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Armenia and Georgia have just joined 'Horizon 2020', the EU's current framework programme for research and innovation.

Thanks to the recently signed association agreements, their research institutes, universities and individual researchers will now have access to all opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 on an equal footing with researchers and organisations from EU Member States and other countries associated to the programme.

Armenian and Georgian SMEs and businesses will also be able to benefit from increased support to develop new ideas and bring products and services to the market.

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### EU eases Visa Rules for Researchers and Students from Non-EU Countries

Harmonised EU entry and residence rules to make it easier and more attractive for people from third countries to study or do research at EU universities were approved by Parliament on Wednesday. The new rules clarify and improve conditions for non-EU interns, volunteers, school pupils and au pairs.

The new rules merge two existing directives (one on students and one on researchers) to ensure that:

- students and researchers may stay at least nine months after finishing their studies or research in order to look for a job or to set up a business, which should also ensure that Europe benefits from their skills,
- students and researchers may move more easily within the EU during their stay. In future, they will not need to file a new visa application, but only to notify the member state to which they are moving, for example to do a one-semester exchange. Researchers will also be able to move for longer periods than those currently allowed,
- researchers have the right to bring their family members with them and these family members are entitled to work during their stay in Europe, and
- students have the right to work at least 15 hours a week.

'I am glad that the EU recognizes the value of attracting highly skilled people to come here and to entice them to stay by creating a harmonized European system applicable in all member states', said lead MEP Cecilia Wikström (ALDE, SE).

'This undoubtedly means that European universities will be able to strengthen their competitiveness on the global arena and become more attractive than ever to ambitious and highly-educated people from other countries, thanks to considerably improved conditions in the EU', she added.

The new directive also provides for uniform entry conditions and better protection for interns and volunteers under the European Volunteer Scheme during their stay. Optional provisions are foreseen for other volunteers, school pupils and third-country au pairs, who will be covered for the first time by an EU law.

The directive enters into force the day after its publication in the European Official Journal. Member states will then have two years in which to transpose its provisions into their national laws.

Source: [European Parliament](#)

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## EU Global Strategy and Central Asia: Vision and Instruments

On 1 April 2016, the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union Institute for Security Studies and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung jointly hosted an international conference on 'EU Global Strategy and Central Asia: Vision and Instruments.'

Among others, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan, Roman Vassilenko, identified science and technology as areas for 'close cooperation', as The Astana Times reports.

The conference, which brought together speakers from countries in both Europe and Central Asia, focused on the new European Union (EU) global strategy, that is currently under development, and the EU's role in Central Asia it should espouse from its point of view and those of Central Asia and other countries.

Latvia's Minister of Foreign Affairs Edgars Rinkevics and Kazakh Deputy Foreign Minister Roman Vassilenko delivered keynote speeches.

Vassilenko announced that Kazakhstan is ready for close cooperation in the strategy framework, including in the areas of technology, science, agriculture, construction, the oil and gas sector, metallurgy, pharmaceuticals, defence industries, telecommunication infrastructure, energy conservation, energy efficiency and alternative energy.

*Source and full article: [The Astana Times](#)*

## EU launches a new policy for the Arctic

The Arctic is both a frontier and gateway to Europe and one which is threatened by climate change.

Wednesday 27 April saw the EU unveil an integrated Arctic policy which will focus on climate change and environmental protection, sustainable development and international cooperation. EU High Representative Federica Mogherini joined climate Commissioner Karmenu Vella to launch the new initiative.

At the launch of the policy Mogherini stressed the international dimension: 'The Arctic is also crucial in terms of our foreign and security policy as the only place in the world where three continents meet, where the major players like the US, Canada and Russia meet and where several EU members and non-EU members meet.'

In recent years, the Arctic's role in climate change has become much more prominent with far-reaching consequences as the region acts as a regulator of the Earth's climate.

The proposed actions will now be discussed with the EU Member States in the Council and the European Parliament.

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## Two new 'Sustainable Energy Information Centres' open in Moldova and Georgia

The **Georgian Sustainable Energy Information Centre** (SEIC) opened on 22 April 2016, in Tbilisi with the participation of Mr. Ilia Elosvhili, Deputy Minister of Energy, Mr. David Narmania, Tbilisi's Mayor and Mr. Wolfgang Lutz, INOGATE Leader of the Sustainable Energy team and other official and civil Society representatives.

The Georgian centre, housed in the main hall of the Tbilisi City Hall, is an extension of the City Hall services already being provided. It is a place to spread the word on sustainable energy, helping the public make small, affordable investments in energy efficiency. Through greater awareness of energy efficiency, consumers are empowered to make informed choices to save themselves money and help increase their country's energy security.

The main targets are citizens, business people, the staff of Tbilisi City Hall and school children. The Tbilisi City Hall welcomes in its building an average of 1,600 visitors daily and the centre aims to reach at least 10% of these, directly face-to-face. Conservatively speaking the Centre will engage with over 40,000 visitors annually.

Mr. Xavier Dubuisson, who has worked with INOGATE to initiate Sustainable Energy Information Centres in Chisinau (Moldova) and Tbilisi, sees their role as 'empowering citizens to reap the benefits of energy efficiency, environmental protection and energy security, for themselves as well as for their country.'

The inauguration ceremony of the **Moldovan Sustainable Energy Information Centre** took place on 15 April 2016 in Chisinau, Moldova with the participation of Mr. Valeriu Triboi, Deputy Minister of Economy of Moldova together with Mr. Alexandre Darras, Attaché-Project Manager at the EU Delegation to Moldova, Mr. Mihail Stratan, Director of the Energy Efficiency Agency of Moldova (AEE), and Mr. Adrian Twomey, INOGATE Project Team Leader.

The Chisinau Sustainable Energy Information Centre, housed in the Moldovan Agency of Energy Efficiency, will serve as a hub for a number of initiatives by NGOs, businesses and education institutes, aiming to inform and educate citizens. The centre's staff will focus on outreach activities and will be equipped with interactive exhibits, demos of sustainable energy products, and lots of information material. The will work closely with the hub members and run regular roadshows to local communities to promote country-wide awareness on energy efficiency. A strong emphasis is also given to the use of social media and digital communication to engage with younger audiences.

