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Horizon 2020, the EU's new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, was recently launched not only in the EU Member States and Associated Countries, but also in those regions that are being targeted by the European Union's international cooperation efforts.

Launching events and info days in the Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries were well attended, underlining the growing interest for international science cooperation from these regions.

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This international conference will be the first in a series of policy dialogue activities organised by the IncoNet EaP project. The event aims to involve key stakeholders from EU Member States/ Associated Countries and from the Eastern Partnership region, and discuss issues related to the Societal Challenges 'Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials'.

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Uzbekistan: World Bank provides Grant for Renewable Energy Sources

On 7 February 2014 the World Bank (WB) and the Uzbek government signed two agreements totaling U\$52.7 million. In addition to a loan to fund Uzbekistan's 'Second Rural Enterprise Support Project', WB also provided a grant worth U\$12.7 million for the development of renewable energy sources in the agricultural sector. The grant from the Global Environment Fund will be spent on the construction of 50 biogas plants, 14 solar mini-installations, and five pumping stations, working on renewable energy farms.

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The European Commission is organising five Global Health Policy Fora in 2014 to take place on the following dates:

- 20th of March: Access to Medicines
- 10th of April: topic to be decided later
- 12th of June: Global Health Research
- 28th of October: Programme for Action on Global Health
- 11th of December: topic to be decided later

The main objective of the Global Health Policy Forum is to ensure an open dialogue between the Commission Services and key stakeholders. This should help to strengthen the EU's voice in global health by ensuring coherence between its internal and external health policies in attaining global health goals.

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The Global Health Policy Forum was established following the Commission Communication on Global Health, adopted on the 30 March 2010 and the consequent Council Conclusions, adopted in May 2010. The main services involved are DG Health and Consumers, DG Development and Cooperation and DG Research and Innovation. The first Global Health Policy Forum was organised by DG Health and Consumers in 2011. Since then, rotating the chair annually, each of the DG Health and Consumers, DG Development and Cooperation and DG Research and Innovation have organised them. In 2014 DG Health and Consumers is once again organising the fora.

For further information, please contact: SANCO-GLOBAL-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu
[Link to Global Health Policy Forum Events](#)

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EU Energy and Climate Goals for 2030

On 22 January 2014 the European Commission proposed energy and climate objectives to be met by 2030. The objectives send a strong signal to the market, encouraging private investment in new pipelines and electricity networks or low-carbon technologies. The targets must be met, if the EU is to keep its promise to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% by 2050.

A reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40% below the 1990 level, an EU-wide binding target for renewable energy of at least 27%, renewed ambitions for energy efficiency policies, a new governance system and a set of new indicators to ensure a competitive and secure energy system. These are the pillars of the new 'EU Framework on Climate and Energy for 2030' presented today by the European Commission.

Supported by a detailed analysis on energy prices and costs, the 2030 framework will ensure regulatory certainty for investors and a coordinated approach among Member States, leading to the development of new technologies.

The key elements of the 2030 policy framework set out by the Commission are as follows:

1. A binding greenhouse gas reduction target: A centre piece of the EU's energy and climate policy for 2030, the target of a 40% emissions reduction below the 1990 level would be met through domestic measures alone. The Commission invites the Council and the European Parliament to agree by the end of 2014 that the EU should pledge the 40% reduction in early 2015.
2. An EU-wide binding renewable energy target: Renewable energy will play a key role in the transition towards a competitive, secure and sustainable energy system.
3. Energy efficiency: Improved energy efficiency will contribute to all objectives of EU energy policy and no transition towards a competitive, secure and sustainable energy system is possible without it.
4. Reform of EU ETS: The Commission proposes to establish a market stability reserve at the beginning of the next ETS trading period in 2021. The creation of such a reserve - in addition to the recently agreed delay in the auctioning of 900 million allowances until 2019-2020 ('back-loading') - is supported by a broad spectrum of stakeholders.
5. Competitive, affordable and secure energy: The Commission proposes a set of key indicators to assess progress over time and to provide a factual base for potential policy response.
6. New governance system: The 2030 framework proposes a new governance framework based on national plans for competitive, secure and sustainable energy.

