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Since the revolution of 2010 Kyrgyzstan has been initiating a wide range of policy reforms and currently plans to include the science and research system into this process. New strategies are being developed and new laws in the area of scientific and technological development are being prepared. Therefore the Kyrgyz Government asked for an analysis of the science, technology and innovation system of Kyrgyzstan. This interest was answered with a Policy Mix Peer Review recently conducted by the IncoNet CA project. A team of international experts visited the country from 30th March to 3rd April 2015. Their schedule was intense: Visits to 35 institutions, research organisations, universities, NGOs, business associations and international organisations were on the agenda.

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Road to Paris: Climate-KIC highlights innovation at European Adaptation Conference 2015

With the UN's crucial COP21 climate change conference in December approaching, Climate-KIC made the case for innovation at the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA) in Copenhagen with a key note, workshops and start-up showcase. Climate-KIC is Europe's largest public-private innovation partnership, working together to address the challenge of climate change.

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Researchers from Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership present Health issues at ASEAN-EU STI Days 2015 in Paris

The ASEAN-EU Science, Technology and Innovation Days 2015 took place in Paris from 17-19 March under the overarching theme 'Excellent science in ASEAN'. The Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries were in the focus of a side-event titled 'Health Research from an International Perspective: Scientific Landscape of Eastern Partnership (EaP) and Central Asian (CA) Countries'.

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Moldova: High Interest in ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition

The ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition in Moldova 2014 generated high interest among Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and research organisations in the country. In total 34 applications were submitted to the competition. The aim was to initiate innovation projects in the field of Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy Sources (RES) by providing direct financial support in an early stage of project development.

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Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015 – Scandinavian countries and Germany innovation leaders in Europe

For the EU at large innovation performance has been stalling in the last year. The impact of the economic crisis has become visible in several Member States which showed a decreasing innovation performance compared to last year.

Last year's edition showed that there were positive signs as the innovation performance improved and the catching up process of less innovative countries resumed after it had reversed two years ago. This year's edition shows a mixed picture, with 13 Member States presenting a declining innovation performance and 15 Member States improving their performance compared to last year. However, differences are becoming smaller between the different Member States: innovation performance has continued to converge in 2014 following the trend resumed last year.

Based on the average innovation performance, the Member States fall into four different performance groups:

- Denmark, Finland, Germany and Sweden are 'Innovation leaders' with innovation performance well above that of the EU average;
- Austria, Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovenia and the UK are 'Innovation followers' with innovation performance above or close to that of the EU average;
- The performance of Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain is below that of the EU average. These countries are 'Moderate innovators';
- Bulgaria, Latvia and Romania are 'Modest innovators' with innovation performance well below that of the EU average.

The most innovative countries perform best on all dimensions: from research and innovation inputs, through business innovation activities up to innovation outputs and economic effects, which reflects a balanced national research and innovation system. The Innovation leaders show the smallest variance in their performance across all eight innovation dimensions: across all dimensions the performance of the Innovation leaders, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Finland, is thus not too different. The Innovation leaders are also mostly on top and clearly above the EU average.

[Download the Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015](#)

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Researchers from CA and the EaP present Health and Climate Change issues at ASEAN-EU STI Days 2015

The ASEAN-EU Science, Technology and Innovation Days 2015 took place in Paris, France from 17-19 March under the overarching theme 'Excellent science in ASEAN'. The 2nd edition of this forum-like event attracted nearly 300 stakeholders engaged in international science cooperation, scientific research or innovation. The Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries were in the focus of two well visited side-events on Health and Climate Change issues.

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Health Workshop | © Jo Hempel



Climate Change Workshop | © Jo Hempel

The main objective of these events was to inform EU researchers about the research landscape in Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries, to build inter-regional networks, and last but not least to build up new contacts and potential project consortia to participate in Horizon 2020 calls. This last objective was supported by several bilateral matchmaking talks organised by Euresearch, Switzerland as a part of the three-day event. Participants of the side-events highly appreciated both the content of the STI Days and networking possibilities during the conference.

Health Research

The side-event was focusing on non-infectious lung diseases and infectious diseases in the Eastern Partnership countries and Central Asia. Smoking and related lung infections seem to be some of the main causes of death in both regions with the worst statistics worldwide.

Climate Change and Water Management

The side-event was focusing on potential impacts of Climate Change on Water Management, sustainable use of water resources in the Eastern Partnership countries and Central Asia. Drought, floods, and the melting of glaciers seem to be the main repercussions of climate change in these regions. The transport of oil and gas in the Caspian and Black-Sea Region causes significant environmental problems.

A list of the participating experts from EaP and CA countries is available on the projects' websites.

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

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Cleantech Projects between the European Union and Central Asia discussed at Green Bidge Forum 2015

The objective of the Green Bridge Forum 2015, which took place in Jūrmala from 15-18 April, was to strengthen cooperation between the EU and Central Asian countries in the field of environmental technologies. During the four days of the Forum, the highest-ranking officials, politicians, leading innovators, ministers of environment, industrial experts and business people discussed the importance of green technologies for their countries and regions. One of the priorities of the Forum was the promotion of environmental governance.

High-level government officials and business people both from Central Asia and the European Union interested in cleantech projects took part in the Green Bridge Forum 2015. Andrejs Pumpurs, Head of Green Bridge Forum, announced plans to organise the Forum annually, creating a dependable platform for cooperation between Central Asia and the European Union. He said that implementation of this project requires investment, knowledge and technologies, and these should be linked together, providing an opportunity for people to meet, discuss future perspectives, and leading to successful and productive cooperation in the longer term.

Green Bridge Forum 2015 was opened on 15 April by the General Director of the DG Environment of the European Commission, Carl Falkenberg; the Minister of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia, Kaspars Gerhards; and the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia, Andrejs Pildegovičs. The opening session was attended by high-level politicians and government officials from Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The opening session of the Forum was moderated by Andris Piebalgs, a former EU Commissioner for Energy and Development Cooperation.

The second day of the Forum was opened by the Mayor of Jūrmala, Gatis Truksnis, who emphasized that Jūrmala has not been chosen unintentionally as a venue for the Green Bridge Forum 2015. Various cleantech projects have already been implemented in this city for a number of years. 'We support environmental projects, water resource management, energy efficiency, renewable energy projects, and we are also ready to contribute to developing business opportunities between the EU and Central Asian countries.'

Information by Rūta Grikmane | Green Bridge Forum 2015 PR Consultant

For further information visit: www.greenbridgeforum.com

Source: *Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia*

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New video on International Cooperation in Research and Innovation

The European Commission has published a short video about international cooperation in research and innovation under Horizon 2020, the current Framework Programme of the European Union. The EU is a world leader in research and innovation. With 7% of the world's population, it accounts for 24% of the world expenditure on research, 32% of the high impact publications and 32% of the patent applications. Horizon 2020 is the most open research and innovation programme in the world. [Watch the video](#) and find out more.

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The [IncoNet CA project](#) aims to support the advancement of the bi-regional STI policy dialogue between the EU Member States/ Associated Countries and Central Asia, with an explicit focus on the Societal Challenges that have been identified to be of mutual interest for the two regions, namely: Climate Change, Energy and Health.