During the ceremony, the participants had the opportunity to interact with interactive displays and exhibits prepared for the Sustainable Energy Information Centre and to collect information materials.

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The third Policy Stakeholders Conference (PSC) organised by the IncoNet EaP project took place in Budapest on 19-20 April 2016. The conference addressed 'Health' as a focus area of EU-Eastern Partnership Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation. The main aim of the Policy Stakeholders Conference was to bring together policy makers, representatives of the research community and the private sector to discuss specific problems of mutual interest that countries in the region face.

The conference gathered 87 policy makers and representatives of the academic and scientific communities. They represented 65 organisations from 14 European and Eastern Partnership countries. A number of international organisations, such as the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development (AIGHD), Institute Pasteur, Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS), Stop TB Partnership, World Health Organization, as well as a representative from the European Commission attended the event. Participants also represented public policy coordination bodies, major international projects and programs in the health sector as well as the civil society, the research community and the business. More than a third of the participants were women.

On the first day of the conference international organisations presented their current strategies, initiatives and programmes. The second day was dedicated to 'World Cafe' style discussions about the main challenges in health related issues and international fields of potential cooperation. A full report on the conference outcomes, including good practice examples and recommendations for a stronger EU-Eastern Partnership cooperation in health research and innovation will be published this summer.

Source and further information: [IncoNet EaP](#)

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## 'Go East Summer Schools' by the German Academic Exchange Service

'Go-East' is an initiative of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The programme encourages students from Germany to broaden their academic perspective by conducting part of their studies in countries in Central-Eastern, South-Eastern, and Eastern Europe and the CIS. The 'Go-East Summer Schools 2016' will – among others – take place in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

The application period started on 1 March 2016. Registration at the DAAD Portal is mandatory.

### Programme Description

Within the initiative 'Go East' of the DAAD wants to encourage more students from Germany to study and research in the countries of Central, South and Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia. To spur young graduates' interest, the DAAD promotes German students who wish to participate in summer and winter schools. These training courses are offered each year during the summer or winter months of universities in the region on various topics. The program is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

### Application Requirements

The programme is open to all disciplines. Applications are invited from German students fully enrolled at a German university. Prerequisite for funding under the 'Go East' programme is German citizenship (or equality with German nationals under §8 para. 1, item. 2 and para. 2 BAföG). For more details click [here](#) (linked website in German language).

Moreover, even non-German students can apply, if they are enrolled in a degree programme at a German university with the aim to graduate at a German university.

Graduates holding a Master and PhD students are not eligible to apply.

### Application Deadlines

The double-track application procedure requires interested parties to apply at the respective summer school for admission and at the DAAD for a scholarship. The local organisers will define the conditions for approval.

The application deadline at the DAAD-Portal is the same as the closing date of the respective summer school.

Re-application is possible only after a 'waiting period' of one year.

Source and full information (in German language): [DAAD](#)

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## INOGATE final conference: Energy cooperation remains priority for EU's relations with its neighbours

On 17 March 2016 a high-level conference on energy cooperation with the countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood and Central Asia marked the end of the EU-funded Energy Cooperation Programme INOGATE that lasted for 20 years. On this occasion the European Commission confirmed that energy remains the EU's priority for future relations with these countries. A new EU regional energy cooperation programme is expected to start in May 2016, according to Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission Vice President of the Energy Union.

The EU Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn, who hosted the conference, referred to the recent review of Neighbourhood Policy where, he said, the EU have made stabilisation the key goal for the next few years. 'Energy is key to stabilisation and fundamental to economic development and the quality of the daily life of citizens', highlighted Hahn.

European Commission Vice President of the Energy Union Maroš Šefčovič announced the new four year regional energy cooperation programme between EU, its Neighbourhood and Central Asia. 'The Energy Union leverages on the impressive results of 20 years of energy cooperation with the EU's neighbours. Our vision for the future is to take this mutually-beneficial cooperation to the next phase, promoting energy security and sustainability in line with the Energy Union Strategy and the Paris Agreement', said Šefčovič.

The one-day conference brought together 200 participants, including high-level representatives from the EU, the partner countries of the INOGATE Programme, international financial institutions, think tanks, the private sector and academia. EC states in its press release that the participants agreed that a regional approach to future energy cooperation should continue, adding that the new programme should transfer know-how and best practices in the same way it was done in the framework of the INOGATE Programme.

The EC reports that it has allocated EUR 20 million for the new regional energy cooperation programme that will last between 2016 and 2020 and continue to work with all 11 partner countries. The new programme will take into account the different energy aspirations of these countries and will be implemented mainly through international bodies such as International Energy Agency, Energy Community Secretariat and Energy Charter.

*Sources and further information: [EU Neighbourhood Info Centre](#) | [INOGATE](#)*

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## English-Russian Online Glossary of Terms frequently occurring in International STI Cooperation Activities

A glossary of terms frequently used in international science, technology and innovation cooperation, has recently been published by IncoNet CA partner InExCB-KZ (Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan). It lists frequently used terms in English and Russian, plus a short definition of the respective term in both languages.

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Term	Термины
<b>Academic sector</b> Consists of public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees, public or private non-profit research organizations whose primary mission is to pursue research and international European interest organizations as they are defined in Article 2 of the Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation.	<b>Академический сектор</b> Состоит из государственных или частных высших учебных заведений, присуждающих ученые степени; государственные или частные некоммерческие исследовательские организации, основная миссия которых состоит в проведении научных исследований; и заинтересованные международные европейские организации, как определено в Статье 2 Правил участия в Горизонт 2020.
<b>Access rights</b> Rights to use results or background under the terms and conditions laid down in accordance with the Horizon 2020 Rules for Participation (Regulation(EU) No 1290/2013)	<b>Права доступа</b> Права на использование результатов научных исследований или исходной информации в соответствии с Правилами Участия в Горизонт 2020 [Постановление ЕС №1290/2013].
<b>Access to risk finance</b> Access to risk finance shall aim to overcome deficits in the availability of debt and equity finance for R&D and innovation-driven companies and projects at all stages of development. Together with the equity instrument of the Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs, it shall support the development of European Union-level venture capital.	<b>Доступ к рисковому финансированию</b> Доступ к рисковому финансированию должен быть нацелен на преодоление дефицита долгового и акционерного финансирования для НИОКР и инновационно-ориентированных компаний и проектов на всех стадиях развития. Вместе с долевым инструментом Программы Конкурентоспособности предприятий малого и среднего бизнеса, он должен поддерживать развитие венчурного капитала на уровне Европейского Союза.

