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this is the final issue of the incrEAST newsletter in its present format, as the 'IncoNet CA/SC' project, which currently runs the incrEAST web portal and is responsible for this newsletter, will be completed at the end of next month.

The incrEAST web portal will be continued and the newsletter will be published in a new format under the upcoming 'IncoNet EaP' (STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries) and 'IncoNet CA' (STI International Cooperation Network for Central Asian Countries) projects, both scheduled to start in autumn 2013.

We wish you a successful summer and look forward to updating you again in November!

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National Energy Globe Award Uzbekistan 2013 goes to Uzbek-German sustainability project

The project 'Economic and Ecological Restructuring of Land- and Water Use in the Region Khorezm (Uzbekistan)' has won the National Energy Globe Award Uzbekistan 2013. The Energy Globe Award is one of the world's largest platforms for sustainability. Over 100 countries submitted a total of 1,051 entries.

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European Commission adopts an EU-wide strategy on Green Infrastructure

Green Infrastructure is often cheaper and more durable than alternatives provided through conventional civil engineering. Biodiversity-rich parks, green spaces and fresh air corridors can for example mitigate the negative effects of summer heat waves. In addition to the health and environmental benefits, green infrastructure also brings multiple social benefits: it creates jobs and makes cities more appealing places to live and work. And it allows for wildlife to thrive, even in an urban context. The strategy will focus on:

- Promoting green infrastructure in the main policy areas such as agriculture, forestry, nature, water, marine and fisheries, regional and cohesion policy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, transport, energy, disaster prevention and land use policies. By the end of 2013, the Commission will develop guidance to show how green infrastructure can be integrated into the implementation of these policies from 2014 to 2020.
- Improving research and data, strengthening the knowledge base and promoting innovative technologies that support green infrastructure.
- Improving access to finance for green infrastructure projects – the Commission will set up an EU financing facility by 2014 together with the European Investment Bank to support green infrastructure projects.
- Supporting EU-level GI projects – by the end of 2015, the Commission will carry out a study to assess the opportunities for developing an EU-wide network of green infrastructure.

By the end of 2017, the Commission will review progress on developing Green Infrastructure and publish a report on the lessons learnt together with recommendations for future action.

For more information visit the [Green Infrastructure website](#).

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New EU Strategy on Adaptation for Climate Change

On 16 April 2013 the European Commission presented a package to advance action on adaptation to climate change: firstly, the EU strategy on adaptation to climate change sets out a framework and mechanisms for taking the EU's preparedness for current and future climate impacts to a new level; in a related measure, the Commission adopted a Green Paper on insurance in the context of natural and man-made disasters. This public consultation launches a wide debate on the adequacy and availability of existing insurance options.

Strategy focuses on three key objectives:

- Promoting action by Member States: The Commission will encourage all Member States to adopt comprehensive adaptation strategies (currently 15 have strategies) and will provide funding to help them build up their adaptation capacities and take action. It will also support adaptation in cities by launching a voluntary commitment based on the Covenant of Mayors initiative.
- 'Climate-proofing' action at EU level by further promoting adaptation in key vulnerable sectors such as agriculture, fisheries and cohesion policy, ensuring that Europe's infrastructure is made more resilient, and promoting the use of insurance against natural and man-made disasters.
- Better informed decision-making by addressing gaps in knowledge about adaptation and further developing the European climate adaptation platform (Climate-ADAPT) as the 'one-stop shop' for adaptation information in Europe.

Green Paper on disaster insurance:

Like many other regions of the world, the European Union is vulnerable to nearly all types of natural disasters. Disasters not only cause human losses but also damage to the value of billions of euros every year, affecting economic stability and growth. Disasters may have cross-border effects and can potentially threaten entire areas in neighbouring countries. Even where costs of major disasters are locally concentrated, if costs are inadequately covered by insurance then individual Member States may carry large fiscal burdens, which could cause internal and external imbalances. This is thus an important issue for citizens, companies and governments across the Union.

The Green Paper poses a number of questions concerning the adequacy and availability of appropriate disaster insurance. The objective is to raise awareness and to assess whether or not action at EU level could be appropriate or warranted to improve the market for disaster insurance in the European Union. More generally, this process will also expand the knowledge base, help to promote insurance as a tool of disaster management and thus contribute to a shift towards a general culture of disaster risk prevention and mitigation.

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The Communication setting out the adaptation strategy is addressed to the other EU institutions for their responses. The Commission held a stakeholder conference on the strategy on 29 April in Brussels.