This 16 pages brochure sums up the results and recommendations of the EU-Central Asia Policy Stakeholders Conference which took place in Bishkek in September 2014.

[Download brochure](#)

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New project: Black Sea Horizon

The project BLACK SEA HORIZON (BSH) coordinated by Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI GmbH) from Austria and involving 18 partners from all Black Sea countries and a number of EU member and associated countries was kicked off in Bucharest, Romania in March 2015.



The project aims to support the EU's external relations with the target region by significantly contributing to ongoing bi-regional and regional Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy dialogues, and by increasing the knowledge base about the EU's external environment. It also stresses to stimulate bi-regional STI cooperation and to strengthen the EU's economic competitiveness as well as to contribute to the establishment of supportive framework conditions by facilitating the pooling of resources and by identifying challenging thematic areas for mutual STI cooperation. The BSH project has received funding from Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and will run until January 2018.

For more information please visit: www.blacksea-horizon.eu (online as of June 2015) or write to: office@blacksea-horizon.eu.

Project Partners:

- **ZSI** Centre for Social Innovation, AT
- **DLR** Project Management Agency, DE
- **CERISS** Centre for Regional & International STI Studies & Support, GR
- **TUBITAK** The Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey, TR
- **RCISD** Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development, HU
- **ARC Fund** Applied Research and Communications Fund, BG
- **inno** inno TSD, FR
- **ICBSS** International Centre for Black Sea Studies, INTL (GR)
- **CIP** Center of International Projects, MD
- **IPPT-PAN** Institute of Fundamental Technological Research Polish Academy of Sciences, PL
- **SPI** Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação, Consultadoria Empresarial e Fomento da Inovação, S.A., PT
- **UEFISCDI** Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding, RO
- **NAS-RA** National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, AM
- **RFBR** Russian Foundation for Basic Research, RU
- **HSE** National Research University 'Higher School of Economics', RU
- **IEF** Institute for Economics and Forecasting of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine, UA
- **ESIDG** Association European Studies for Innovative Development of Georgia, GE
- **SRNSF** Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, GE
- **SDF-AZE** Science Development Foundation, AZ

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Road to Paris: Climate-KIC highlights innovation at European Adaptation Conference ECCA 2015

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With the UN's crucial COP21 climate change conference in December approaching, Climate-KIC made the case for innovation at the European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (ECCA) in Copenhagen with a key note, workshops and a start-up showcase.

Amanda Cockroft, Deputy Director of Innovation at Climate-KIC gave a keynote statement titled 'Climate-KIC making an impact.'

In the closing session, Cockroft highlighted that innovation is crucial for tackling climate change, which is often framed as a very demanding global and costly problem – but it also provides opportunities for businesses and regional economic growth at all levels.

The event at Copenhagen's Bella Center from 12 until 14 May 2015 was supported by Climate-KIC and followed international conferences in Australia and the United States.

Climate-KIC's business workshops at ECCA illustrated the challenges posed by climate change and present real-life stories of both new entrepreneurs and existing business partnerships from our community.

Source: [*Climate-KIC*](#)

Eastern Partnership Summit held in Riga on 21-22 May 2015

While science cooperation was not the most discussed topic at the recent Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga on 21-22 May 2015, the [joint declaration](#) published just after the event contains some noteworthy passages with regards to international research cooperation:

'The participants of the Summit stress the importance that people-to-people contacts in the areas of education, research, youth and culture play in supporting the objectives of the Eastern Partnership. They welcome the launch in 2014 of the first call of [Erasmus+ programme](#) fully open to [...] the Eastern European partners offering enhanced opportunities for cooperation and mobility.'

'The Summit participants recognise the digital economy as an area with yet untapped potential [...]. They welcome the launch of [E@P.CONNECT](#) linking the research and academic communities in the Eastern European partners to the pan-European research and education network GÉANT.'

[Download the Joint Declaration of the Eastern Partnership Summit](#)

Source and further information: [*eu2015.lv*](#)

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Energy Brokerage Event for Eastern Partnership

16 June 2015 | Frankfurt, Germany

NoGAP is looking for novel ideas which could have a strategic and meaningful impact to the energy sector in the EU and the Eastern Partnership region. If you are a researcher an/or an entrepreneur from the European Union or the Eastern Partnership region, you are encouraged to respond to this call.

The Call for Proposals

Online forms are available to generally present your company or institution, and to present the technology you want to offer or which you need to further pursue your idea, which you are invited to fill in at the NoGAP Partnering Platform. The proponents of selected proposals will be invited to present their projects and have face-to-face meetings with potential partners at the NoGAP Brokerage Event taking place in Frankfurt on 16 June 2015.

The Brokerage Event, 16 June 2015, Frankfurt

The Brokerage Event of NoGAP will offer opportunities for networking and finding potential collaborators and partners companies, organizations, entrepreneurs and researchers from different EU Member States and Eastern Partnership countries. The event is organised within the frame of international trade fair 'ACHEMA 2015', the world's largest trade fair on process industries and chemical engineering.

The Brokerage Event consists of pitch presentations and a series of bilateral meetings, lasting approximately 30 minutes each. The Brokerage Event will comprise approximately 40-50 participants from EU Member States and Eastern Partnership Countries.

NoGAP Partnering Platform

Make your profile available to potential partners you want to meet at the NoGAP Brokerage Event. Browse the profiles of other participants and get in touch. Only proposals using the format provided by NoGAP will be accepted.

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Central Asia panel session at EARMA 2015

28 June - 2 July 2015 | Leiden, The Netherlands

This session is a side event of the 21st EARMA Conference: 'Global Outreach: Enabling Cultures and Diversity in Research Management and Administration'. It is organised by the EU funded IncoNet CA project.

There is already a considerable background in the STI cooperation between the European Union and the Central Asian Countries. Building on this background, the two regions aim at further enhancing their STI cooperation by making optimum use of each other's academic strengths, sharing respective resources and stimulating the effort to transfer research results to national, regional and worldwide markets, as well as to respond to major Societal Challenges that both regions are facing.

During the session, the FP7 IncoNet CA project 'STI International Cooperation Network for Central Asian countries' will be presented. In particular, the specific aims and project outcomes so far will be described. This will be followed by summarising the Horizon 2020 funding opportunities applicable to the Central Asian organisations. Specific attention will be paid to the role of research management and innovation systems in selected CA countries including challenges in research management and administration (RM&A) and complexities of managing diverse, and international/ multicultural projects.

The key issues will be discussed with the panel participants to pinpoint the main concerns and fields of interest of European project managers. The administrative challenges and best practices especially with regard to the CA partners will be demonstrated.

The participants in this session will get an overview of the possibilities for research cooperation with CA countries, but also how EARMA can contribute to the RM&A discussion in the framework of IncoNet CA and policymakers.

Details will be published in the [incrEAST calendar](#) and the [IncoNet CA website](#) as soon as they become available.

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2 Policy Stakeholders' Conferences to take place in Minsk and Almaty in autumn 2015

Six highly acclaimed Policy Stakeholders' Conferences were organised by the EU funded projects IncoNet EECA and IncoNet CA/SC between 2010 and 2012.