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European Research Infrastructures: More Open Access for Researchers from Third Countries

Transnational Access to Research Infrastructures – free of charge access to the best European laboratories and other facilities is now – in Horizon 2020 – open not only for European researchers but also is available for scientists coming from non-EU countries.

Transnational Access is an obligatory element of all Integrating Activities projects; dedicated part of each project budget is devoted to cover costs of researchers coming to an infrastructure from a country different than where this infrastructure is located. In practical terms it means that any scientist coming to a laboratory, observatory or museum being a partner within an IA project does not pay neither for the research itself nor for travel and subsistence during his or her stay. This stay may last from one week to 3 months.

Previous framework programmes have financed transnational access of only European researchers. In Horizon 2020 this has changed. The Work Programme says when defining the scope and activities of IA projects:

1. 'Funding will be provided to support, in particular, the trans-national and virtual access activities provided to European researchers (and of researchers from Third Countries under certain conditions).'
2. 'User teams where all or the majority of users works in third countries can be supported as far as the cumulative access provided to them is below 20% of the total amount of units of access provided under the grant. In exceptional and well justified cases a higher percentage of access to third-country user teams can be foreseen in the Grant Agreement.'

The new Integrating Activities projects will be financed starting from 2015: relevant call - INFRAIA-1-2014/2015: Integrating and opening existing national and regional research infrastructures of European interest – will be closed on 2nd September 2014 so first projects should start early summer 2015. Starting from this date researchers can look for infrastructures ready to host them for a short period and to run free of charge series of experiments or observations or – in case of e-infrastructures – have free access to high-performance computing machines, databases or grids.

Not only individual researchers can benefit from the opportunities offered by the Horizon 2020. Special support measures will facilitate cooperation of EU and non-EU infrastructures in two areas:

1. INFRASUPP-6-2014
International cooperation for research infrastructures
2. INFRASUPP-7-2014
e-Infrastructure policy development and international cooperation

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In the first case, '... the research infrastructure action will focus its activities on international cooperation in three different but complementary ways, as required: bilaterally with a single third country at policy level; multi-laterally with different third countries, targeting specific research and innovation aspects of research infrastructures of common interest in one area of science and technology; multi-laterally with different third countries if a specific effort is required in the context of a specific world class research infrastructure.'

In the second case, 'The cooperation of European e-infrastructures with their non-European counterparts also requires facilitation, to ensure their global interoperability and reach.'

More information:

- <http://www.euroris-net.eu/transnational-access-opportunities>
- <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/area/research-infrastructures>
- <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/european-research-infrastructures-including-e-infrastructures>

Source:

✉ *Wieslaw Studencki, Research Infrastructure Coordinator, IPPT-PAN, National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU in Poland*

Horizon 2020 launched with €15 billion over first two years

In December 2013 the European Commission presented the first calls for projects under Horizon 2020, the European Union's €80 billion research and innovation programme. Worth more than €15 billion over the first two years, the funding is intended to help boost Europe's knowledge-driven economy, and tackle issues that will make a difference in people's lives. This includes 12 areas that will be a focus for action in 2014/2015, including topics such as personalised healthcare, digital security and smart cities .

For the first time, the Commission has indicated funding priorities over two years, providing researchers and businesses with more certainty than ever before on the direction of EU research policy. Most calls from the 2014 budget are already open for submissions, with more to follow over the course of the year. Calls in the 2014 budget alone are worth around €7.8 billion, with funding focused on the three key pillars of Horizon 2020: Excellent Science, Industrial Leadership, and Societal challenges.

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Horizon 2020: Minimum Standards and Guiding Principles for NCPs - now also available in Russian

A system of National Contact Points (MCPs) will be established for Horizon 2020, building on the experience of previous Framework Programmes. To promote equal and consistent support, the linked PDF document provides a common reference for all participating countries. The English text provided by the European Commission has been translated into Russian by incrEAST partner InExCB-Kz – the Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan, who have extensive experience in EU-Third Country science cooperation.