The Green Paper [public consultation](#) is open until 2 July 2013. Once the Commission has examined the responses received, it will decide on the most appropriate follow-up, which could take several forms, legislative and non-legislative.

For further information visit the [European Climate Adaption Platform](#).

Source: [European Commission](#)

Green Talents competition 2013 launched

'Green Talents' is the International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development. Since 2009 the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has held the annual 'Green Talents' competition awarding young sustainability experts and linking them to the German research landscape in order to foster and intensify the global exchange of ideas in the field of sustainable development.

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) is currently holding the 5th round of its prestigious 'Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development'. The competition, under the patronage of Minister Professor Johanna Wanka, annually awards the 25 most outstanding minds worldwide. Hailing from various research disciplines, the winners are honoured for their original solutions for a more sustainable future.

Selected by a high-ranking jury of German experts, the 'Green Talents' will be invited to a two-week science forum, touring Germany in the fall of 2013. This visit will not only grant them unique access to some of the country's hot spots of sustainable development but also allows the participants to exchange ideas with peers and senior scientists. The year following the forum, the winners are invited to return to Germany for an additional research stay of up to three months at an institute or company of their choice.

With previous awardees from 30 different countries, the 'Green Talents' build a network of outstanding young researchers, renowned experts and top-class facilities that is unparalleled.

Deadline for submissions is 09 June 2013, at 12 p.m. (Central European Time).

For further information please [visit the website](#).

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New publication: 'Research and Innovation in support of the European Neighbourhood Policy'

This new booklet presents a selection of FP7 projects – among them many involving partners from the Eastern Partnership countries –, which directly contribute to the development of a Common Knowledge and Innovation Space (CKIS).

The CKIS is meant to cover policy dialogue, capacity-building, cooperation in research and innovation, as well as increased mobility opportunities for students, researchers and academics.

The projects are organised in nine thematic chapters, and for each project a short description and a list of all participating organisations and contact persons are provided.



[Download the booklet.](#)

Update on ERC calls for proposals 2014

As FP7 will finish at the end of this year, most of the European Research Council (ERC) calls for proposals are now closed. The next ERC calls will be made under 'Horizon 2020', which will take over from FP7 for 2014 to 2020. As is normally the case during the transition from one framework programme to another, the schedule for the next ERC calls (and ERC Work Programme) is very likely to differ from previous years.

The ERC Scientific Council has discussed the issue and, based on the current state of play, it can provide the following possible scenario on a purely indicative basis:

- Publication of the provisional schedule for the new calls (ERC Work Programme 2014), late in 2013;
- Opening and submission deadlines of new ERC calls throughout 2014:
 - Opening and submission deadline for Starting grants; first and second quarter of 2014

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- Opening and submission deadline for Consolidator grants; second quarter of 2014
- Opening and submission deadline for Advanced grants; fourth quarter of 2014
- No further calls for Synergy grants in 2013 and 2014;
- Normal schedule for Proof of Concept grants (one call with two deadlines in 2014). Although no final decision has yet been taken by the EU, the ERC Scientific Council provides, without any commitment, this provisional information for the convenience of the scientific community.

The ERC will do its utmost to make the transition as smooth as possible and provide the necessary continuity for the research community.

For further details please visit the [ERC Scientific Council's website](#).

Two new 'Marie Curie' calls foster researcher mobility between the EU and third countries

The European Commission has just published two new calls under the 'Marie Curie' scheme: the 'Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)' and the 'Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)'.

The deadline for both calls is 14 August 2013.

Call for proposals for 'Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)'

To see the official call announcement, please consult: [Participant Portal](#)

To see partnership requests for this call, please consult: [CORDIS Partners Service](#)

Identifier: FP7-PEOPLE-2013-IIF

Publication Date: 14 March 2013

Deadline: 14 August 2013 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Call for proposals for 'Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)'

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New EU Neighbourhood Info Centre 'Funding Handbook' - also available in Russian

A handbook on 'European Union Funding for the Neighbourhood and Russia', compiled by the EU Neighbourhood Info Centre and available in English, French, Arabic and Russian, has been released recently. The latest of the Info Centre's series of handbooks seeks to demonstrate how some of the funding for the Neighbourhood works, who is involved and where they can find out more.

The handbook is divided into: the funding instruments, how EU Delegations deliver cooperation, the Thematic Instruments, How Funds are Allocated, Grants and Contracts, Budget Support and Cross Border Cooperation. It also looks into how governments in the Neighbourhood partner countries are supported to bring about the change. The handbook also looks at institutions offering lending, like the European Investment Bank, and lists some ongoing funded projects giving the reader an idea of what's available.