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This tradition has been taken up by their successor projects IncoNet EaP (STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries) and IncoNet CA (STI International Cooperation Network for Central Asian Countries).

The first IncoNet EaP Policy Stakeholders Conference took place in Yerevan on 15-16 May 2014. It was hosted by the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (NAS RA). The focus of the Conference was on the EU-EaP STI cooperation in addressing the Societal Challenge of Climate Change.



On 23-24 September 2014 a Policy Stakeholders' Conference titled 'EU-Central Asia Science Technology & Innovation cooperation in addressing Climate Change' took place in Bishkek, hosted by the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic and the National Library of Kyrgyzstan. A brochure summing up the main results is available for [download](#).

Upcoming events:

- Next Policy Stakeholders Conference for the Eastern Partnership region
Focus: 'Energy' | Minsk, Belarus | 12-13 October 2015 *tbc*
- Next Policy Stakeholders Conference for Central Asia
Focus: 'Energy' | Almaty, Kazakhstan | autumn 2015 *tbc*

For updates on the next PSCs please visit the projects' websites:

[IncoNet EaP](#) & [IncoNet CA](#)

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- **1 June 2015 | Tbilisi**
[Energy Innovation Brokerage Event & Workshop in Georgia](#)
- **2 June 2015 | Tbilisi**
[Workshop on Energy, Innovation and Security in Georgia](#)
- **1-4 June 2015 | Vienna**
[EUBCE 2015 – 23rd Biomass Conference and Exhibition](#)
- **1-5 June 2015 | Sochi**
[5th International S&T Conference 'Actual trends in development of Power System Relay Protection and Automation'](#)
- **4-6 June 2015 | Istanbul**
[International Conference on Black Sea and EU Economic Cooperation](#)
- **2-6 June 2015 | St. Petersburg**
[4th International Conference on Modern Problems of Genetics, Radiobiology, Radioecology, and Evolution](#)
- **3-8 June 2015 | St. Petersburg**
[Conference on Hamiltonian Systems and their Applications](#)
- **8-9 June 2015 | Budapest**
[Danube-INCO.NET Stakeholder workshop: Enhancing synergies in research and innovation programmes in the Danube Region](#)
- **9 June 2015 | Karlsruhe**
['Connect Iseas2Business' KIC InnoEnergy Conference](#)
- **10 June 2015 | Berlin**
[Info session for SMEs on Precision Mechanics, Bio- and Labtechnology in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan](#)
- **11 June 2015 | Kyiv**
[Training workshop for Ukrainian environmental authorities on their role in SEA and SEA quality review \(tentative\)](#)
- **10-12 June 2015 | Riga**
[EuroNanoForum 2015](#)
- **11-13 June 2015 | St. Petersburg**
[31st Edition of 'The Fetus as a Patient'](#)
- **16 June 2015 | Frankfurt am Main**
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- **15-17 June 2015 | Riga**
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[E² Tech4Cities Brokerage Event @ EUSEW 2015](#)
- **18 June 2015 | various cities**
[#Climathon: 24-hours for city-level solutions to climate change](#)
- **15-19 June 2015 | Novosibirsk**
[Photon 2015](#)
- **15-19 June 2015 | Brussels (Policy Conference) & other cities**
[EU Sustainable Energy Week 2015 and Policy Conference](#)
- **17-23 June 2015 | Tbilisi, Batumi und Kutaissi**
[Market Exploration Trip to Georgia for the German Construction Sector](#)
- **29-30 June 2015 | Moscow**
[Matchmaking Forum 'Russia - Europe: Cooperation without Frontiers'](#)
- **28 June - 1 July 2015 | Leiden**
[EARMA 2015 'Global Outreach – Enabling Cultures and Diversity in Research Management and Administration'](#)
- **28 June - 1 July 2015 | Leiden**
[Panel session 'STI International Cooperation Network for Central Asian countries' at EARMA 2015](#)
- **1-2 July | Baku**
[Horizon 2020 Information Day: Climate Action, Energy, Health and Environment](#)
- **29 June - 3 July 2015 | Horný Smokovec**
[Hadron Structure 2015](#)
- **22 June - 3 July 2015 | Moscow**
[Summer Supercomputing Academy](#)
- **29 June - 3 July 2015 | St. Petersburg**
[12th Biennial International conference on Advanced Carbon NanoStructures – ACNS 2015](#)
- **30 June - 4 July 2015 | Tomsk**
[The XVIIIth Symposium on High Resolution Molecular Spectroscopy](#)
- **2-4 July 2015 | Barnaul**
[Gradualism vs Catastrophism in Landscape Evolution 2015](#)
- **6-10 July 2015 | Moscow**
[International Summer School on Cyber Law 2015](#)
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Deadline: 2 June 2015

[Joint Russian-French initiative research projects competition \(2016\) of the Russian Foundation for Basic research \(RFBR\) and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique \(CNRS\)](#)

Call for Proposals for joint Russian-French initiative 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 French scientists.

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Deadline: 2 June 2015

[Experience Research in Germany - take part in the Green Talents Competition!](#)

Promote your research in Germany and gain exclusive access to its sustainable development hotspots! With its top innovation and research centres, Germany supports these efforts in particular by intensifying international cooperation among the bright young minds of tomorrow.

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Deadline: 15 June 2015

[Russia-EU Call for cooperation in the EU Framework Programmes](#)

On 15 May 2015 the Russian Ministry of Education and Science announced the start of an international call in the frame of Section 2.2 'Members states cooperation research support' within the Russian Federal Targeted Programme 'Research and development on priority directions for the scientific-technological complex of Russia in 2014 - 2020'.

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Deadline: 30 June 2015

[Call for Research Projects carried out by Young Scientists under the leadership of Doctors of Science in Scientific Organisations of the Russian Federation in 2015](#)

The Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) has launched a call for research projects to be carried out by young scientists from foreign countries under the leadership of PhDs in scientific organisations of the Russian Federation.

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Deadline: 14 July 2015

EaP territorial cooperation: Call for Proposals for Moldova-Ukraine projects

The Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation (EaPTC) programme has launched a Call for Proposals for cross-border projects to strengthen territorial cooperation between Moldova and the bordering regions of Ukraine.

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Deadline: 31 March 2016

IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA support twinning activities

Twinning has a long tradition in Europe as a an efficient instrument in capacity building processes. The IncoNet EaP and CA consortia use this instrument to enhance STI cooperation and increase capacities on both sides. The grant scheme is envisaged to become a tool to develop sustainable cooperation among experienced EU and regional partners in the realm of Science, Technology and Innovation.

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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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Azerbaijan: Info Day on Horizon 2020

1-2 July 2015 | Baku, Azerbaijan

The International Relations Office of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences organises a Horizon 2020 Information Day dedicated to the Climate Action, Energy, Health and Environment fields in the frame of the IncoNet EaP project.