[Minimum Standards for NCPs in Russian \(pages 1-10\) and English \(pages 11-20\)](#)

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Brussels conference: 'EU Climate Policy Beyond 2020 - taking stock and looking forward', 6 March 2014

The conference will feature the work undertaken under the CECILIA2050 research project (a joint effort of 10 leading research institutions from eight countries). The scientists involved will be presenting insights from the first section of the project's work, taking stock of EU climate policy, pointing to key challenges and starting to chart where it needs to develop towards.

Their inputs will be complemented by commentary from policy practitioners and fellow academics from a range of sectors and stakeholder groups, including the European Commission, Member States, the European Parliament, business & NGOs.

Scheduled to take place in the weeks following the expected publication of the European Commission's upcoming package on 2030 targets and instruments, this event will create a timely dialogue forum to connect current research with the policy-making process on post-2020 EU climate policy.

Date: 6 March 2014

Venue: The conference will take place at the "Ateliers des Tanneurs" in the Quartier Marolles neighbourhood, within walking distance from the Palace de la Justice.

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EARMA Conference 2014 - Widening participation: excellence, impact and professionalism, 30 June-2 July 2014

The 20th Annual Conference of the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA) will take place from the 30th June until 2nd July 2014 in Tallinn, Tallinn University, Estonia.

The EARMA Conference 2014 will focus on cross-border research collaboration, the challenges with regard to the HORIZON 2020 Programme, research management from policy to practice and on the professional development of research managers and administrators.

EARMA 2014 is being hosted by Tallinn University on their campus in the centre of Tallinn.

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EU-Eastern Partnership Policy Stakeholders' Conference in Yerevan, 15-16 May 2014

An International EU-Eastern Partnership Policy Stakeholders' Conference will be held in Yerevan, Armenia, on 15-16 May 2014. It will be the first one scheduled in the series of policy dialogue activities organised under the IncoNet EaP project.

The aim of the event is to involve key stakeholders and discuss issues related to the Societal Challenge 'Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials' and cooperation possibilities between the EU MS/AC and the EaP Countries in this field.

Detailsof this event will be published on www.incrEAST.eu and on the IncoNet EaP [project website](#) as soon as they become available.

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*Participants at an IncoNet EECA Policy Stakeholders' Conference in Warsaw in 2011
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Please also read the [article about previous events](#) in the series of Policy Stakeholders' Conferences.

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Horizon 2020 Info Days and Launch Events in Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Countries

Horizon 2020, the European Union's new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) was recently introduced to researchers, innovators, SME representatives, and political stakeholders in Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership countries with a row of launch events, workshops and info days:

In **Belarus** a 'Horizon 2020' Information Day with a focus on Health, Energy and Climate Change was held in Minsk on 24 February at the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences. On 25 February a workshop at the Consultation and Methodical Center of the State Committee on Science and Technology of Belarus informed interested parties about the new Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), which are part of the 'Horizon 2020' Programme, and provide funds for staff exchanges between organisations in the EU MS/AC and in non-EU states. [Read more...](#)

In **Kazakhstan** the first information days on Horizon 2020 took place in on 27 January in Almaty at the Kazakh National University named after Al-Farabi, and on 29 January in Astana at the Kazakh Agrotechnology University named after Seifullin. The infodays were organised by IncoNet-CA project and InExCB-KZ. There were about 400 participants at the event in Almaty and about 300 attendees in Astana. More than 60 different institutions and SMEs were represented at the events, including all leading universities, state and private technology and innovation companies, state bodies responsible for technological development in the country. [Read more...](#)