The handbook also includes a glossary of EU funding terms, with links to where one can find out more. Spread over five pages, the EU Funding Glossary can be printed out separately making it a stand-alone product.

This handbook is part of a series of publications produced by the EU Neighbourhood Info Centre.

- EU Neighbourhood Funding Handbook [in English](#) (PDF, ca. 1.6 MB)
- EU Neighbourhood Funding Handbook [in Russian](#) (PDF, ca. 1.6 MB)

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

EU announces creation of a Science and Technology Advisory Council

The President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, announced the creation of a Science and Technology Advisory Council. This informal advisory body held its first meeting in Brussels on 27 February 2013.

The creation of the Advisory Council follows the President's appointment of Professor Anne Glover as the European Commission's first Chief Scientific Adviser in January 2012, aiming at ensuring more evidence-based European Union policy-making, but also at promoting the uptake of science & technology in society, including a better transfer of knowledge from the scientific world to industry.

The Science and Technology Advisory Council is an independent and informal group of outstanding science and technology experts from academia, business and civil society, covering a broad range of disciplines and uniting expertise from across the European Research Area. Its members have been selected by the President in consultation with the Chief Scientific Adviser, based on their scientific reputation, experience at the science-policy interface and communication skills.

Source, full members' list and further information: [European Commission](#)

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VolkswagenFoundation announces thematic call on 'Environment, Natural Resources and Renewable Energies'

In the frame of its long running funding initiative for Central Asia and the South Caucasus the VolkswagenFoundation has announced a thematic call titled 'Environment, Natural Resources and Renewable Energies - Interdisciplinary Transboundary Research on Human-Environmental Interactions'.

The funding initiative 'Between Europe and the Orient – A Focus on Research and Education in/on Central Asia and the Caucasus' was started in 2000. In late November 2011 the Foundation decided to modify its offer to include a combination of theme-based calls and projects aimed at structural development.

Open Call:

'Environment, Natural Resources and Renewable Energies - Interdisciplinary Transboundary Research on Human-Environmental Interactions'

Within the frame of topically defined specific calls for proposals, the Volkswagen Foundation supports cooperative research projects involving significant participation on the part of scholars and scientists from the target region which combine the training and advancement of young researchers. The initiative encompasses preparatory workshops to first explore the feasibility of international cooperation. The results of these workshops form the basis for theme-based calls.

Deadline: 9 August 2013

For further information please visit the [programme website](#).

Another thematic call is in preparation and likely to be announced at the end of 2013 on the topic:

'State, Economy, Law' (working title), with a deadline in spring 2014.

New BILAT web portal will promote funding opportunities in Russia and Ukraine

A new web portal serves a a single access point for 14 current bilateral STI cooperation projects funded by the EU.

In addition to information about the projects, including BILAT-RUS-Advanced and BILAT-UKR*AINA, the new portal offers a database on funding opportunities in Third Countries worldwide that are also open to European researchers. For Ukraine currently open programmes have not yet been listed, but the database content will be updated continually.



Visit the web portal: www.bilat.eu

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Project Database on Environmental Protection in Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

The Advisory Assistance Programme of the German Federal Environment Ministry supports Central and Eastern European countries, the Russian Federation, the Ukraine as well as certain countries of the Caucasus region and Central Asia in their efforts to advance environmental protection.

The database lists all projects supported by the Federal Environment Agency since 1999 as well as project information on most of these projects.



[Link to the Project Database.](#)

Ukraine and Kazakhstan sign program of cooperation in science and technologies for 2013-2017

On April 4, in the frame of a meeting of the Prime Ministers of Ukraine and the Republic of Kazakhstan a program of cooperation in science and technologies was signed between the State Agency for Science, Innovations and Informatization of Ukraine and Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan for 2013-2017.

The Ukrainian party was represented by the head of the State Agency for Science, Innovations and Informatization Volodymyr Semynozhenko, while the Kazakh party – by Vice Prime Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan Sayat Shayakhmetov.

The program aims to facilitate the introduction and development of mutually beneficial scientific and technical contacts between Ukraine and the Republic of Kazakhstan. The sides will develop cooperation along the following directions:

- information and communication technologies,
- life sciences,
- energy and energy effectiveness,
- deep processing of raw materials and products,
- new substances and materials,
- rational nature management.

The cooperation also envisages the implementation of joint scientific-research and technology projects, the exchange with scientists, the organisation of joint conferences, symposiums, training courses and seminars, as well as the exchange of scientific and technical information, documents etc.