The first day will comprise two thematic sessions: 'Climate and Energy' will be moderated by Prof. Islam Mustafayev from the Insitute of Radiation Problems, and 'Health and Environment' – by Prof. Arif Mekhtiyev from the Institute of Physiology. The second day will include round table discussions and presentations of local NCPs and researchers. More than 80 participants from local branch institutes and research communities as well as 40 experts and representatives of EU and countries associated to Horizon 2020 are expected to attend the event.

Venue & accomodation:

Kempinski Hotel Badamdar, Baku
Mushfig Street, 1c | 1006, Baku, Azerbaijan
Tel +994 12 5389090 | Fax +994 12 5399091
Email: reservation.badamdar@kempinski.com
Please make your own arrangements: [hotel reservation form](#)

Date and time of the meetings:

1 July 2015, 09.00 - 18.00

2 July 2015, 9.30 – 16.00

Working languages: English, Russian

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Belarus: Research priorities for 2016–2020 approved

The list of research priorities for Belarus in the years 2016–2020 has been approved by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers.

Compared with the S&T priorities for 2011–2015, one can observe an important change: almost all the priorities have been formulated in a very broad way, e.g. 'Medicine and pharmacy' instead of 'Medical, diagnostic, preventive and rehabilitative technologies, cellular and molecular biology technologies in medicine, apparatus and instruments for medical purposes'.

Moreover, in the previous budgetary cycle, each priority was further divided in 6–16 sub-priorities, while now, it seems, every topic related to, say, energy or economy can be supported. This makes the task of concentrating the limited financial resources on the most promising directions or urgent societal challenges quite complicated.

The list of research priorities for 2016–2020 has been approved by the Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of March 12, 2015, No. 190.

It includes:

- Energy,
- Chemical synthesis and products,
- Biological systems and technologies,
- Medicine and pharmacy,
- ICT and space,
- Electronics and photonics,
- Machine systems and complexes,
- Multifunctional materials and technologies,
- Agricultural complex and food security,
- Ecology and nature management,
- Society and economy,
- Interdisciplinary studies,
- Human security, society and state.

The above list of priorities is the basis for developing a list of the national research programmes (basic and applied research), which has to be finalised by summer 2015.

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Belarus: Researchers from Belarus seek international cooperation – current offers

RCTT, the 'Republican Centre for Technology Transfer', regularly publishes new technology offers and requests from Belarusian organisations who are looking for cooperation partners.

The March update ranges from agriculture to sustainable energy. The website links to the individual offers and provides a reply form in Russian language to contact the respective organisation.

Details on the [RCTT website](#)

Source: [Olga Meerovskaya](#) | [BelISA](#)



Georgia: EU project will support reform of Vocational Education Training in Georgia

The EU has launched a new 36-month project, providing support to reform of Vocational Education Training, and reforms in the labour market in Georgia. The project will provide technical assistance and support in skills development and in managing and monitoring policies, evaluation of reform activities and human resources management

The project was launched on 5 March. Among the participants were the Acting Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia, Boris Iarochevitch, as well as representatives of the Ministries of Labour and Education, international organisations, and stakeholders from the private sector and NGOs.

The direct beneficiaries of the project, with a budget of €2.7 million funded by the EU, are the Ministry of Education and Science and the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs.

EUVEGE comprises eight key international and local experts:

Wulf Schmieder (Team Leader, Labour Market and Employment Expert), Oliver Deasy (VET Policy Expert), Sascha Oliver Rusch (Awareness Raising and Communications Expert), Ivan Majer (Labour Law and OSH Expert), Hans Bekkers (Labour Market Statistician), Lela Maisuradze (Local VET Policy Expert), Ana Diakonidze (Local Labour Market and Employment Expert), Ekaterine Kukhaleishvili (Local Awareness Raising and Communications Expert)

More information on the project's homepage: www.eu-ve.ge

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

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Kyrgyzstan: Policy Mix Peer Review of scientific system conducted



Group of experts in the fesival hall of the White House in Bishkek, from left to right: Zhumatay Salimov, Jyldyz Bakashova, Manfred Spiesberger, Agni Spiloti, Hendrik Meurs and Toivo Raim | © DLR

Since the revolution of 2010 Kyrgyzstan has been initiating a wide range of policy reforms and currently plans to include the science and research system into this process. New strategies are being developed and new laws in the area of scientific and technological development are being prepared. Therefore the Government of Kyrgyzstan has asked for an analysis of the science, technology and innovation system of Kyrgyzstan, which has recently been conducted by the IncoNet CA project.

IncoNet CA, the 'International STI Cooperation Network for Central Asian Countries', is a project funded under the EU's 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development. It organised the Policy Mix Peer Review in Kyrgyzstan under WP2 (Analytical Evidence) of its work description.

The examination and assessment of the national S&T system was carried out by international experts and aimed at improving the design and the implementation of national S&T policy. Rather than an evaluation in itself, the exercise can be understood as a mutual learning process based on a critical friends approach.

Both the hosting country as well as the international experts experienced the field study conducted from March 30th to April 3rd 2015 as a great success. The basic reason for this was the exceptional commitment of the Kyrgyz government and all stakeholders involved in the activity with regards to active participation and open cooperation on all levels.

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Hosts and experts at the White House in Bishkek | © DLR

The team of international experts conducting the mission to Kyrgyzstan consisted of:

- Team Leader: Manfred Spiesberger, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Austria
- Mrs. Agni Spilioti, Director at the Directorate for the Support of Research Programmes, General Secretariate for Research and Technology (GSRT), Greece
- Mr. Toivo Raim, Advisor at the Department of Research Policy, Ministry of Education and Research, Estonia
- Mr. Zhumatay Salimov, Deputy Chairman at the National Agency for Technological Development (JSC), Kazakhstan
- Mr. Hendrik Meurs, Senior Scientific Officer at the DLR Project Management Agency, European and International Cooperation, Germany

The main regional consultant was Mrs Jyldyz Bakashova - Director of the National Library of Kyrgyzstan, NCP for Horizon 2020 and national partner for the IncoNet CA. The mission was hosted by members of the Kyrgyz Government.

The schedule was intense: The experts visited 35 different institutions, research organisations, universities, NGOs, business communities and international organisations. The success of the mission was mirrored by the public attention it received, most visibly by the many articles published in Kyrgyz mass media and on various websites.

Following the mission to Kyrgyzstan, the experts are currently preparing their review, in the course of which particular attention will – amongst others – be

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Photos on this page: work meetings during the Policy Mix Peer Review | © EIMO

paid to the issues of Human Resources, Economic and Market Development, the Scientific Basis and the sector of Business R&D and Innovation.

Results are expected in late September, when the delegation of international experts will provide their analysis, and give recommendations for the transformation process.

Further information:

Download [detailed report](#) by Jyldyz Bakashova

Download [list of media coverage](#) with further images and links

Sources: [Jyldyz Bakashova](#) and [Hendrik Meurs](#)



Kyrgyzstan: Horizon 2020 Info Day in Bishkek



Horizon 2020 Info Day in Bishkek on 15 April 2015 | © EIMO

On 15 April 2015 the National Coordinating Center of Horizon 2020 in the Kyrgyz Republic held an Informational Seminar on the European Union's Framework Programme for Science and Innovation 'Horizon 2020'. The main objective of the seminar was to strengthen the involvement of the scientific community of Kyrgyzstan in 'Horizon 2020' research projects.