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## Open Calls

**Deadline: 14 June 2016**

[M-ERA.NET Call 2016 – open to participation from Russia](#)

M-ERA.NET is an EU funded network to support and increase the coordination of European research and innovation programmes and related funding in materials science and engineering. The M-ERA.NET Call 2016 brings together 35 funding agencies from 26 countries with a preliminary total budget of around 40 million € including an EU contribution. The aim is to fund ambitious transnational RTD projects addressing materials research and innovation.

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**Deadline: 17 June 2016**

[Sumforest Call for 'Sustainable Forests for the Society of the Future'](#)

The FP7 funded ERA-NET Sumforest has launched a call for transnational collaborative research projects. It focuses on basic and applied research to inform policy decisions and also addresses research issues spanning the whole value chain from forest management to product and service development. Proposals are expected to be transnational, innovative forms of cooperation are encouraged. Belarus and Russia are funding partners, thus the call is open to participation from Belarus and Russia. Consortia may also include partners from other non-EU countries, but they will have to cover their own expenses.

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**Deadline: 30 June 2016**

[EaP Connect Call for Proposals within the 'Enlighten Your Research' Programme](#)

Are you a researcher from one of the Eastern Partnership countries, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova or Ukraine? Is your research ready for an international challenge? Do you work in a team that is interested to take part in an international research project and get in touch with National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) in Europe? If so, the EU-funded Eastern Partnership Connect (EaPConnect) project invites you to apply for an international programme for researchers titled 'Enlighten Your Research'.

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**Deadline: 27 June 2016**

[UK-Kazakhstan: Researcher Links Travel Grants | Newton Fund](#)

Researcher Links Travel Grants provide financial support for early-career researchers to undertake an international research placement to strengthen links for future collaboration, build research capacity in developing economies, and enhance the researcher's career opportunities. Researchers that reside in the UK can apply for funding to visit a university or research institution in one of the partner countries (incl. Kazakhstan), and those residing in one of the partner countries (incl. Kazakhstan) can apply for funding to come to the UK.

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CLIENT II – International Partnerships for Sustainable Innovations

Central Asia (including the Central Asian regions of Russia) is among the targeted partner regions of this funding measure within the Framework Programme 'Research for Sustainable Development (FONA3)' of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The aim of funding under the 'CLIENT II' programme is to support international partnerships in the areas of climate, environment and energy. BMBF will support German companies, research and other institutions; the foreign project partners must contribute their own financing for their project module or source the necessary funding in their country of origin.

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**Deadline: 14 July 2016**

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and Armenian State Committee of Science support R&D Cooperation Projects

The Armenian State Committee of Science (SCS) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) have announced a funding measure for research and development projects with at least one German and one Armenian partner. Eligible thematic fields include bio-technologies / life sciences, material sciences, optical technologies, information and communication technologies, as well as environment protection technologies and sustainability research. Project outlines have to be submitted until 14 July 2016.

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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)

Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR), in accordance with the Memorandum on Cooperation with 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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*More funding opportunities: [incrEAST calls page](#)  
Open Calls under Horizon2020: [Participant Portal](#)*

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- 1-2 June 2016 | Baku  
[Horizon 2020 Info Day on Climate Change, Energy and Health related issues](#)
- 2-3 June 2016 | Yerevan  
[Horizon 2020 Association Launching Workshop and Info Day in Armenia](#)
- 2-3 June 2016 | Istanbul  
[IEPAS2016 'The post-Soviet Eurasian Space in the 25th Year of Independence'](#)
- 6-10 June 2016 | Lublin and Krosno  
[Study tour for Ukrainian forestry sector authorities to gain/exchange experience on sustainable forest management practices in Poland](#)
- Jun 09 2016 - Jun 09 2016 | Minsk  
[SUAFRI-EPC Brokerage event in Belarus \(Agri-Food science and technology\)](#)
- 8-10 June 2016 | Amsterdam  
[Brokerage at eHealthweek 2016](#)
- 8-10 June 2016 | Batumi  
[8th 'Environment for Europe' Ministerial Conference & side events](#)
- 8-10 June 2016 | Amsterdam  
[eHealth Week 2016](#)
- 8-10 June 2016 | Berlin  
[Launch Conference of EU-STRAT: Looking Inside-out – Strategies for Transforming the Neighbourhood](#)
- 9 June 2016 | Bishkek  
[Young Researchers Forum in Central Asia: Cooperation Perspectives with the European Union on Climate Change, Energy and Health in the context of Horizon 2020](#)
- 9-10 June 2016 | Bologna  
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IncoNet EaP Summer School on Energy Efficiency. International Project Management – from Theory to Practice.
- 13-24 June 2016 | Malmö  
SI Summer Academy for Young Professionals 2016
- 13-17 June 2016 | Brussels & cities across the EU  
EU Sustainable Energy Week 2016 (EUSEW)
- 14-15 June 2016 | Dushanbe  
Innovation Training in Tajikistan
- 15-16 June 2016 | Brussels  
European Development Days 2016
- 15-16 June 2016 | Rotterdam  
Matchmaking at Wind Days 2016
- 17 June 2016 | Brussels  
E<sup>2</sup> Tech4Cities Brokerage Event 2016
- 21-22 June 2016 | Aarhus  
Matchmaking at the IFAMA 26th Annual World Conference
- 21-23 June 2016 | Budapest  
IPC 2016 – International Scientific Conference on Probiotics and Prebiotics
- 22 June 2016 | online  
Webinar on Horizon 2020 – General Introduction
- 25-26 June 2016 | Novi Sad  
Post-Socialism: Hybridity, Continuity and Change
- 26 June - 2 July 2016 | tbc  
Study tour for forest specialists from Belarus: 'Opportunities for sustainable forestry practices in intensively managed forests: Experience of Germany'
- 27-29 June 2016 | Brussels  
Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Info Week
- 27 June - 1 July 2016 | Almaty  
Energy security: Sustainable management of natural resources
- 28 June 2016 | Brussels  
BioHorizon Brokerage Event on Food Security and related topics (H2020 Societal Challenge 2)
- 28-29 June 2016 | Aarhus  
Network & Consortium Building at CIGR-AgEng 2016