Source: [Web Portal of the Ukrainian Government](#)

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Study tour from Central Asia to Portugal and Spain to share European practice on water management

From 5 to 11 May 2013 the EU-funded project “Water Management and Basin Organizations in Central Asia (WMBOCA)” organised a study tour to Spain and Portugal to share best European practices in the area of water management.

The delegation consisted of representatives of National Water Resources Management Agencies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. Participants received practical field exposure to river basin management and planning in Portugal and Spain. The focus lay on transboundary basins, looking at institutional mechanisms and tools used by management agencies and other relevant stakeholders in water and agricultural sectors.

The visit concentrated on getting first-hand information from national water resources management agencies, water service utilities, farm enterprises and water users associations (WUAs) regarding establishment, functions, legal framework, management and challenges faced in transboundary water management context. The programme included meetings at Spanish Guadiana River and Portuguese Tagus River Basin District Administrations, Geo-Systems Research Centre of Technical University of Lisbon, field visits to irrigation systems, water supply and management facilities, etc.

The “Water Management and Basin Organizations in Central Asia (WMBOCA)” project aims at supporting water management and strengthening transboundary river basin administrations in Central Asia and capacity building on the river basin planning for water management organisations and joint river basin structures. The project is funded by the European Union and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH acting in partnership with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC). Budget of WMBOCA consists of approximately EUR 2 million provided by the European Union and approximately EUR 0.5 million provided by the German Federal Foreign office.

For more information, please contact Ms Nazik Mamedova, PR-specialist, at phone: + 996 (312) 90-65-27 or email Nazik.Mamedova@giz.de.

Source: *Delegation of the European Union to Kazakhstan*

'eTwinning Plus' virtual classroom network starts in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

The European Commission's 'eTwinning' network, which has encouraged 100 000 schools in 33 European countries to talk to each other via the internet, has been extended to schools in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine starting on 4 March 2013.

The launch of 'eTwinning Plus' will enable these countries to join a massive virtual classroom in which pupils and teachers can learn more about their counterparts and take part in interactive projects focused on language learning or maths, for instance. It is also an opportunity for youngsters to discover different cultures and traditions— as well as to find out what they have in common.

'eTwinning is a brilliant educational project with enormous potential to break

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'eTwinning Plus' in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine (...continued)

down barriers. The contacts we have facilitated between schools are incredibly beneficial to everyone involved; eTwinning gives them the freedom to develop creative and inter-cultural educational projects, while also encouraging children to develop their ICT skills. With eTwinning Plus, we are taking this network to a new level,' said Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth.

eTwinning Plus is a pilot project initiated as part as the EU's Neighbourhood policy, under the 'Contacts between people' Eastern Partnership platform which aims to enhance dialogue with Eastern partners. The Commission plans to gradually roll out the scheme to Southern neighbourhood countries, starting with Tunisia. To start with, the eTwinning Plus platform will use English and Russian as its main languages, with French and Arabic to follow at a later stage. As well as serving as a meeting point for pupils and teachers to share ideas, it will also enable schools to find partners for joint projects.

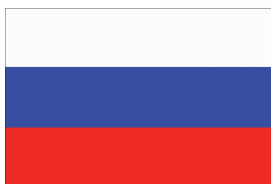
Commissioner Štefan Füle, responsible for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, stated: 'Increased EU involvement in education, higher education and vocational training will help partner countries and especially the younger generations to be better equipped to respond to economic and social challenges in our neighbourhood.'

To help establish the network, a partner support agency has been set up in each of the neighbouring countries involved. These organisations will promote eTwinning Plus at the national level, ensure it meets the needs of schools and organise training sessions for teachers. They will select participating schools on the basis of their computer equipment and knowledge of languages. They will ensure that rural and urban schools, as well as children from different socio-economic backgrounds, are involved.

The budget for eTwinning Plus is EUR 834 000: around half of this sum will be invested in developing the new online platform and coordination work, with the remainder allocated to co-funding the partner support agencies. The allocation by country is as follows: Armenia EUR 64 000, Azerbaijan EUR 80 000, Georgia EUR 64 000, Moldova EUR 80 000 and Ukraine EUR 96 000.

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

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2014 will be EU-Russia Year of Science

At the EU-Russia Summit in Brussels in December 2012 the political leaders of the EU and Russia agreed to make 2014 the 'EU-Russia Year of Science and Technology'. Jointly organised by the EU and Russia, the year will involve scientists, research organisations, innovators and the wider public.

