA Facility should leverage about €1 billion for Ukraine to help SMEs seize new trade opportunities, improve access to finance and helping businesses comply with European standards.

During his visit Commissioner Hahn will also be announcing that, in recognition of reform efforts undertaken, Ukraine will receive a substantial additional allocation this year under the Umbrella fund, which means that Ukraine will benefit from at least €200 million this year in grant funding, in line with commitments taken in March of last year. The Financing Agreement signed yesterday is part of the first 2015 Special Measure for Private sector Development and Approximation approved by the European Commission on 23 April.

EU Support to Ukraine to Re-launch the Economy - EU SURE (€55 million): The action supports national, regional and local authorities and other stakeholders to develop and implement effective economic development policies, including SMEs policy. One component will be the setting up of Business Support Centres to cover 15 regions, managed by the EBRD for the development of regional capacities and training in entrepreneurial skills in at least 15 regions of Ukraine, in association with local business associations, banks and local/regional authorities; particular emphasis will be put on the areas affected by the conflict to contribute to the recovery. This action will also facilitate Ukraine's participation in Horizon 2020.

The DCFTA Facility for SMEs has been launched at the Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga in May this year. The Facility will provide some €200 million worth of grants from the EU budget over the next 10 years. This contribution is expected to unlock new investments worth at least €2 billion for the SMEs in the three DCFTA countries: Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. The financial means for the investments will be largely coming from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the European Investment Bank (EIB).

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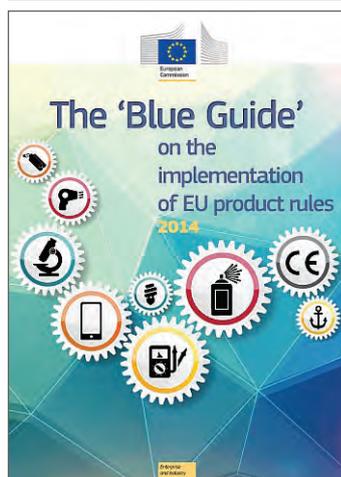
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Ukraine: 'Blue Guide' on EU requirements for products now available in Ukrainian



Ukrainian producers can now get acquainted with the [EU Blue Guide in Ukrainian language](#) to better understand the EU product rules and their application across different sectors of the single market.

This publication of the European Commission aims to promote understanding of the regulatory regime of EU products.

It is widely used in practice by economic entities, including manufacturers, importers and distributors which are operating in the EU or supply their products to the European market.

The [Blue Guide](#) is a thorough manual for conformity assessment bodies and authorities of the Member States of the EU.

Source: [No-Trade-Barriers project](#)

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Uzbekistan: European School of Management and Technology supports corporate governance in Uzbekistan

The European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) signed a cooperation agreement with the Scientific Educational Center of Corporate Governance in Uzbekistan in July. ESMT will provide executive education for Uzbek managers in the area of corporate governance. The programme will focus on the basic principles and international standards of corporate governance, their implementation and evaluation in all business sectors, as well as practical examples from Germany and Europe. The first module has started on 8 September 2015 in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan.

At the beginning of the programme, 80 CEOs, board members, and other top executives will come together in a 10-day module in Tashkent. 40 of the most outstanding members of the group will travel to Germany for 10 days in October for talks, lectures, and visits to several local companies.

Prof. Dr. Mannon Aliev, Director Scientific Educational Center of Corporate Governance, comments, 'The cooperation with ESMT is a great opportunity for our country's top managers to learn from the positive examples of Germany and to strengthen corporate governance in Uzbekistan. This educational opportunity will support our pursuit of greater economic growth.'

'We recognise a clear need for further development in the field of corporate governance in Uzbek companies. This initiative demonstrates the intentions of Uzbekistan to learn from the experiences of organizations in Europe and especially in Germany and to implement necessary standards', explains Torsten Brezina, Country Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Uzbekistan.