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- 30 June - 1 July 2016 | Vienna  
Workshop on Identifying and Engaging the Scientific Diaspora from EaP Countries
- 3-9 July 2016 | Kharkiv  
8th International Social Science Summer School in Ukraine
- 7 July 2016 | Brussels  
Horizon 2020 Health Partnering Day 2016
- 12 July 2016 | Berlin  
German-Ukrainian Dialogue: Perspectives for Education and Science (Ministerial Meeting)
- 17-23 July 2016 | Nizhny Novgorod to St.Petersburg river cruise  
CREMLIN Workshop on Novel Applications of Exawatt Laser Sources
- 19 July 2016 | Budapest  
Triple Helix Conference and Brokerage Event on Bio-based Economy
- 23-27 July 2016 | Manchester  
EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) 2016
- 27-28 July 2016 | Cluj Napoca  
NoGAP Final Conference
- 1-7 August 2016 | various locations  
Efficiency Challenge Electric Vehicle
- 31 August - 3 September 2016 | Almaty  
Advances in eye research towards the prevention of visual loss
- 13-15 September 2016 | Almaty  
Joint International Symposium 'Physics and Chemistry of Carbon Materials/ Nanoengineering' and Conference 'Nanoenergetic Materials and Nanoenergetics'
- 19 September 2016 | Vienna  
Launch event: Building Bridges in Social Welfare Policy in Eastern Europe
- 19-23 September 2016 | Almaty  
Management of Innovation in the Agricultural Sector

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## Armenia joins Horizon 2020

The agreement associating Armenia to Horizon 2020 was recently signed by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Levon Mkrtchyan, Armenian Minister for Education and Science. Thanks to the new agreement, Armenia's research institutes, universities and individual researchers will now have access to all opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 in diverse areas, from fundamental science to demonstration projects, on an equal footing with researchers and organisations from EU Member States and other countries associated to the programme.

Researchers and innovators from Armenia will now have full access to Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation funding programme, under the same conditions as their counterparts from EU Member States and other associated countries.

The agreement associating Armenia to Horizon 2020 was signed yesterday by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Levon Mkrtchyan, Armenian Minister for Education and Science.

This Agreement allows for Armenia's enhanced cooperation with the EU in research and innovation, which are vital for successful and modern economies. It shows the commitment of the Union to develop the scientific and innovation capacity of its partners associated to the programme. It also represents another step towards reaching the EU goal of opening research and innovation to the world.

Armenia has until now been able to participate in Horizon 2020 only as a third country. This means its entities have not counted towards the minimum number of participants required for a project, and have not had access to some important parts of the programme such as support to innovative businesses. Its representatives have not had access to key policy bodies.

Thanks to this agreement, its research institutes, universities and individual researchers will now have access to all opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 in diverse areas, from fundamental science to demonstration projects, on an equal footing with researchers and organisations from EU Member States and other countries associated to the programme. Armenian SMEs and businesses will also be able to benefit from increased support to develop new ideas and bring products and services to the market.

Download this [press release in Armenian](#).

Source and further details: [European Commission](#)

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### 'Energy Community' invites Armenia to become fully-fledged member

The Energy Community's Director Janez Kopač met in Yerevan with Armenian Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Yervand Zakharyan, and invited the country to apply for full membership of the organisation, as the EU Neighbourhood Info Centre reports. Currently, Armenia holds observer status and full membership will benefit the country's energy market.

The 'Energy Community' is an international organisation dealing with energy policy. It was established by an international treaty in October 2005, bringing together the European Union, on the one hand, and countries from the South East Europe and Black Sea region on the other. The key aim of the organisation is to extend the EU internal energy market to South East Europe and beyond on the basis of a legally binding framework.

As of October 2013, the Energy Community has nine members: the European Union and eight Contracting Parties - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine. Georgia, Armenia, Norway and Turkey participate as Observers. Georgia has been in the process of joining the Energy Community as a fully-fledged member.

Source: [ENPI Info Centre](#)



### Azerbaijan joins Torino Process on Vocational Education and Training

The Torino Process is a biannual participatory analytical review of the status and progress of vocational education and training in the 31 partner countries of the European Training Foundation (ETF).

In Azerbaijan the mechanism was officially launched in April, when the country's Ministry of Education also announced the government's approval of a new VET Agency. This new body will be responsible for the coordination of vocational education policy development and its implementation in the country, according to the European Training Foundation.

'The Torino Process is a policy analysis mechanism to better inform strategy development in vocational education,' said Mr Famil Mustafayev, advisor to the Minister of Education.

Sources and further details: [ETF](#) and [EU Neighbourhood Info Centre](#)

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### Belarus and EU enter Structured Dialogue on Research and Innovation

On 6-7 April 2016, Brussels hosted the first meeting of the Belarus-EU Coordination Group, a new format to advance a structural and comprehensive dialogue between Belarus and the European Union on trade, energy, customs, innovation and standardisation issues, as well as to boost cooperation in modernisation, technical assistance and human rights. Belarus was represented by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alena Kupchyna. The EU delegation was led by the Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service, Helga Schmid.

The Coordination Group has discussed the whole range of bi-lateral relations, including cooperation in the agreed areas on modernisation, the state and prospects of sector dialogues, participation of Belarus in the Eastern Partnership EU technical assistance programmes, as well as the human rights issues. According to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, the meeting has started a new, structured and complex dialogue with the EC and confirmed the intention of the both sides to intensify the cooperation.