A series of events, to be jointly organised across the EU and Russia, will celebrate the vibrant and multifaceted science and research cooperation between the EU, the EU Member States and the Russian Federation. Involving scientists, universities, research organisations, innovators and the wider public, the EU-Russia Year of Science will build on Russia's strong involvement in the current EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and the dynamic cooperation in research between EU Member States and Russia. Currently 440 Russian participants are implementing 264 grant agreements in the field of technological cooperation with the EU for a total sum of 60 million euros.

Source: [Russian National Contact Point on Biotechnology](#)

Russia at Hanover Industrial Fair 2013

On 8-12 April 2013 Russia as a partner country of «Hannover Messe 2013» (Hanover, Germany) presented more than 100 innovation projects from 30 leading educational, scientific and industrial organisations (including the «Gazprom», «Rosneft», «Russian Railways», RUSNANO, «Russian Technologies», «Skolkovo» and others) during the largest international exhibition of industrial innovations.

Russia exhibition covered five main directions of industry development: developments in the field of new materials, energy, power engineering, new energy sources, and process automation in the industrial sector.

In the framework of Russian exposition were also held a number of business events, including a meeting of the Russian scientific community representatives aimed at discussing the strategy of innovative development of Russia and attracting foreign scientists.

Website: [Russia at the Hanover Industrial Fair 2013](#)

Source: [Russian National Contact Point on Biotechnology](#)

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EC meets Russian Government for executive-to-executive talks

On the 22 of March 2013, EU President José Manuel Barroso and representatives of the European Commission had a meeting with the Russian counterparts in Moscow. The talks were chaired by Russian Prime-Minister Dmitry Medvedev.

The negotiations on the level of executive bodies covered a wide range of issues starting from a new EU-Russia partnership agreement to cooperation in trade, energy, transport and mobility. The main issue in the S&T field was the training of personnel. During the working visit, President Barroso also met with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Meetings between the Russian Government and the Commission have been held since 1997, the last one was held in February 2011 in Brussels. This meeting provided an opportunity to reinvigorate the EU-Russia relationship and to demonstrate a shared interest in tackling common concerns through open dialogue. The visit allowed the further advancement of bilateral cooperation in areas under Commission responsibility.

Read the [Statement by President Barroso](#).

Source: [Russian National Contact Point on Biotechnology](#)

International Round Table discussion 'Shaping of Proposals on Enhancement of Russia-EU S&T Cooperation Efficiency'

On 5 March, 2013 the National Research University 'Higher School of Economics' held an international round table discussion 'Shaping of Proposals on Enhancement of Russia-EU S&T Cooperation Efficiency'. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the results of the inventory of existing procedures and instruments of Russia-EU S&T cooperation and to elaborate proposals for their improvement.

The new Framework Programme of the European Commission "Horizon 2020" was actively discussed. Also new mechanisms of EU-Russia (TPs) cooperation in field of innovations were highlighted. National technology Platforms and innovative regional clusters were named as one of the main communicative tools that encourage cooperation with the EU partners. The participants highlighted that new cooperation mechanisms tested during the [ERA.Net RUS pilot calls](#) were highly effective.

More information on the event (in Russian):
<http://issek.hse.ru/news/76690710.html>

Source: [Russian National Contact Point on Biotechnology](#)

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Russian Government Programme 'S&T Development in 2013-2020'

In December 2012 Russian Government approved a State Programme on science and technology development for 2013-2020. The aim of the Programme is to create an internationally competitive and well-functioning R&D sector, in which efforts to modernize the economy are supported by science, technology and innovation.

The Programme is implemented in three stages: the first - in 2013, the second - 2014-2017, and the third - 2018-2020. The total financial support according to the budget scenario is 1.6 trillion rubles (€ 39,24 billion) including 145,12 billion rubles (€ 3,6 billion) in 2013, 156,86 billion rubles (€ 3,9 billion) in 2014, 170,16 billion rubles (€ 4,25 billion) in 2015. One section of the program is devoted to international cooperation and Russian participation in major international research projects, including joint projects with the EU.

The State Programme also includes the Federal Program "Research and development on priority directions of scientific-technological complex of Russia in 2014-2020" as the current FTP "Research and development" ends in 2013. The upcoming FTP will focus on the financing of scientific and technological potential for further use in the programs of relevant agencies, as well as support for interdisciplinary research.

Download the [State Programme on S&T Development 2013-2020](#) (in Russian).

Source: [Russian National Contact Point on Biotechnology](#)

Overview of EU-Russia R&D and Innovation Cooperation

A foresight exercise conducted by the EU funded ERA.Net RUS Project prepared *structural* and *thematic scenarios* for R&D and innovation cooperation between EU Member States/ Associated Countries and Russia.