The seminar was attended by more than 50 participants including Members of Parliament from the Committee on Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the National Parliament, senior officials from the Ministry of Education and Science, representatives from the State Agency of Environment and Forestry, renowned scientists from various academic institutions, representatives from public environmental initiatives, various NGOs and other organisations. Simultaneous translation (English/ Russian and vice versa) was provided.

The Seminar was broadcast online for universities and institutes of National Academy of Sciences. A videoconference was held for 550 participants from 34 universities, research institutes and scientific institutions of the republic.

Information about the Framework Programme 'Horizon 2020' was presented by Mr. Ülle Must ETAg (Head of International Research Cooperation, Estonia), Ms. Ülle Napa, ETAg (Environmental projects expert, Estonia), and Mr. Vojtěch Nosek, GG (Health projects expert, Czech Republic).

The Informational Seminar was widely broadcast in the mass-media, TV, radio, as well as on the websites of the National Library of Kyrgyzstan (<http://nlkr.gov.kg>), Ministry of Culture, Information and Tourism (<http://minculture.gov.kg>), in the country's largest newspaper 'Vecherniy Bishkek' (www.vb.kg), and on the website of 'Novosti' (www.novosti.izde.kg).

Source: *Jyldyz Bakashova* | 'Horizon 2020' National Coordinator Kyrgyzstan

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Moldova: High Interest in ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition

The ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition in Moldova 2014 generated high interest among Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and research organisations in Moldova. In total 34 applications were submitted.

The aim of the competition is to initiate innovation projects in the field of Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy Sources (RES) by providing direct financial support in an early stage of project development. SMEs, including start-ups and spin-offs, got the possibility to purchase research and development services from knowledge providers to realise their projects and to establish or intensify their relationship with research institutions and international partners.

In the Republic of Moldova, the competition closed on 2 March 2015. The applicants of the 11 best project ideas, with the highest evaluation score were awarded Innovation Vouchers of € 4,000 each. The winner projects are:

- 'New material in construction - Termo-Fono-Izolant', proposed by the New Products and Technologies Ltd
- 'Innovative solutions with an increased degree of intelligence for energy consumption in public lighting system', Consulting, Energie & Comert Ltd;
- 'Energy integrated system for small Moldovan enterprises in the agricultural sector', Ygrick-Group farm;
- 'Improving the energy efficiency of equipment for biomass processing by briquetting', Livcom-Trans Ltd;
- 'The flow of life', 'Naiman Com' Ltd;
- 'Short-term wind speed forecasting technique for selected localities in Moldova', Val Consulting Ltd;
- 'Testing to help optimise design and efficiency of new glazed solar air heating collectors', Energy Solaris Ltd;
- 'Building prototype of energy saving turbine system', Goliat-Vita Ltd;
- 'Polymers for energy efficiency improvement', Moldtehprotectie Ltd;
- 'Thin polymer films Fresnel concentrator for boost efficiency of photo voltaic cells', Moldtehprotectie Ltd;
- 'National Energy Monitoring System for Public Institutions', Genescotec Ltd.

The Innovation Voucher Competition in Moldova was carried out by the EU funded project ener2i (www.ener2i.eu). A similar competition was organised in Belarus: out of a total of 9 applications, 4 were selected for funding. At the same time, similar calls for projects were announced in Georgia and Armenia.

Source: Gheorghe Riciu, Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer

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Moldova: INOGATE project assists in setting up operational framework for Energy Service Companies in Moldova

On 3-6 March 2015 INOGATE experts conducted meetings with Energy Service Companies (ESCO) of Moldova to review the current legislative framework, to identify obstacles to the successful implementation of Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) in the country and to develop draft legislation including secondary legislative acts.

The purpose of the two expert missions to Moldova was to develop certain documents aligned with the EU best practices, such as:

- Energy Performance Contract (EnPC) template for the public sector;
- EnPC template for the private sector;
- Methodology for energy performance contracting in the public sector based on best practices (economic feasibility assessment, distribution of extra project benefits, etc.);
- Guidelines for the elaboration of terms of reference for energy performance contracting in the public sector (technical requirements, tender procedures and requirements, etc.).

Moldova has been a full member of the Energy Community since May 2010 and the adoption of the EU Directive 2006/32/EC on energy end-use efficiency and energy services is one of the country's obligations under the Energy Community Treaty. Energy Performance Contracting is one of the financial instruments for energy savings envisaged in this Directive and should therefore be transposed into Moldovan legislation.

Taking into account that the facilitation of energy services is a part of the Energy Community (EnC) requirements, the results of this assignment will be in the scope of interest to other INOGATE Partner Countries, namely Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia. Ukraine became a full member of the EnC in 2011, but has not yet approved secondary legislation on EnPC. Georgia submitted an application for a full membership in 2013 and started learning other EnC countries' experience in implementation of the EE Acquis. Armenia is an observer to the EnC.

Source: [INOGATE project](#)

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Moldova joins the Creative Europe Programme

On 18 March 2015, Tibor Navracsics, the European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, and Monica Babuc, the Moldovan Minister of Culture, signed an agreement on Moldova's participation in the Creative Europe programme.

Moldova is the second neighbourhood country to join the programme - Georgia joined on 24 February 2015.

Creative Europe is the EU programme for the cultural, creative and audio-visual sectors. Joining Creative Europe will let Moldovan cultural and creative organisations collaborate with their counterparts from all over Europe, and access funding for cultural cooperation projects, subscribe to literary translation schemes, and join European cultural networks.

Following on from the arrivals of first Georgia and now Moldova, Ukraine could be the next neighbourhood country to join Creative Europe.

Tibor Navracsics was happy to announce that: 'It is my great pleasure to welcome the Republic of Moldova to the Creative Europe Programme.'

'From now on, cultural and creative organisations in Moldova will be able to get support to work together with and learn from cultural and creative organisations from all over Europe. The programme will allow them to open up to Europe and the world.'

'They will be able to further strengthen the capacity of their cultural and creative sectors by taking part in cultural cooperation projects, literary translation schemes and cultural networks. And as of this year, they will also be able to participate in audio-visual training events and festivals.'

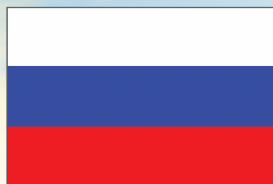
Moldova has been playing an important role in deepening cultural cooperation within the Eastern Partnership (composed of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, the European Union, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine). It has done so both as part of the Eastern Partnership Culture programme and as part of the Eastern Partnership 'Contacts between people' platform. Tibor Navracsics expressed confidence that Moldova will continue to do so in the future.

Source: *Delegation of the European Union to Moldova*

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Russia: Ministry of Education and Science announces financial support to Russian participants in Horizon 2020

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation has worked out a financial support scheme for Russian participants in the EU programme 'Horizon 2020' in various areas.