In terms of research and innovation, the Coordination Group has agreed to start a sector dialogue aimed to increase Belarus participation in EU-funded RTI programmes. This initiative was expressed in 2015 by the State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus.

The dialogue will be formally launched at a conference to be held in Minsk later in 2016.

More information is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus:

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### Belarus and Hungary agree to launch Joint Research and Innovation Mobility Call in 2017

The first meeting of the Hungarian-Belorussian Science, Technology & Innovation Joint Working Group (STI JWG) was held on 19 April 2016. The parties agreed upon announcing a joint call for proposals in 2017 both in Hungary and Belarus .

In accordance with the decisions of the 6th Hungarian-Belarusian Intergovernmental Joint Committee on Economic Cooperation held in September 2015, the first meeting of the Hungarian-Belarusian Working Group on Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) was held on 19-20 April 2016 at the National Research, Development and Innovation Office in Budapest. The Belarusian part of the Working group is led by the State Committee on Science and Technology.

The Working Group agreed on the modalities of cooperation. It will support researchers' mobility, joint use of RDI facilities and research infrastructure, organization of scientific events and information exchange, as well as participation in the EU-funded programmes. The special attention will be provided to the first joint call for proposals to be launched in 2017 to support researchers' exchange between the organisations of the two countries.

The priority areas of bi-lateral cooperation for the coming years will be

- Energy research and renewable energies
- Agricultural sciences and food industry
- Medicine and medical technologies, biotechnologies, pharmacy
- Chemical technologies, nano- and new materials.

Within the first joint call, the Working Group has agreed upon supporting 5-6 bi-lateral projects.

For more details visit the [website of the Hungarian National Research, Development and Innovation Office](#).

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### Belarus: Awareness raising campaign on the network of Horizon 2020 NCPs

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020. NCPs are also established in many non-EU countries. An awareness raising and promotion campaign on the national network of NCPs in Belarus was launched in Minsk this month with the support of the IncoNet EaP project. Among other activities, the campaign includes a training for NCPs to be held in Minsk in June and travel grants for participation in the NCP-related events organised by the European Commission and NCP thematic networks in May – July 2016.

Within the framework on the IncoNet EaP project an awareness raising and promotion campaign on the national network of Horizon 2020 NCPs started in Belarus. The main objectives of the campaign are the following:

- To increase the visibility of the NCP network and its services within the national research community;
- To inform the relevant state bodies and the NCP host organisations about the results of Belarus participation in Horizon 2020 in 2014-2015 and NCPs' activities aimed at promoting participation and assisting the local players;
- To discuss and draw attention of the state authorities and NCP host organisations to the challenges the NCPs meet and to jointly develop the realistic, workable proposals on how the NCP network could be supported at the national level; to communicate these proposals to the relevant state bodies;
- To enhance the knowledge and skills of NCPs, support their regular activities by providing training and guidelines and promote their mobility and integration in NCP networks thus contributing to the quality of NCP services.

The campaign started with the 3rd annual NCP meeting which, as opposed to the previous years, was organised in an open format. Besides NCPs, the event hosted representatives of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, EU International Technical Assistance Center in Belarus, administration of the NCP hosting research centers, universities and business associations and organisations which are interested to set up an NCP for H2020. The materials and photos of the event that took place in Minsk on 1 April 2016 are available [here](#).

The campaign also includes a training for NCPs to be held in Minsk in June and travel grants for participation in the NCP-related events organised by the European Commission and NCP thematic networks in May – July 2016, as well as publication of promotion materials and guidelines to assist NCPs in their daily activities.

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### Belarus and Georgia agree to cooperate in Science and Technology

An intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in science and technology between Belarus and Georgia was signed on 22 March 2016 during the visit of Georgia's Prime Minister Mr. George Kvirikashvili to Minsk. In contrast to similar framework agreements signed by Belarus earlier, the one with Georgia does not contain the direct obligation of the parties to provide the financial support for joint activities, e.g. for implementing the joint R&D projects. It states however that the parties will develop a mechanism to ensure the implementation of joint of S&T projects.

The following areas were defined as the bi-lateral priorities:

- methodology and development of test systems and quality control;
- environment;
- medicine and medical technologies, pharmacy;
- energy;
- biotechnology;
- agriculture;
- water management technologies;
- mining technologies;
- information and communication technologies;
- nanotechnologies;
- laser technologies and photonics.

In contrast to many other similar framework agreements signed by Belarus earlier, the one with Georgia does not contain the direct obligation of the parties to provide the financial support for joint activities, e.g. for implementing the joint R&D projects. It states however that the parties will develop a mechanism to ensure the implementation of joint of S&T projects, to enable the evaluation of technical and economic efficiency of their outcomes and to provide the financing for them. Evidently, for the moment the key instrument for collaboration could be the joint participation of Belarusian and Georgian researchers and companies in Horizon 2020 and other EU-funded programmes.

As usual, an intergovernmental commission will be set up to ensure the coordination of activities under this agreement.

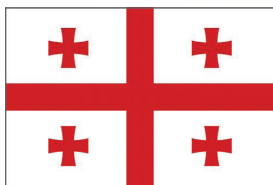
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### Georgia joins Horizon 2020

Researchers and innovators from Georgia will now be able to participate in Horizon 2020, the EU's framework programme for research and innovation, under the same conditions as their counterparts from EU Member States and other associated countries. The agreement associating Georgia to Horizon 2020 was signed by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Tamar Sanikidze, Georgian Minister for Education and Science, on 29 April 2016.

The Agreement allows for Georgia's enhanced cooperation with the EU in research and innovation, which are vital for successful and modern economies. It shows the commitment of the Union to develop the scientific and innovation capacity of its neighbours in the Eastern European Partnership.

Commissioner Carlos Moedas said: 'I am very pleased to welcome Georgia into Horizon 2020, the world's largest public funding programme for research and innovation. EU research, science and innovation is open to the world for collaboration and we value working together with our partners to invest in knowledge and innovation for the future. Georgia's association will bring a diversity of expertise and ideas, enriching our international research cooperation.'