In **Kyrgyzstan** the National Contact Point for the EU Framework Programmes of Kyrgyzstan conducted an informational workshop in Bishkek on 4 February 2014. Among the participants in this workshop were Member of Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, Head of the Committee on Education and Science of the Parliament of KR – Kanybek Osmonaliev; Head of the Department of Science, Ministry Education and Science KR – Abubakir Zhuraev; eminent scientists, academics and professors, as well as young scientists and researchers from more than 40 scientific academic institutes and universities. [Read more...](#)

In **Ukraine** a Launch Conference on Horizon 2020 organised by the EU funded project 'BILAT UKR*AINA (Enhancing the BILATeral S&T Partnership with UKRraine * Advanced INnovative Approach)' took place in Kyiv on the premises and with the support of SASII (the State Agency on Science, Innovation and Informatization of Ukraine) on 16 January 2014. In the afternoon, thematic sessions on several thematic priorities and an NCP training were held in order to allow the discussion on specific aspects of the programme and on participation strategies in more detail. [Read more...](#)

In **Uzbekistan** the Indo-Uzbek Center for the Promotion of Science and Technology in cooperation with the Committee for Coordination of Science and Technology Development under the Cabinet of Ministers organised an Information Day in Tashkent on 7 February 2014. More than 50 scientists and researchers from Uzbek institutes and organisations participated in the event. EU experts from the Estonian Research Council Ms. Ülle Must (Head of the Department of International Research Cooperation) and Maria Habicht (NCP and H2020 Programme Committee member for Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy) presented the information on Horizon 2020. [Read more...](#)

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Horizon 2020 calls with relevance to Russia, Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Countries

In the frame of the INCONTACT project the Estonian Research Council has set up a useful tool to browse for Horizon 2020 calls that are open or directly targeted to a specific country or countries.

The Horizon 2020 calls and more specifically, the topics within the calls, can be filtered using different search criteria, e.g.: call's open/closed status, countries targeted to, work programme, and keyword search.

For your every search query there is a link to a RSS feed that can instantly inform you when a call that matches your search criteria is added to the INCONTACT dataset.

The project intends to make the information about specific international cooperation calls in the Horizon 2020 work programmes available shortly after it is published in the Horizon 2020 Participant Portal. The time period that is covered reaches from 11 December 2013 until the end of Horizon 2020.

--> [Search for Horizon 2020 calls in the INCONTACT database](#)

--> [Browse the pre-selection for Russia, Eastern Partnership and Central Asia on incrEAST](#)

If you have any questions or feedback concerning the INCONTACT database, please get in touch with: ✉ incontact@etag.ee

VolkswagenFoundation thematic call on 'Institutional Change and Social Practice' - open until 4 April 2014

'Institutional Change and Social Practice. Research on the Political System, the Economy and Society in Central Asia and the Caucasus' is the full title of a thematic call announced by the Volkswagen Foundation.

The call addresses the social sciences and has been set up to facilitate political and social science research on present-day political, legal, economic, and social developments in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The Foundation supports cooperative research projects based on symmetric partnerships between scientists and scholars from Germany and the target region combined with project-related training of young researchers at doctoral or postdoctoral level.

Deadline: 4 April 2014

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.

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Grant Scheme to facilitate the Participation of EaP and Central Asian Countries in EU Brokerage Events

The FP7-funded IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA projects have developed a grant scheme to financially support the participation of local researchers from Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries in large-scale brokerage events and other similar activities related to Horizon2020 in EU Member States or Associated Countries. Such events provide an excellent arena for researchers to liaise and develop synergies, therefore the participation of researchers from the targeted countries will increase their opportunities to get involved and be taken onboard in consortia set up in EU MS/AC countries. It will also allow the researchers to make their institutions and/or their research networks better known.

The thematic priorities of the call are the three Societal Challenges, targeted by the project, namely: Health, Energy and Climate Change. There will be approximately 6-9 grants (2000-3000 EUR per grant) per country. The events that can be chosen from will be: Networking events, Brokerage events organised by the European Commission, large international events organised by other European networks (e.g Enterprise Europe Network).