On 15 May 2015 the Russian Ministry of Education and Science announced the start of an international call in the frame of Section 2.2 'Members states cooperation research support' within the Russian Federal Targeted Programme 'Research and development on priority directions for the scientific-technological complex of Russia in 2014 - 2020'.

Subject: Research on priority areas of research organisations and universities in the EU Member States in the framework of multilateral cooperation in the Framework Programmes of the EU.

Research areas: Life Science, Nano industry, environmental management; energy efficiency, energy conservation, nuclear power; information and telecommunications systems; transport and space systems, including cross-sectoral, aimed at creating products and technologies for the industry modernization.

Participants: EU and Russia R&D Organisations and Universities. The participants must submit the copy of the document, confirming their EU Framework programme involvement.

The project should be carried out in cooperation with a foreign partner. The share of foreign partners in the project must be at least 100% of the requested grants for each year of the project.

- Grant size: 30 mln. Rubles.
- Grant duration: 11 November 2015 – 31 December 2017
- Application Period: 14 May 2015 – 15 June 2015
- Proposal Consideration: 19 June 2015
- Evaluation: 22 October 2015

Further information:

http://www.fcpir.ru/participation_in_program/contests/list_of_contests/1_published/2015-14-588-0003/

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Russia: Skoltech and Partner Universities form International Proof-of-Concept Network

A Skoltech initiative to accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies throughout Russia received official support from leading research universities, which signed up for a newly formed organisation: the International Proof of Concept Centers Association (IPOCA). The signing ceremony for a Memorandum of Understanding was held in the city of Kazan on April 23, as part of the XV Russian Venture Fair.

Alexei Sitnikov, Skoltech's VP for Institutional and Resource Development, signed the initial agreement with top representatives from five research institutions – Kazan Federal University (KFU), North-Eastern Federal University (NEFU), Ural Federal University (UrFU), Innopolis University, Samara State Aerospace University (SSAU) – and the Russian Venture Capital Association (RVCA).

IPOCA will connect a community of proof of concept centers with entrepreneurs, corporations, investors, government agencies and researchers, whose common mission is to accelerate innovation through international cooperation, networking and data-sharing techniques. The parties will set up a nonprofit organization that will serve as an international accelerator for technological innovation across Russia.

'We are one of the first universities to support Skoltech's initiative', said NEFU's Pro-rector for Technical Direction and Information Technology, Aleksey Ermakov. 'This cooperation is promising because it will enable us to work together on cutting-edge technologies in the field of IT, medicine, chemistry, construction, road and mining industries, and to develop international startup projects.'

Representatives of Skoltech's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI) and various Russian universities got together for a first working meeting in Kazan on April 24. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2-3, as part of the Startup Village events at the Skolkovo Innovation Center. Potential global partners of IPOCA such as technology transfer experts and representatives of foreign universities are expected to participate in the talks.

Skoltech initiated IPOCA in 2013. The first MOU was signed between Skoltech, MIT Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation, the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology (UAE) and the University of ITMO (Saint Petersburg). The Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod, Tomsk Polytechnic University and Perm Polytechnic University have also joined the initiative.

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Russia: 2nd edition of 'EU-Russia Year of Science 2014 - 12 Months of Excellence and Cooperation in Science, Higher Education and Innovation'



This booklet provides a chronology of the events which have taken place as part of the EU-Russia Year of Science, and with its selection of some (but by no means all) of its highlights tries to give a flavour of the vibrancy and dynamism which made the Year such a success.

In comparison to the first edition, some more events have now been included.

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Ukraine: 2nd BILAT-UKR*AINA Stakeholders' Forum Summary Report



The Summary Report of the 2nd Stakeholders' Forum of BILAT-UKR*AINA held on 27-28 January 2015 has been finalised and is now available.

The event was centred around two main topics: The first was Ukraine's association to the Framework Programmes and the set-up of an NCP system, and the second was how to stimulate innovation. Both topics are of high relevance in moving forward R&I cooperation between the EU and Ukraine. The Stakeholders Forum was attended by more than 70 participants. Based on the conclusions and the main outcomes of the event policy recommendations were formulated.

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Ukraine: EU and Ukraine sign Association Agreement



Impression from the meeting in Kyiv | © Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia

Researchers, businesses and innovators from Ukraine will now be able to fully participate in Horizon 2020, the European Union's research and innovation funding programme, on equal terms with EU Member States and other associated countries. This is thanks to the Agreement for the Association of Ukraine to Horizon 2020, signed on 20 March in Kyiv by Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, and Serhiy Kvit, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine.

Horizon 2020 is the first EU programme in which Ukraine has chosen to participate following the beginning of provisional application of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. This association to Horizon 2020 highlights that both the EU and Ukraine consider research and innovation crucial for economic growth and the creation of jobs.

The agreement opens a wide range of new opportunities to Ukrainian research institutions, universities and businesses across the whole research and innovation value chain, from fundamental research up to close-to-market activities. For instance, Ukraine will now be able to host European Research Council (ERC) grants, apply for financial support to innovative SMEs, benefit from support for scientific excellence and other research policies and participate in the governance structures of the programme.

The agreement will need to be ratified by the Ukrainian Parliament to enter into force, but Ukrainian legal entities can already participate in all Horizon 2020 actions funded under the 2015 budget, as this association covers the years 2015-2020. Ukraine has also requested association to the Euratom Research and Training Programme but negotiations need to follow a separate track.

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Ukraine: Ukrainian Research & Innovation Policy Makers visit Brussels

26-27 March 2015 | Brussels, Belgium

A study visit for Ukrainian R&I policy makers and responsible for budgetary planning was co-organised by the Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development, RCISD and NIP/Ukraine. The study visit took place in the frame of the project activity focusing on preparing the ground for a well understood approach towards various EU programmes and providing recommendations on how to exploit synergies between Horizon 2020 and other programmes focusing on the regional approach in RTDI and on human resource development in RTDI.

The visit also aimed to raise awareness and facilitate the Ukrainian approach towards different STI relevant programmes under the new financial framework 2014-2020. Representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MESU), National Academy of Science of Ukraine (NASU) as well as project partners had opportunity to receive information on existing programs and available instruments, discuss necessary actions and possibilities for Ukraine.

The Ukrainian participants visited

- the Directorate General for Education and Culture (Erasmus +),
- the European Research Council Executive Agency,
- the Directorate General for Education and Culture, Unit Responsible for MSCA Actions,
- the DG Regional and Urban Policy (Danube Region Strategy) and

familiarised with activity of the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi).

The outcomes of the visit will be incorporated into the report identifying synergies across the instruments offered under the EU 2014-2020 financial framework.

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Uzbekistan: Information Day on Horizon 2020 in Tashkent



Horizon 2020 Info Day in Tashkent on 17 April 2015 | © IUCP-T

On 17 April 2015 an Information Day on Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, was held at the 'Miran International' hotel in the frame of the IncoNet CA project.

'Horizon 2020', the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation started in January 2014. This Framework Programme is a huge initiative for financing scientific research and development, which combines the current Framework Programmes for scientific research and technological development, competitiveness and innovation, as well as the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).