The term *structural scenario* refers to institutional solutions and instruments (e.g. funding programmes) for the cooperation, whereas the term *thematic scenario* refers to relevant thematic priorities for the cooperation.

The foresight and the resulting scenarios are meant to provide a basis for a sustainable joint funding programme between EU MS/AC and Russia. The related document was recently published.



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Mission for Growth to the Russian Federation, 17-18 June 2013

On 17-18 June 2013, Vice-President of the European Commission Antonio Tajani will lead a Mission for Growth to the Russian Federation, accompanied by a delegation of European entrepreneurs.

The mission aims at supporting in particular European small and medium sized enterprises to operate and to do business in Russia. Moreover, the mission promotes the European industry in targeted sectors by participating in matchmaking events with local Russian entrepreneurs.

The mission constitutes a unique opportunity for European companies to meet key Russian industry leaders and entrepreneurs as well as regional and national political representatives.

The focus in terms of industrial sectors will be the following:

- Machine tools/industrial machinery
- Key enabling technologies: nanotechnology, micro- and nano-electronics, semi-conductors, advanced materials, bio-technology and optics/photonics
- Construction and engineering
- Forest based industries
- Raw materials
- Consumer goods
- Food and drinks industry
- Textile
- Pharmaceuticals
- Medical devices

Mission agenda:

- **Monday, 17 June - Political meetings & business opportunities**

The mission will start on Monday 17 June with a full working day in Moscow, incl. political meetings and business opportunities events.

- **Tuesday, 18 June - Matchmaking event with local Russian entrepreneurs**

On Tuesday 18 June a series of business meetings will take place in Moscow between European and local entrepreneurs, while VP Antonio Tajani will be in St. Petersburg with companies from the tourism and high-end industry.

For more information please visit the [event website](#).

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Ukraine decides to establish a Coordination Centre for Innovation Cooperation between the CIS countries

On 29 April 2013 the Ukrainian government adopted a decree on the establishment of a Coordination Centre for the implementation of the Interstate Program of Innovation Cooperation of the participants of the Commonwealth of Independent States for the period up to 2020.

According to the decree, the Coordination centre is an interim subsidiary body established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with a view to facilitating the implementation of the Interstate program of innovation cooperation of the States - participants of the Commonwealth of Independent States for the period up to 2020, ensure coordination of activity of Central bodies of Executive power in the part of the fulfillment by Ukraine of tasks and activities contained in the Programme.

Source: [Ukrainian Government portal](#)

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First issue of newsletter on EU-Ukraine science cooperation published

The BILAT-UKR*AINA project recently published the first issue of its newsletter on EU-Ukraine Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation.

It was compiled by NIP Ukraine with the support of the BILAT UKR*AINA project partners.

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4 new Policy Briefs on EU-Ukraine S&T Cooperation published by BILAT-UKR*AINA project

One of the main tasks of the BILAT UKR*AINA project is to support the coordination of policies between the European Commission and Ukraine by providing tailor-made support to the Joint S&T Cooperation Committee (JSTCC).

In this context the project has compiled four Policy Briefs, which are now also available to the general public:

- Policy Brief 1 – [Internationalisation](#)
- Policy Brief 2 – [Take-up of EU-Ukrainian JSTCC Thematic Priorities in FP7](#)
- Policy Brief 3 – [Coordinated Calls](#)
- Policy Brief 4 – [Statistics on Foreign Researchers in Ukrainian State Programmes](#)

Source: [BILAT-UKR*AINA project](#)



National Energy Globe Award Uzbekistan 2013 goes to Uzbek-German sustainability project

The project "Economic and Ecological Restructuring of Land- and Water Use in the Region Khorezm (Uzbekistan)" has won the National Energy Globe Award Uzbekistan 2013. The Energy Globe Award is one of the world's largest platforms for sustainability. Over 100 countries sent a total of 1,051 entries for the competition.

An international jury, chaired by Maneka Gandhi, has evaluated all submissions and selected the national winners. The national winners are also still running for the international award. The international winners will be announced later.

The projects of all national Energy Globe winners will be presented officially on June 5, the UN's World Environment Day, to a global public on www.energyglobe.info.

The winning project for Uzbekistan, which was funded by the German Federal Ministry for Research and Education (BMBF), was run in Uzbekistan by ZEF (Center for Development Research) and its local partners such as the State University of Urgench and with the friendly support of UNESCO from 2002-2011.