Corporate governance has been an important part of teaching and research at ESMT since its founding. The ESMT Executive MBA program has a special track devoted to managing business integrity, in which compliance, ethics, and corporate responsibility are major themes. The advanced management program 'The Supervisory Board' provides current and potential members of supervisory and advisory boards the qualifications they need to supervise successfully. ESMT professors publish regularly on corporate governance in leading scientific journals.

'Corporate governance is an important factor for responsible and sustainable economic growth. ESMT is looking forward to supporting Uzbekistan with our expertise in this pursuit', says ESMT President Prof. Jörg Rocholl.

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Uzbekistan: Experts' visit to explore possibilities for H2020 cooperation

The experts' visit took place in Tashkent on 19-20 June 2015 in the frame of the IncoNet CA project. On 19 June the experts visited the Physical-Technical Institute SPA 'Physics Sun' of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences. SPA 'Physics-Sun' is a leading organisation for conducting basic and applied research in the field of solar energy. The Test Bed (Geliopoligon) of the Physical-Technical Institute of SPA 'Physics-Sun' is the main base of the testing site, where scientific-research, and pilot development works are being performed.

The site also features experimental facilities (photovoltaic power plants, various types of solar thermal installations and the Stirling engine).

The following experts were involved in the visit:

1. Dr. George Bonas, Team Leader, IncoNet CA Scientific Coordinator, Managing Director in the Centre for Regional and International STI Studies and Support, Ceriss Greece
2. Mr. Gorazd Weiss, Task Leader, Senior Project Manager, Zentrum für Soziale Innovation GmbH, Research Policy & Development Department, ZSI, Austria
3. Mr. Andreas Ziolek, Expert, Managing Director, EE ENERGY ENGINEERS GmbH, Germany
4. Mr. Florian Moerger, Expeet, Project Manager, EE ENERGY ENGINEERS GmbH, Germany
5. Mr. Mariuz Walkowiak, Expert, Head of the Department of Advanced Materials, Institute of Non-ferrous metals Division in Poznan, Central Laboratory of Batteries and Cells, Poland.

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The experts met with the Director of the Physical-Technical Institute SPA 'Physics Sun' Prof. Sadulla Lutfullaev. He gave the visitors an overview of the activity, research developments, laboratories, facilities and international cooperation of the Institute. After the meeting with director the experts were invited to the conference room. The meeting was opened by Dr. Jasur Akhatov. He introduced all invited experts to the audience. Dr. George Bonas welcomed everyone and gave an introduction into the scope and activities of the IncoNet CA project. Mr. Gorazd Weiss made a presentation on Horizon 2020, relevant topics on Energy, calls and other important information.

Then the following researches and specialists made presentations regarding their activities:

1. Dr. Bakhtiyor Baizakov - Theory of Solid State and Semiconductors;
2. Prof. R.A. Muminov - Silicon-Lithium Nuclear Radiation Detectors with a Large Surface of Sensitive area;
3. Dr. R. Kabulov – the main research activities of the Laboratory 'Photo Electronics';

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Uzbekistan: Experts' visit to explore possibilities for H2020 cooperation

4. Mr. O.Abdulkhayev - Recent results of research group on photosensitive structures;
5. Dr. E.Tsoy - Nonlinear Dynamics of Optical Pulses and Beams;
6. Dr. N.Avezova - Laboratory of low-potential solar-thermal installations
7. Dr. S.Suleimanov - Optical coatings for solar energy application;
8. Dr. J.Akhatov – Recent research activities at Solar Thermal Applications Laboratory;
9. Prof. M.Tursunov – PV applications for different purposes;
10. Dr. O.Tursunqulov – The main activities of ISEI.

After presentations a tour through the laboratories was organised. The experts were introduced to the existing equipments and the research works of the laboratories.