According to Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations 'the full association of Georgia into Horizon 2020 will allow its enterprises and research institutions to become even more competitive and resilient. Georgia is an important partner for the EU and a frontrunner of the Eastern Partnership.'

Source: [European Commission](#)

Armenia has also joined Horizon 2020 this year. [Learn more...](#)

### 'Sustainable Energy Information Centre' opens in Georgia

The Georgian Sustainable Energy Information Centre (SEIC) opened on 22 April 2016, in Tbilisi with the participation of Mr. Ilia Elosvhili, Deputy Minister of Energy, Mr. David Narmania, Tbilisi's Mayor and Mr. Wolfgang Lutz, INOGATE Leader of the Sustainable Energy team and other official and civil Society representatives.

The Georgian centre, housed in the main hall of the Tbilisi City Hall, is an extension of the City Hall services already being provided. It is a place to spread the word on sustainable energy, helping the public make small, affordable investments in energy efficiency. [Learn more...](#)

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## Workshop Series in Kazakhstan under the Newton - Al-Farabi Partnership Programme

The Newton – Al-Farabi Partnership Programme has awarded funding to support several upcoming workshops as part of the British Council’s Researcher Links Programme.

These workshops will bring together early career researchers from the UK and Kazakhstan to discuss their research, build contacts for future collaboration, and work on some of the key development challenges affecting Kazakhstan. The organisers are inviting early career researchers to apply to participate in the workshops.

The funding will cover expenses related to participation in the workshop for all successful participants, including accommodation, travel and subsistence.

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## Travel Grants - Researcher Links / Newton Fund

Researcher Links Travel Grants provide financial support for early-career researchers to undertake an international research placement to strengthen links for future collaboration, build research capacity in developing economies, and enhance the researcher's career opportunities.

Researchers who reside in the UK can apply for funding to visit a university or research institution in one of the partner countries (including Kazakhstan), and those residing in one of the partner countries (including Kazakhstan) can apply for funding to come to the UK.

These grants are funded under the Newton Fund, a UK Government initiative funded by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, together with partner funders from around the world. The Fund aims to promote the economic development and welfare of either the partner countries or, through working with the partner country, to address the problems of low-income and vulnerable populations.

Deadline: 27 June 2016, 16:00 (UK time)

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### **FRESH AIR Project presented at Kyrgyz National Center of Cardiology and Therapy**

FRESH AIR (Free Respiratory Evaluation and Smoke-exposure reduction by primary Health Care Integrated Groups) is a three year implementation science research project to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of non-communicable lung diseases in low and middle income countries (LMICs) and other low-resource settings.

The Consortium brings together leading international respiratory researchers, clinicians and policy experts from EU member states and the US who have expertise and experience of the challenges of implementation in LMICs and healthcare providers, policy makers and implementers from four countries that represent very different low-resource settings.

The project was recently presented in Kyrgyzstan, one of its 4 target countries. The presentation was held on 30 April 2016 at the National Center of Cardiology and Therapy (NCCIM) of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The main aim of this event was to present the work of the project in Kyrgyzstan and its importance in strengthening public health in the country. The event was organised by project partners from Kyrgyzstan, the USA, The Netherlands and Switzerland, bringing together national stakeholders from politics and the scientific sphere:

- Ms. Aida Ismailova - Member of the Committee of Health, Science and Social policy of the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic,
- Prof. Abdimannap Muratov – Head of the Science Department of the Ministry of Education and Science and Head of National Science Foundation of the Kyrgyz Republic,
- Prof. Jyldyz Bakashova – National Coordinator of H2020 in Kyrgyzstan, and
- other scientists, doctors and stakeholders.

Participants highlighted that participation of Kyrgyzstan in this international project with such valuable partners is a huge step forward for public health science.

#### **The FRESH AIR project**

Worldwide hundreds of millions of people suffer from chronic, long term lung diseases. These diseases cause symptoms that can stop people being physically active, prevent them working and make everyday life very difficult. Sadly, every year millions of people also die prematurely from chronic lung diseases. The Kyrgyz Republic has the highest mortality from respiratory diseases in the WHO European Region...

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... While chronic lung diseases are not curable, with proper treatment the symptoms can usually be managed. However, in low and middle income countries like the Kyrgyz Republic diagnosis and treatment can be difficult to access. Many people are also exposed to smoke from household air pollution that causes lung diseases and makes them worse. This is because they often burn wood and other solid fuels inside their houses for heating and cooking without proper ventilation. In addition, the Kyrgyz Republic has very high rates of tobacco smoking, especially amongst men, which is the other major cause of lung diseases. WHO figures indicate that in the Kyrgyz Republic 22% of deaths amongst men are caused by tobacco.

FRESH AIR is a new project, funded by the European Commission, which seeks to do just that. Over three years, starting in October 2015, it will explore how to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of chronic lung diseases in countries where there are high rates of tobacco smoking and exposure to household air pollution, where healthcare resources are limited and where people's awareness of the dangers of smoke is low. The project has seven specific objectives:

- Identify how policy makers and healthcare professionals can provide effective services;
- Raise awareness of the dangers of smoke so people can reduce their exposure;
- Develop services that help people quit smoking where resources are limited;
- Test new easier and cheaper ways of diagnosing COPD;
- Promote pulmonary rehabilitation, a low-cost treatment that improves people's ability to breathe;
- Reduce children's risk of lung damage and early mortality; and
- Generate new knowledge and innovation and sharing this.

The project consists of inter-related activities in four countries: the Kyrgyz Republic, Uganda, Vietnam and Greece. These countries have diverse demographic, geographic, economic, health system and cultural characteristics so the project will generate learning that will be useful in many other contexts. This learning will be widely disseminated nationally, regionally and internationally.

The FRESH AIR project involves patients, community groups, health care workers, policy makers, and other stakeholders through Stakeholder Engagement Groups in each of the four countries. These stakeholders are essential to provide input on local priorities and other contextual factors that are used in the detailed design of interventions. If you are interested in knowing more about chronic lung diseases and the project, please look at the [FRESH AIR website](#) which includes a range of resources and details of how to get involved.