The selection criteria include scientific excellence, good knowledge of English and possibly, the participation in national or international networks. The selection will be made by the local IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA project partners, supported and approved by the task leader and the coordinator.

For further information and an application form please [read the full article](#).

EU-Eastern Partnership: NoGAP-Project Online Survey on Knowledge Transfer between Industry and Public Research

With the help of a 'Questionnaire related to cooperation and knowledge transfer between industry and public research and for pre-analysis of possible implementation of specific transfer centres', the NoGAP project aims to identify concrete opportunities as well as potential bottlenecks related to cooperation and knowledge transfer between public research and industry in the societal challenge secure, clean and efficient energy in a first step. In a second step, NoGAP will analyse the need, the capability and the ability for the implementation of specific transfer centers.

The questionnaire consists of three different parts and sections:

- Part A: Stakeholder data
- Part B: Questionnaire related to cooperation and knowledge transfer between industry and public research
 - Section I: Types of cooperation
 - Section II: Needs and Barriers
 - Section III: Tools and Information Support
- Part C: Questionnaire for pre-analysis of possible implementation of specific transfer centres

The online form is available in [English](#) and in [Russian](#).
Deadline for participation is 15 March 2014.

Source: [NoGAP project website](#)

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Armenia: Construction of ultra-modern oncology center in Yerevan

The decision for the construction of ultra-modern oncology center in Yerevan worth €30 million was passed and the Armenian government approved the provision of a 792 million drams loan to the Center for Radioisotope Synthesis.

The center will be managed by the US-based 'Global Medical Solutions'. It will comprise three cutting-edge units: a laboratory hosting a cyclotron for the synthesis of radioisotopes, a diagnostic center with a non-prototype modern PET scanner to detect tumors in an embryonic state and, finally, and a clinic to provide the isotope-based treatment of diseases.

Enabling the early detection of tumors, the center will help reduce the number of fatalities and promote the development of nuclear medicine in Armenia. Patients will have the possibility of choosing the specific method of treatment. As a nationwide center for the treatment and prevention of cancer with the use of modern technologies, it will provide services for nuclear diagnostics, radiation medicine, chemical therapy, in-patient and outpatient surgery.

In this regard, the Belgian KBC bank signed an agreement with the Armenian government to provide a 5 million EUR loan for the purchase of an accelerator manufactured by Belgian IBA molecular. The cyclotron radionuclide accelerator will be used for producing isotopes as part of the project worked out by Yerevan Institute of Physics, for early diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

The center is meant to be an advanced center of excellence that will also promote regional and international cooperation.

Source: [ARKA](#)



Georgia: EC launches negotiations with Georgia to join the Energy Community

On 20 February the European Commission and Georgia launched negotiations for Georgia's accession to the Energy Community. The negotiations in Tbilisi were held in the presence of Energy Commissioner Günther Oettinger, for the European Commission and Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili, Vice-Prime Minister as well as Minister of Energy Kakha Kaladze, for Georgia. By becoming Member of the Energy Community and implementing EU energy legislation Georgia will have closer ties with EU's single energy market. This will attract investments and increase the financial sustainability of the energy sector.

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Modova: New Publication on 'Skilled Migration and Development Practices'



Presenting the publication 'Skilled Migration and Development Practices: Republic of Moldova and the Countries of South East Europe' © Dr. Vitalie Varzari

On 7 February 2014 the scientific publication '**Skilled Migration and Development Practices: Republic of Moldova and the Countries of South East Europe**' has been officially launched within a public event at the Academy of Sciences of Moldova.

The work was edited in 2013, as a result of the research project "Connecting the scientific Diaspora from the Republic of Moldova to the scientific and economic development of the home country" implemented by the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM) in cooperation with the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland (EPFL) in the period 2010-2013. The volume is coordinated by Dr. Vitalie Varzari, Dr. Gabriela Tejada, Sergiu Porcescu and Professor Jean-Claude Bolay, and has as contributors' researchers from Switzerland, Belgium, Croatia, Albania, Serbia, Ukraine and Moldova.