After lunch all experts met with Jasur Akhatov, Deputy Director of the SPA Physical-Technical Institute 'Physics-Sun', Dr. Sultan Suleymanov and Durdona Komilova from IUCP-T visited Big Solar Furnace in Parkent. A tour of the premises of the facility was organised. The guests were informed about the installation activity and developments. After the tour the Director of the Big Solar Furnace Ilkhom Atabaev made a presentation about Big Solar Furnace's history, developments and S&T cooperation.

Day 2

At the SPA Physical-Technical Institute 'Physics-Sun' a round table with the Director of the Institute and other key researchers and scientists was organised. Issues related to the current possibilities and developments of the Institute were discussed, as well as the international development with foreign countries and projects involved. Dr. George Bonas gave his advice on enhancing the S&T cooperation with EU countries within framework programmes such as Horizon 2020.

All experts actively answered to all questions of the researchers. The director and other representatives of the Institute expressed their gratitude to the experts and their valuable information.

Source: *Durdona Komilova, IUCP-T*

Новости на русском языке

Россия: 62 совместных проекта было принято к финансированию в рамках инициативы ЭРА-НЕТ Рус+.

В рамках инициативы ЭРА-НЕТ Рус+, стартовавшей в Седьмой рамочной программе ЕС (FP7), в 2015 году было принято к финансированию 62 совместных проекта на сумму 20 млн Евро.

Для участия в двух приоритетных конкурсах инициативы ЭРА-НЕТ Рус+ – научном (в таких тематических областях, как нанотехнологии, окружающая среда/изменение климата, здравоохранение, общественные и гуманитарные науки) и инновационном, было подано свыше 300 заявок.

По итогам переговоров было принято решение о финансировании 62 проектов (из них 44 в рамках научного конкурса и 18 в рамках инновационного).

Национальными финансирующими организациями и Европейской комиссией было выделено 20 млн Евро, таким образом инициативу ЭРА-НЕТ Рус+ можно считать крайне результативной. ЭРА-НЕТ Рус+ стала не только самой большой географически инициативой из ряда программ ERA.NET, но также флагманом в научном сотрудничестве ЕС-Россия. В дальнейшем данная инициатива позволит расширить области российско-европейского сотрудничества и поможет достигнуть нового стратегического уровня развития научно-технологического сотрудничества между Россией и странами ЕС в политических, экономических и социальных сферах.

Подробнее: [ЭРА-НЕТ Рус+](#)

Конкурс инициативных проектов фундаментальных научных исследований, проводимый совместно РФФИ и Австрийским научным фондом (АНФ)

Заявки принимаются до: 01.02.2017

Задача Конкурса – развитие международного сотрудничества в области фундаментальных научных исследований, финансовая поддержка инициативных научно-исследовательских проектов, осуществляемых совместно учеными из России и Австрии.

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Новости на русском языке

Конкурс инициативных научных проектов, проводимый РФФИ и НЦНИ (CNRS) в рамках Международных ассоциированных лабораторий и Международных научно-исследовательских объединений

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Задача Конкурса – развитие международного сотрудничества в области фундаментальных научных исследований, финансовая поддержка инициативных проектов фундаментальных научных исследований, осуществляемых совместно российскими и французскими учеными в рамках Международных ассоциированных лабораторий и Международных научно-исследовательских объединений.

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Экологизация малых и средних предприятий: Пособие по инструментам природоохранной политики для стран Восточного партнерства ЕС

Цель данного Пособия по экологизации малых и средних предприятий (МСП) – помочь правительствам стран Восточного партнерства Европейского Союза (Армении, Азербайджана, Беларуси, Грузии, Молдовы и Украины) в разработке и применении основных инструментов, содействующих соблюдению требований природоохранного законодательства и внедрению экологических методов ведения бизнеса, основываясь на опыте стран ЕС и ОЭСР. Пособие рассматривает три группы инструментов природоохранной политики: упрощение нормирования и регулятивные стимулы, информационные инструменты, а также финансово-экономические стимулы.

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