Sustainability by local follow-up structures:

Since then, a consortium consisting of UNESCO, the State University of Urgench

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and Krass (Khorezm Rural Advisory Support Service - an NGO created with project alumni), has been following up on the project. It will disseminate findings in and beyond the region until around 2020 in cooperation with international institutions.

In addition, a UNESCO chair for sustainable development has been established at the State University of Urgench, thus introducing innovative curricula on sustainable land and water management.

Human capacities:

Thirty-five students have obtained their doctoral degree within the framework of the project, in addition to 105 Master students and around 200 Bachelor students who finished their respective studies. The students came mainly from the region.

The project has thus created enormous human and institutional capacities which will have a long-term and positive impact on sustainable development in the region.

More information:

For more information on ZEF's project in Uzbekistan please look at the [project's website](#). You can also watch a 20-minute documentary movie on the ZEF youtube channel.

*Source: [ZEF - Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung](#)
(Center for Development Research)*

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Конкурса «Green Talents» 2013 запущен

Примите участие в Конкурсе и получите возможность посетить крупнейшие центры исследований в области устойчивого развития Германии!

Наша планета столкнулась со стремительным истощением природных ресурсов, растущим загрязнением окружающей среды и существенными изменениями в атмосфере Земли. Будучи лидером по количеству исследований в области устойчивого развития, Германия твердо убеждена, что международное сотрудничество поможет справиться с этими глобальными проблемами. Особенно мы ценим творческий и новаторский подход, присущий молодым ученым.

Поэтому Федеральное министерство образования и научных исследований Германии (BMBWF) в пятый раз проводит престижный конкурс “Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development”. По итогам ежегодного конкурса, проходящего под патронатом министра образования и научных исследований профессора Йоханны Ванки, присуждаются награды 25 наиболее выдающимся специалистам из разных стран мира. Победители, представляющие различные области исследования, награждаются за оригинальные решения, способствующие устойчивому развитию.

Жюри, в состав которого входят высокопоставленные немецкие специалисты, отбирает “Green Talents”. Они получают приглашения на двухнедельный научный форум, который будет проходить в различных городах Германии осенью 2013 года. В рамках форума победители смогут не только посетить места, в которых активно реализуется концепция устойчивого развития, но и обменяться мнениями с молодыми специалистами и опытными учеными. Кроме того, лауреаты получают возможность встретиться со специалистами по своему выбору и обсудить с ними свои проекты в форме индивидуальной беседы.

На следующий год после проведения форума победителей пригласят еще раз посетить Германию в рамках дополнительной научной стажировки сроком до трех месяцев при институте или компании по их выбору. Вместе с лауреатами предыдущих лет из 30 стран мира “Green Talents” формируют уникальное сообщество выдающихся молодых исследователей, признанных экспертов и лучших научных специалистов.

- [Сайт "Green Talents"](#)
- [Информационная брошюра](#)
- [Онлайн-заявка](#)
- Срок подачи заявок: **09 Июнь 2013**

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2014 год – Год науки Россия-ЕС

На саммите ЕС-Россия, состоявшемся в декабре 2012 г. в Брюсселе, политические лидеры обеих сторон объявили 2014 годом научного и технологического сотрудничества. Череда мероприятий, которые будут проводиться совместно в течение всего года в ЕС и России, воздадут должное динамичному и многогранному сотрудничеству в научно-исследовательской сфере между ЕС, странами-членами ЕС и Российской Федерацией.

Привлекая учёных, университеты, научно-исследовательские институты, новаторов и широкую общественность, Российско-европейский Год науки будет опираться на активное участие России в текущей Рамочной программе ЕС по исследованиям и технологическому развитию и динамичное сотрудничество в области научных исследований между Россией и странами-членами ЕС. В настоящее время 440 российских субъектов являются участниками 264 грантовых соглашений с ЕС в области технологического сотрудничества на общую сумму 60 млн евро.

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Промышленная ярмарка в Ганновере

8-12 апреля 2013 года Министерство образования и науки Российской Федерации представило на крупнейшей мировой выставке индустриальных инноваций Hannover Messe 2013 (Германия, г. Ганновер) более 100 инновационных разработок от 30 ведущих образовательных, научных и научно-производственных организаций (в том числе «Газпром», «Роснефть», РЖД, РОСНАНО, «Ростехнологии», «Сколково» и другие).

Россия, в качестве страны-партнера, представила пять основных направлений развития российской промышленности: разработки в сфере новых материалов, энергетики, энергомашиностроения, новых источников энергии, автоматизации процессов в промышленной сфере.