This volume tries to reveal the link between the two subjects - skilled migration and development practices - in a very innovative manner: by presenting national practices in a broader regional or even European context. Having the empirical evidence of Moldovan case as one of its core parts, the work concludes with a compendium of regional good practices at the level of national programmes and projects.

The final task of the editors was to combine the results of a scientific investigation with practical case studies in order to identify the potential fora regional approach in this area.

Source: ✉ [Dr. Vitalie Varzari](mailto:Dr.Vitalie.Varzari@ASM.md), Academy of Sciences of Moldova

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Modova: Horizon 2020 Launch Event 1 March 2014

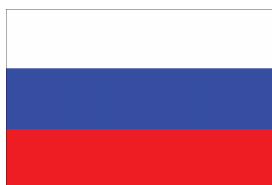
The Republic of Moldova will host on the 17th of March 2014 the regional launch event of the new Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 'Horizon 2020', with the participation of Eastern Partnership countries. The topics addressed during the event will focus on practical aspects of transition from the Seventh Framework Programme (2007-2013) to Horizon 2020 (2014-2020).

The event is organised by the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM), Center of International Projects, under the aegis of the Eastern Partnership Platform IV 'Contacts between People' and in partnership with European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation.

Mr. Robert-Jan SMITS, General Director of DG Research and Innovation, European Commission has confirmed his participation to the event.

Taking into account the importance of the new Programme Horizon 2020 and the interest of the Eastern Partners shown for benefiting from its potential, it is expected that this event will contribute to a better understanding of new opportunities and first calls launched under H2020.

Source: ✉ [Diana Grozav](#), Center of International Projects, Academy of Sciences of Moldova



Russia: ERA.Net RUS Plus launches Joint Call for Evaluators

Do you have experience in European-Russian Research Cooperation? Are you interested in the evaluation of Innovation and S&T projects?

ERA.Net RUS Plus is looking for independent experts to participate in the evaluations of its Joint Calls for Proposals.

This call goes out to experienced scientists and researchers, who are interested in supporting the peer review of applications to be submitted in response to the recent ERA.Net RUS Plus Joint Calls for Proposals.

The ERA.Net RUS Plus is an FP7 initiative aiming at promoting a unified European approach to collaborating with Russia in the fields of innovation and science & technology research. ERA.Net RUS Plus is going to publish a [Joint Call](#) for proposals in the two funding lines 'Innovation' and 'S&T'. Topics are: Nanotechnologies; Environment/Climate Change; Health; Social Sciences and Humanities; and Innovation. Countries that are participating in the ERA.Net RUS Plus Joint Calls are: Austria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Turkey.

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Russia: Opportunities for international cooperation within Russian Federal Target Program

The new Federal Target Program «Research and development on priority directions of scientific-technological complex of Russia in 2014 - 2020 years» envisages opportunities for international cooperation. For instance, section 2.2 «Supporting cooperation in R&D with EU countries» is devoted to the cooperation with the EU and its Member States.

It is envisaged to fund joint research projects in the priority areas of S&T, aimed at the formation of scientific and technological reserve together with the EU research and educational organizations, including the research work with multiple applications in various sectors of the economy and advanced high-risk investigations that open new opportunities for economic development. The joint research projects will be implemented through joint or coordinated calls.

For the implementation of the joint calls both parties have to agree on procedures and milestones (e.g. call issue, timeline, joint expertise, evaluation etc.) and sign corresponding protocols. The projects are supposed to be 1-3 years long with a maximum funding up to 50 mln rubles per year. (~ 1,16 mln euro). Total Federal budget for Section 2.2 is 6 180 mln rubles (~144 mln euro) for the period of 2014-2020.

The first calls are planned to be announced in January 2014.

[Visit the official website of the programme...](#)



Ukraine: Ukrainian Horizon 2020 NCP network established

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Horizon 2020 is the main structure in each country to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in this EU Research and Innovation programme. The list of Ukrainian Horizon 2020 NCPs was recently approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and is now accessible via the European Commission and BILAT-UKR*AINA websites.