Source: *Ertabyldy Alymkulov, Horizon 2020 NCP, Kyrgyzstan*

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### 'Sustainable Energy Information Centre' opens in Molova

The inauguration ceremony of the **Moldovan Sustainable Energy Information Centre** took place on 15 April 2016 in Chisinau, Moldova . The Chisinau Sustainable Energy Information Centre, housed in the Moldovan Agency of Energy Efficiency, will serve as a hub for a number of initiatives by NGOs, businesses and education institutes, aiming to inform and educate citizens.

The centre's staff will focus on outreach activities and will be equipped with interactive exhibits, demos of sustainable energy products, and lots of information material. The will work closely with the hub members and run regular roadshows to local communities to promote country-wide awareness on energy efficiency. A strong emphasis is also given to the use of social media and digital communication to engage with younger audiences. [Learn more...](#)

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### New Russian-German Cooperation on Magnetic Hybrid Materials

At the beginning of March 2016, a German-Russian research cooperation in engineering, funded by the DFG, is being launched for the first time. For a period of presumably six years, three German and four Russian research groups will jointly enter uncharted territory in the field of magnetic hybrid materials.

In Germany, two research groups at TU Dresden and one group at TU Ilmenau will participate. Their undertaking is financially supported by DFG funds. In Russia, universities in Yekaterinburg, Moscow and Perm will partake in the programme, financed by the Russian funding institution RFFI (Russian Foundation for Basic Research – RFBR).

The programme's goal is to create magnetically controlled elastic materials and to use them for customised sensory applications. 'The three years, during which we held preliminary and preparatory talks now lead us to a new quality of cooperation with the Russian colleagues, which has already been excellent for decades', state Prof. Odenbach on the occasion of the programme launch.

Source and further information: [TU Dresden](#)

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### Master's programme 'Governance of Science, Technology, and Innovation' at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow

An English-language Master's Programme 'Governance of Science, Technology, and Innovation' was launched at the National Research University 'Higher School of Economics' (HSE), Moscow, in 2014. New updated information on the programme is now available.

Highly talented students of any nationality interested in studying science, technology, and innovation from a broad perspective are invited to apply for admission to the two-year English-language MSc programme—Governance of Science, Technology, and Innovation—at the Higher School of Economics (HSE), one of Russia's leading research universities. Successful applicants will receive instruction at the HSE Moscow, take courses at the HSE's international partner universities, do internships in Russia or abroad, and undertake a Master's thesis during their final semester of study.

This programme combines theoretical education and practical experience, and includes international expertise and experience. The personal qualities and intellectual potential of the students enrolled in the programme will be enriched and developed so that they will be able to apply policy and management skills in science, technology, and innovation to work undertaken during their subsequent careers with companies, organisations, and/or government bodies.

Next application deadline for international applicants is 1 May 2016 for classes beginning in October 2016.

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### RI-LINKS2UA - New EU Project to strengthen Research and Innovation Links towards Ukraine

In February 2016 the project consortium of 'RI-LINKS2UA - Strengthening Research and Innovation Links towards Ukraine' met in Vienna to conduct the project kick-off meeting. This event marked the beginning of this large-scale CSA (Coordination and Support Action) project between the European Union and Ukraine in the field of research and innovation. The overall aim of the project is to further support and enhance the integration of Ukraine to the European Research Area.

RI-LINKS2UA has three core objectives:

- to further support and stimulate the policy dialogue on R&I between EU and Ukraine and therefore to enable the better integration of Ukraine into ERA, by identifying remaining obstacles, drivers and opportunities through analytical evidence and R&I policy advice;
- to contribute to the improvement of supportive framework conditions in the field of R&I through a targeted portfolio of activities in order to systematically enhance and stimulate the EU-Ukraine STI cooperation;
- to further encourage and facilitate cooperation between research actors from the EU and Ukraine through a set of supportive R&I measures and by promoting EU-Ukrainian participation in joint projects in Horizon 2020 and other EU funded programmes.

In particular RI-LINKS2UA:

- contributes to the improvement of the framework conditions for EU-Ukraine STI cooperation
- provides an operational tailor-made support to policy dialogue
- strengthens innovation capacity and economic competitiveness
- stimulates and promote the R&I cooperation between EU and Ukraine
- contributes to the governance of Ukrainian participation in the Horizon 2020 and assure practical follow up and long-term impacts by applying diligent dissemination and valorisation precautions.
- RI-LINKS2UA is supported by ministries responsible for research from 7 EU MS as well as by core members of the project's consortium from Ukraine, namely the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and National Academy of Sciences.

The proposed activities build up on the results of previous EU funded support projects with Ukraine.

Source and further details: [RI-LINKS2UA](#)

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### Ministerial Level Meeting 'German-Ukrainian Dialogue - Perspectives for Education and Science'

Cooperation in research, education and science between Germany and Ukraine has intensified steadily in recent years. This is closely related to the action plan of the German Federal Government to support Ukraine.

For the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Ukraine plays a key role in the context of the so-called Eastern Partnership, which is reflected by numerous bilateral activities in various subject areas.

The event aims at paying tribute to the good neighbourly relations and their importance for the integration of Ukraine into the European higher education and research area. This will also be an opportunity to present the reform projects for the Ukrainian educational and scientific system that were supported by the BMBF. Building on the existing cooperation, the organisers aim to identify potentials and trigger new measures for Ukrainian-German science and technology cooperation.

Following the talks, the joint Ukrainian-German working group for bilateral cooperation in science and technology (STC) will meet on 13 June 2016.

Source and further information (in German): [International Bureau](#)

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### Ukrainian Education and Science Ministry suggests new Financing Scheme for Universities

According to multimedia platform 'ukrinform.net' the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science puts forth its new concept of financing university-level education for public discussion:

Under the new funding scheme each university would receive 80% of the previous year's financing volume. The remainder 20% would be expected to be financed according to a number of criteria, inter alia:

- the number of students with the highest Independent External Assessment grades choosing a particular university;
- the scope of scientific research at the university; and
- quality levels of scientific publications.