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Uzbekistan: Information Day on Horizon 2020 in Tashkent

More than 35 scientists and researchers from scientific and research institutes and organisations of Uzbekistan participated in this event. EU experts from the Estonian Research Council Ms. Ülle Must (Head of the Department of International Research Cooperation) and Ulle Napa (NCP for Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials), and Vojtech Nosek (Senior project consultant) from Grant Garant presented an overview of forthcoming Horizon 2020 calls in Health; Demographic Change and Wellbeing; Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI); Climate Action; and Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials.

The speakers also presented information on Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, the Participant Portal, information on how to be involved and find partners, and twinning grants and discussed issues regarding the developing of cooperation between scientists and specialists of Uzbekistan and the EU.



Horizon 2020 Info Day in Tashkent on 17 April 2015 | © IUCP-T

It is worth pointing out that all participants especially liked the workshops. The participants were very active in these exercises and some of them received special gifts from the experts for their active participation.

The Information Day gave an opportunity to get the detailed information on participation opportunities under the Horizon 2020 EU Framework Programme, the Work Programme 2016-2017 and financial issues.

Source: Durdona Komilova, IUCP-T Chief Expert

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Кыргызстан: О Информационном Семинаре в рамках Проекта «Сеть для международного научно-технического сотрудничества со странами Центральной Азии (ИНКОНЕТ СА)».

15 апреля 2015 года в Бишкеке Национальный Координационный Центр программы Горизонт 2020 Кыргызской Республики проводил Информационный Семинар по Рамочной Программе Европейского Союза по науке и инновациям - "Горизонт 2020" в рамках Проекта ИНКОНЕТ СА.

Семинар открыл Национальный Координатор Программы «Горизонт 2020» в Кыргызстане Жылдыз Бакашова. С приветственной речью выступили Председатель Комитета по науке Парламента КР Каныбек Осмоналиев, вице президент НАН КР, академик Алмаз Алдашев, Начальник управления науки Министерства образования и науки КР, профессор Абубакир Жураев, Региональный координатор проекта ЕС CAREN, академик Аскар Кутанов. Все они отметили, что семинар имеет большое значение для научной жизни республики и нацелен на укрепление и углубление научно-технического сотрудничества между государствами Европейского Союза и Кыргызстана.

Главной целью Семинара явилось вовлечение ученых Кыргызской Республики в научные проекты в рамках Программы "Горизонт 2020". В Семинаре приняли непосредственное участие более 50 человек: депутаты Комитета по образованию, науке, культуре и спорту Жогорку Кенеша КР, ответственные сотрудники Министерства образования и науки КР, Государственного агентства охраны окружающей среды и лесного хозяйства, ведущие ученые академических институтов Национальной академии науки и вузов страны, общественных экологических фондов, экологического молодежного движения, различных НПО и других организаций. Был обеспечен профессиональный синхронный перевод с английского на русский и обратное.

Для всех желающих ученых вузов и институтов НАН КР Семинар транслировался в онлайн режиме. Видеоконференция проводилась для 550 участников из 34 вузов, научно-исследовательских институтов и научных учреждений республики.

Информацию по Рамочной Программе Горизонт 2020 предоставили Ülle Must, ETAg (Начальник по Международному Исследовательскому сотрудничеству, Эстония), Ülle Nara, ETAg (Эксперт по проектам Охраны Окружающей Среды, Эстония), Vojtěch Nosek; GG (Эксперт по проектам Здравоохранения, Чехия).

Особое внимание было уделено приоритетным направлениям в области в рамках Программы "Горизонт 2020"- Health and IMI, H2020 structure Participants Portal. The basic structure, application process How to be involved. How to find partners. Participants Portal. Incontact 2020.

Войтех Носек выступил с Обзором Структуры Рамочной Программы 2020, ознакомил с новыми объявленными конкурсами на 2015 год по Здравоохранению, демографическим изменениям и благосостоянию, Инновационным медицинским инициативам (ИМИ). Он также подробно остановился на правилах участия в этих конкурсах, процессе подачи грантовых заявок, поиске партнеров и источниках финансирования.

Улле Напа предоставила презентацию о новых объявленных конкурсах на 2015 год по изменению климата, охраны окружающей среды, эффективному использованию ресурсов и сырья. Environment - изменения климата, окружающей среды, эффективности использования ресурсов и сырья.

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Улле Муст поделилась опытом подачи заявок. Подробно остановилась на применяющихся формах, критериях оценки заявок Европейской Комиссией, Twinning Grants. Call Information. Mapping the existing collaboration.

Национальный Координатор Программы «Горизонт 2020» в Кыргызстане Жылдыз Бакашова презентовала о работе Национального Координационного Центра H2020 и ознакомила с перспективами дальнейшего развития проектного сотрудничества в рамках Программы H2020.

В ходе Семинара присутствующие участники активно обсуждали наиболее часто возникающие вопросы по подаче заявок и различным процедурам оформления проектов.

По завершению Семинара участники получили сертификаты.

Информационный Семинар широко освещался в СМИ, ТВ и РВ, а также на сайтах Национальной библиотеки КР (nlkr.gov.kg), Министерства культуры информации и туризма (minculture.gov.kg), Вечернего Бишкека (www.vb.kg), Новости (www.novosti.izde.kg).

Источник: [Jyldyz K. Bakashova](#) | 'Horizon 2020' National Coordinator Kyrgyzstan

Россия: Финансовая поддержка российских участников рамочных программ ЕС

Министерство образования и науки России разработало механизм финансовой поддержки российских организаций, участвующих в проектных заявках, прошедших конкурсный отбор в рамках программы «Горизонт 2020» по различным тематическим направлениям.

5 мая 2015 года Министерство образования России объявило о начале сбора предложений на международный конкурс в рамках Мероприятия 2.2 Поддержка исследований в рамках сотрудничества с государствами — членами Европейского союза ФЦП «Исследования и Разработки по приоритетным направлениям развития научно-технологического комплекса России на 2014-2020 годы».

Тема лота: Отбор проектов на проведение исследований по приоритетным направлениям с участием научно-исследовательских организаций стран - членов ЕС в рамках многостороннего сотрудничества в рамочных программах ЕС.

Области исследований: науки о жизни; индустрия наносистем; рациональное природопользование; энергоэффективность, энергосбережение, ядерная энергетика; информационно-телекоммуникационные системы; транспортные и космические системы, в том числе межотраслевого характера, направленных на создание продукции и технологий для модернизации отраслей экономики, выполняемых по приоритетам развития научно-технологической сферы с использованием результатов фундаментальных и поисковых исследований.

Участники: Научно-исследовательские организации и университеты стран - членов ЕС и России. Участник конкурса на момент проведения конкурса должен представить копию документа, подтверждающего его участие в международном проекте в рамках европейской рамочной программы. Проект должен быть выполнен совместно с иностранным партнером. Доля иностранных партнеров в проекте должна составлять не менее 100% от объема субсидии, запрашиваемой Участником конкурса на каждый год реализации проекта.