These NCPs are based at Ukrainian universities, institutes of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and other organisations. The list comprises 30 entries for the various Horizon 2020 programme sections, areas and functions.

The list of Ukrainian NCPs can be retrieved from the [Research and Innovation Participant Portal](#) established by the European Commission.

The list (as of 11 February 2014) can also be looked up on the [BILAT UKR*AINA website](#).

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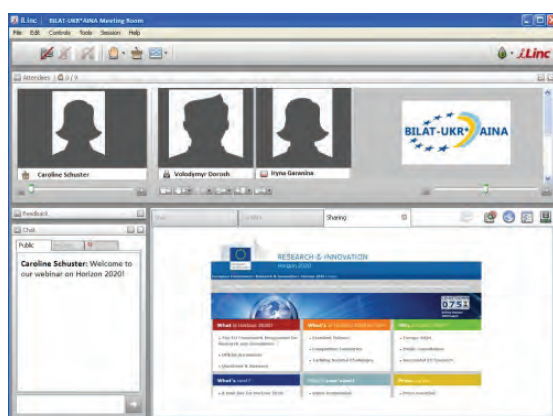
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Ukraine: 2nd Webinar on Horizon 2020 – focus: 'Transports', 2nd week of March

The BILAT UKR*AINA projects is pleased to announce a webinar on Horizon 2020 addressing future Ukrainian participants in EU funded S&T projects, more particularly within the work-programme 'Transports'.

This webinar will take place in the second week of March. The exact date and time will be published on the project's website.



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This webinar will be the second of many information and mentoring web-sessions on the opportunities for Ukrainian researchers and project experts in the EU's new framework programme for research, technology and innovation: Horizon 2020. These web-sessions are free, easily accessible and open to all S&T actors interested in Ukraine-EU cooperation. They will be performed in English language only.

It will address Ukrainian researchers and project experts that are strongly interested in expanding their cooperation with their European fellows under the umbrella of Horizon 2020. The webinar will provide firsthand information about the general structure and content of Horizon 2020, and what are the opportunities for Ukraine-EU cooperation. It will focus in particular on the work programme 'Transports', which is among the priorities set at the policy level for Ukraine-EU scientific cooperation:

- What is Horizon 2020, and what are the opportunities for international cooperation?
- Presentation of the work programme 'Transports'
- Ukraine-EU S&T cooperation within EU's framework programmes: success stories
- Ukrainian structures and measures to support participation in Horizon 2020

Dedicated speakers will readily answer all questions during and after the webinar.

If you are interested in attending the webinar,
[please register here](#) before Sunday, 9th of March.

The link to connect to the webinar will be sent to registered participants only!



Uzbekistan: EU project management training for small businesses started

A consortium of European companies led by European Profiles S.A. (Greece), as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of Uzbekistan began the 'Management Training Programme - Strengthening the capacity of managers of small businesses and private entrepreneurship in Uzbekistan' project in Tashkent on 18 December 2013.

The consortium also includes WYG International Limited (UK), the Chamber of Commerce of Paris Ile-de-France (France), the Chamber of Commerce of Birmingham (UK), PLANET S.A. (Greece) and Anticrisis Management Consulting (Uzbekistan).

The main purpose of the project financed by the European Union is to contribute towards increasing the number of skilled entrepreneurs and managers who can effectively manage small and private businesses, as well as to ensure their sustainable development in the long term.

The project envisages a series of training activities for managers and experts of small business and private entrepreneurship, including their training in EU countries.

It is also planned to strengthen the potential and to improve the qualification of experts of the Uzbek Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other organisations that support the business.

The main beneficiary of the project is the Uzbek Chamber of Commerce which acts as a partner of the project by investing non-financial funds, including logistical and technical support and the creation of training conditions.

The country's Chamber of Commerce believes that the project will enable managers of Uzbek companies to share their experiences with their European counterparts and study modern management methods. They will also be able to establish relationships with new partners from EU countries.