'Experience in many countries suggests that to incentivize universities to attract additional funding the following scheme is applied: each Euro that a university manages to attract brings in one Euro of state funding. This is a stimulating experience for universities', Inna Sovsun, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, said at the presentation of the new concept.

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### Торжественная церемония открытия Информационного центра по устойчивой энергетике в Молдове и в Грузии.

2 апреля 2016 года в Тбилиси был открыт Информационный центр по устойчивой энергетике (ИЦУЭ) в присутствии г-на Илии Элошвили, заместителя министра энергетики, г-на Давида Нармания, мэра Тбилиси, г-на Вольфганга Лутца, руководителя группы экспертов по устойчивой энергетике проекта INOGATE, и представителей официальных органов и общественных организаций.

Грузинский информационный центр, который размещается в помещении Городского совета Тбилиси, является расширением предоставляемых городскими властями услуг. Информационный центр – это площадка для распространения информации об устойчивой энергетике, помогающей населению осуществлять небольшие, приемлемые инвестиции в энергоэффективность. С помощью большей осведомленности об энергоэффективности потребители могут совершать осознанный выбор с целью экономии денег и содействовать повышению энергетической безопасности страны.

Основными целевыми группами Центра являются население, бизнесмены, сотрудники городской администрации Тбилиси и школьники. Городской совет Тбилиси ежедневно принимает в своем здании в среднем 1 600 посетителей, и данный Центр направлен на охват не менее 10% посетителей непосредственно через личный контакт. По консервативным подсчетам, Центр планирует поддерживать контакты с свыше 40 000 посетителей ежегодно.

Г-н Ксавье Дюбюиссон, который сотрудничал с INOGATE над инициативой создания Информационных центров по устойчивой энергетике в Кишиневе (Молдова) и Тбилиси, видит роль таких центров в качестве «предоставления возможности гражданам ощутить преимущества энергоэффективности, защиты окружающей среды и энергетической безопасности для себя и для страны».

Торжественная церемония открытия Информационного центра по устойчивой энергетике в Молдове состоялась 15 апреля 2016 г. в Кишиневе (Молдова). В церемонии принимали участие г-н Валериу Трибой, заместитель министра экономики Республики Молдова, г-н Александр Даррас, атташе-менеджер проектов при Представительстве ЕС в Молдове, г- Михаил Стратан, директор Агентства по энергоэффективности (АЭЭ) и г-н Эдриан Туми, руководитель группы экспертов проекта INOGATE.

Кишиневский информационный центр по устойчивой энергетике размещается в Агентстве по энергоэффективности и будет служить в качестве центра деятельности для ряда инициатив неправительственных организаций, предприятий и учебных заведений, направленных на информирование и образование граждан. Персонал Центра будет уделять внимание информационно-разъяснительной работе, а Центр будет оборудован интерактивными экспонатами, демонстрационными образцами продукции устойчивой энергетике и множеством информационных материалов. Особое внимание также уделяется использованию социальных сетей и цифровой информации для привлечения молодежной аудитории.

В ходе церемонии участники имели возможность ознакомиться с работой интерактивных образцов и экспонатов, подготовленных Информационным центром по устойчивой энергетике, а также получить информационные материалы.

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## Новости на русском языке

Беларус: Третье открытое заседание национальных контактных точек программы «Горизонт 2020» прошло в Минске 1 апреля 2016 г.

С 2014 года в республике действует созданная приказом Государственного комитета по науке и технологиям Республики Беларусь инфраструктура, предназначенная для информирования и консультирования потенциальных и действующих участников программы ЕС «Горизонт 2020».

Ежегодно весной белорусская сеть НКТ подводит итоги работы за предыдущий год и планирует деятельность на год текущий. В этом году принято решение о проведении заседания в открытом формате с приглашением руководителей базовых организаций и представителей вышестоящих отраслевых органов государственного управления. Открытый формат заседания ставит своей целью:

1. проинформировать руководство базовых организаций и соответствующих органов государственного управления о результатах сотрудничества Беларуси в программе «Горизонт 2020» в 2014-2015 годах и деятельности НКТ по продвижению программы среди научного сообщества республики;
2. обсудить и привлечь внимание вышестоящих организаций к проблемам белорусской сети НКТ, совместными усилиями выработать реалистичные предложения, направленные на повышение эффективности ее работы, в том числе касающиеся кадрового состава;
3. акцентировать внимание участников заседания на новых возможностях развития сотрудничества в сфере науки и технологий с ЕС (схема «ERA-NET», Enterprise Europe Network).

Заседание собрало 40 организаторов международного сотрудничества. Помимо НКТ, в нем приняли участие главный ученый секретарь НАН Беларуси, курирующий международное сотрудничество Академии, член-корреспондент НАН Беларуси А.В.Кильчевский, советник отдела науки Министерства здравоохранения Е.Д.Чумакова, главный специалист Управления науки и инновационной деятельности Министерства образования Л.И.Максюченко, руководители научных организаций республики, представитель Центра международной технической помощи ЕС в Беларуси.

Участники обсудили результаты работы Беларуси в «Горизонте 2020» и имеющиеся резервы для ее активизации. Состоялся предметный разговор о том, как организовать обучение НКТ и повысить качество предоставляемых ими услуг. Разработаны и обсуждены с представителями госорганов предложения об оказании поддержки ими поддержки контактным точкам.

С учетом состоявшегося обсуждения планируется завершить формирование плана мероприятий, направленных на распространение информации о «Горизонте 2020» Беларуси в 2016 году, обновить состав НКТ и провести ряд мероприятий по обучению НКТ. После доработки консолидированные предложения о развитии национальной сети НКТ будут представлены в упомянутые выше органы государственного управления.

Заседание прошло при поддержке проекта ЕС IncoNet EaP — «Сеть международного сотрудничества в области науки, технологий и инноваций со странами Восточного партнерства».

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# Новости на русском языке

Магистерская программа «Управление в сфере науки, технологий и инноваций», Высшая школа экономики, Москва.

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