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Срок подачи заявок: с 14 мая 2015 по 15 июня 2015

Рассмотрение: 19 июня 2015

Оценка и сопоставление: 22 октября 2015

Подробнее:

http://www.fcpir.ru/participation_in_program/contests/list_of_contests/1_published/2015-14-588-0003/

Источник: *BILAT-RUS Advanced*

Узбекистан: Информационный день «Горизонт 2020 - Рамочная программа Европейского Сообщества для исследования и инновации».

В рамках проекта ЕС IncoNet CA был проведен Информационный день «Горизонт 2020 - Рамочная программа Европейского Сообщества для научных исследований и инновации» 17 апреля текущего года в гостинице «Миран Интернейшнл».

Рамочная Программа Горизонт 2020 начала функционировать с 1 января 2014г., которая является продолжением Седьмой Рамочной Программы ЕС (FP7). Это - крупнейшая инициатива, финансирующая научные исследования и разработки, которая объединяет действующие в настоящее время рамочные программы ЕС – по научным исследованиям и технологическому развитию, конкурентоспособности и инновациям, а также Европейский институт инноваций и технологий.

В этом мероприятии участвовали более 35 ученых и специалистов научно-исследовательских институтов и организаций Узбекистана. Для предоставления информации по Рамочной Программе Горизонт 2020 были приглашены Европейские партнеры из Исследовательского Совета Эстонии Госпожа Ulle Must (Начальник по Международному Исследовательскому сотрудничеству) и Госпожа Ulle Nara (Национальное Контактное Лицо по приоритетным направлениям изменение климата, окружающая среда и эффективность ресурсов), а также Господин Vojtech Nosek (Старший консультант по проектам) из организации Грант Гарант (Чехия). Была представлена информация о предстоящих конкурсах по приоритетным направлениям Здравоохранение, Инновационная медицина и Изменение климата. А также приглашенные эксперты представили презентации об основной структуре Рамочной Программы Горизонт 2020, информация о портале РП Горизонт 2020 (Participant Portal), условия участия, поиск партнеров, финансовые вопросы, информация о твининг грантах, а также были обсуждены вопросы укрепления сотрудничества между учеными и специалистами Узбекистана и ЕС.

Особенно нужно отметить практические занятия с участниками Информационного Дня. Все участники очень активно участвовали в данном занятии и некоторые из них получили специальные подарки от экспертов за свое активное участие.

Информационный день по Рамочной Программе «Горизонт 2020» предоставил возможность получить подробную информацию о возможностях участия в данной программе, поиску партнеров, приоритетных направлениях на 2016-2017 и финансовых вопросах.

Источник: *Durdona Komilova, IUCP-T Chief Expert*

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Конкурс Научные исследования в Германии – «Green Talents» 2015

Срок подачи заявки: 2 июня 2015 г.

Представьте ваш научный проект на конкурсе «Green Talents» в Германии и получите эксклюзивный доступ к исследовательским центрам устойчивого развития.

С 2009 г. Федеральное министерство науки и образования Германии (BMBF) проводит конкурс «Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development», направленный на поддержку международного обмена «зелеными» идеями. Под патронажем министра, профессора Йоханны Ванки, ежегодно награждают 25 молодых ученых. Лауреаты, представляющие разные страны и научные дисциплины, известны своими достижениями в области становления обществ с устойчивым развитием. Выбранные компетентным жюри лауреаты получают уникальное приглашение в научное сообщество Германии.

Учитывая, что тема 2015 года науки – это «Город Будущего», на конкурсе «Зеленые таланты»-2015 особенно приветствуются заявки по данной теме. Однако к участию в конкурсе также приглашаются молодые ученые из других областей с равными шансами на победу. Премия 2015 включает в себя:

Приглашение в Германию для участия в двухнедельном научном форуме с полным финансированием в 2015 г. В ходе пребывания в Германии лауреаты получат доступ к лучшим научно-исследовательским учреждениям, предлагающим уникальные возможности ознакомления с их работой.

Шанс для лауреатов представить себя и свои научные проекты лично во время индивидуальных встреч с экспертами по выбору (во время двухнедельного научного форума).

Научную стажировку до трех месяцев в учреждении по выбору лауреата в 2016 г. с полным финансированием.

Доступ к сети «Green Talents Alumni Network» из 130 партнеров в области устойчивого развития из более 40 стран.

Более подробную информацию вы найдете в брошюре о конкурсе на сайте <http://www.greentalents.de/> или по ссылке на видео.

Срок подачи заявки: 2 июня 2015 г. 12.00 (CET).

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Конкурс 2016 года инициативных научных проектов, проводимый совместно РФФИ и Национальным центром научных исследований Франции

Заявки принимаются до: 02.06.2015

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

Источник: http://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/international_announcement/o_1930580

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Конкурс на проведение совместных исследований в рамках многостороннего сотрудничества в рамочных программах ЕС

Срок подачи заявок: с 14 мая 2015 по 15 июня 2015

15 мая 2015 года Министерство образования России объявило о начале сбора предложений на международный конкурс в рамках Мероприятия 2.2 Поддержка исследований в рамках сотрудничества с государствами — членами Европейского союза ФЦП «Исследования и Разработки по приоритетным направлениям развития научно-технологического комплекса России на 2014-2020 годы».

Тема лота: Отбор проектов на проведение исследований по приоритетным направлениям с участием научно-исследовательских организаций стран - членов ЕС в рамках многостороннего сотрудничества в рамочных программах ЕС.

Области исследований: науки о жизни; индустрия наносистем; рациональное природопользование; энергоэффективность, энергосбережение, ядерная энергетика; информационно-телекоммуникационные системы; транспортные и космические системы, в том числе межотраслевого характера, направленных на создание продукции и технологий для модернизации отраслей экономики, выполняемых по приоритетам развития научно-технологической сферы с использованием результатов фундаментальных и поисковых исследований.

Участники: Научно-исследовательские организации и университеты стран - членов ЕС и России. Участник конкурса на момент проведения конкурса должен представить копию документа, подтверждающего его участие в международном проекте в рамках европейской рамочной программы. Проект должен быть выполнен совместно с иностранным партнером. Доля иностранных партнеров в проекте должна составлять не менее 100% от объема субсидии, запрашиваемой Участником конкурса на каждый год реализации проекта.

Сумма гранта: 30 млн. руб.

Продолжительность: 11 ноября 2015 – 31 декабря 2017

Срок подачи заявок: с 14 мая 2015 по 15 июня 2015

Рассмотрение: 19 июня 2015

Оценка и сопоставление: 22 октября 2015

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Источник: http://www.fcpir.ru/participation_in_program/contests/list_of_contests/1_published/2015-14-588-0003/

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Конкурс научных проектов, выполняемых молодыми учеными под руководством кандидатов и докторов наук в научных организациях Российской Федерации в 2015 году

Заявки принимаются до: 30.06.2015

РФФИ в соответствии с Решением бюро совета Фонда от 14.08.2014 объявляет о проведении конкурса научных проектов, выполняемых молодыми учеными под руководством кандидатов и докторов наук в научных организациях Российской Федерации в 2015 году.

Источник: http://www.rfbr.ru/rffi/ru/contests_announcement/o_1914934

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

Заявки принимаются до: 01.03.2017

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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