В рамках экспозиции России прошли не только демонстрация инновационных разработок и проектов, но ряд мероприятий деловой программы, в числе которых встреча представителей российской научной диаспоры за рубежом с российскими учёными и представителями федеральных органов власти для обсуждения стратегии инновационного развития России с привлечением иностранных учёных.

Сайт: [Россия на Ганноверской промышленной ярмарке 2013](#)

Источник: [Российский Национальный Контактный Центр Биотехнология](#)

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Европейская Комиссия и Правительство Российской Федерации провели встречу на уровне органов исполнительной власти

22 марта 2013 года в Москве Председатель Европейской Комиссии Жозе Мануэль Баррозу и члены Европейской Комиссии провели встречу с Правительством России, которое возглавляет Председатель Правительства Дмитрий Медведев.

Переговоры на уровне органов исполнительной власти охватили широкий спектр сотрудничества ЕС-Россия: от обсуждения нового соглашения о сотрудничестве между ЕС и Россией до торговых вопросов, вопросов сотрудничества в сфере энергетики, транспорта и мобильности. Основным предметом обсуждения в научно-технической сфере стал вопрос подготовки специалистов. В рамках этого визита Председатель Европейской Комиссии Баррозу провел встречу также с Президентом России Путиным.

Встречи между Правительством России и Европейской Комиссией проводятся с 1997 года, предыдущая состоялась в Брюсселе в феврале 2011 года. Эта встреча дала возможность активизировать отношения между Россией и ЕС, продемонстрировать разделяемую сторонами заинтересованность в решении общей обеспокоенности путём открытого диалога. Визит позволил углубить двустороннее сотрудничество в областях, находящихся в сфере ответственности Европейской Комиссии.

[Речь Председателя Европейской Комиссии Жозе Мануэль Баррозу.](#)

Источник: [Российский Национальный Контактный Центр Биотехнология](#)

Международный круглый стол «Формирование предложений по повышению эффективности научно-технического сотрудничества Россия — ЕС»

5 марта 2013 года Центр международных проектов ИСИЭЗ НИУ ВШЭ провел международный круглый стол «Формирование предложений по повышению эффективности научно-технического сотрудничества Россия — ЕС». Целью совещания явилось обсуждение существующих механизмов сотрудничества России и Европейского союза в научно-технической и инновационной сфере и выработка предложений по их усовершенствованию, а также созданию новых инструментов взаимодействия.

В рамках круглого стола активно обсуждалась новая рамочная программа Европейского Союза «Горизонт 2020». Также во время мероприятия были освещены новые механизмы сотрудничества России и ЕС в инновационной сфере. Среди основных коммуникационных инструментов, которые стимулируют взаимодействие с европейскими партнерами, были выделены технологические платформы (ТП) и инновационные территориальные кластеры.

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Была отмечена высокая эффективность новых механизмов сотрудничества, апробированных в ходе двух пилотных конкурсов ERA-NET.RUS и скоординированных конкурсов.

Более подробная информация на сайте НИУ ВШЭ:
<http://issek.hse.ru/news/76690710.html>

Источник: Российский Национальный Контактный Центр Биотехнология

Российская Государственная программа «Развитие науки и технологий» на 2013-2020 гг.

В декабре 2012 г. Правительство России утвердило государственную программу «Развитие науки и технологий» на 2013–2020 годы. Цели программы - формирование конкурентоспособного и эффективно функционирующего сектора исследований и разработок и обеспечение его ведущей роли в процессах технологической модернизации российской экономики. Программа реализуется в три этапа: первый - 2013 год; второй - 2014-2017 годы; третий - 2018-2020 годы.

Общий объем финансового обеспечения программы, согласно бюджетному сценарию, в 2013-2020 годах в ценах соответствующих лет составляет 1,6 триллиона рублей, из них на 2013 год - 145,12 млрд рублей, 2014 год - 156,86 млрд рублей, 2015 год - 170,16 млрд рублей. Один из разделов программы посвящен международному сотрудничеству и участию России в крупных международных научно-исследовательских проектах, в том числе европейских.

В госпрограмму также вошла ФЦП «Исследования и разработки по приоритетным направлениям развития научно-технологического комплекса России на 2014-2020 гг.» Действующая ФЦП «Исследования и разработки» завершится в конце 2013 г. ФЦП «Исследования и разработки» на 2014-2020 гг. сосредоточится на финансировании научно-технических заделов для их дальнейшего использования в программах профильных ведомств, а также на поддержке междисциплинарных исследований.

Государственная Программа на сайте МОН.

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