The training programme will be implemented by August 2016.

The share of small business in the country's GDP increased by 0.2 per cent in Jan.-Sept. 2013 compared to the same period of 2012 amounting to 51.2 per cent, in industry - 23.3 per cent (22.3 per cent the previous year), in employment - 75.6 per cent (75.1 per cent a year ago) and exports - 19.1 per cent (13.5 per cent a year ago), according to Uzbekistan's official statistics.

Sources: *TREND* and ✉ *Rustam Saidov* & ✉ *Durdona Komilova*, Indo-Uzbek Center for the Promotion of Science and Technology

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Uzbekistan: Renewable Energy Sources

On 7 February 2014 the World Bank (WB) and the Uzbek government signed two agreements totaling \$52.7 million for projects in the agricultural sector, reported RIA Novosti with reference to a WB representative in Uzbekistan. Included in this is a U\$12.699 million grant for Uzbekistan for the development of agriculture and to mitigate the consequences of climate change. The grant has been allocated from the Global Environment Fund. The funds will be spent on the construction of 50 biogas plants, 14 solar mini-installations, as well as five pumping stations, working on renewable energy farms in eight regions of the country.

According to Saroj Kumar Jha, the World Bank's Country Director for Central Asia, 'This Project will promote the introduction of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies of relevance to agribusinesses and farms, and strengthen the capacity for improving degraded irrigated land and water conservation in the Andijan, Bukhara, Jizzak, Kashkadarya, Samarkand, Syrdarya, Tashkent, and Fergana regions.'

Sources and further information: [Azernews](#) and [Times of Central Asia](#)

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A press conference recently held at the National Press Centre of Uzbekistan dealt with the use of renewable energy resources in the supply of electricity to the consumer and with the results achieved in this field.

The event was organised by 'Uzbekenergo' State Stock Company in collaboration with 'Uztrans' Stock Company and the Institute of Energy and Automatics of Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

R. Raimov, Deputy Chairman of administration of the 'Uzbekenergo' State Stock Company, and academian R. Zakhidov, Head of Department of Renewable Energy Resources of Institute of Energy and Automatics of Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as others, noted that the energy industry of Uzbekistan has already implemented extensive measures to use renewable energy in the energy balance. All the necessary conditions in order to reduce the consumption of natural gas, and to reduce the negative impact on the environment were being created.

At the conference, journalists received satisfactory answers to all their questions.

Source: ✉ [Rustam Saidov](#) & ✉ [Durdona Komilova](#), Indo-Uzbek Center for the Promotion of Science and Technology

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Программа ЕС «ГОРИЗОНТ-2020»

Горизонт 2020 является финансовым инструментом ЕС для реализации Инновационного Союза (Innovation Union), важнейшая инициатива Европы к 2020 году, нацеленная на обеспечение глобальной европейской конкурентоспособности. Программа рассчитана на период с 2014 по 2020 годы с общим предполагаемым бюджетом 80 миллиардов Евро. Основная цель новой программы ЕС по науке и инновациям – стать ведущим звеном в поддержке роста благосостояния Европы и создания новых рабочих мест.

Горизонт 2020 сочетает в себе все научные исследования и инновации, в настоящее время финансируемые через Рамочные Программы по научно-технологическому развитию и инновационной деятельности (FP7), «Конкурентоспособность и Инновации» (CIP) и Европейского института инноваций и технологий (EIT), т.е. предусматривается комбинирование различных существующих схем финансирования с новыми финансовыми схемами через международное сотрудничество.

Три основных приоритета Горизонт-2020 включают:

- Усиление европейской роли в науке через деятельность Европейского Научного Совета (European Research Council),
- Укрепление индустриального лидерства в инновациях, что включает крупные инвестиции в ключевые технологии, более широкий доступ к капиталу и поддержку предпринимательства.
- Усиление помощи в решении основных социальных проблем, общих для всех европейцев, таких как изменение климата, развитие устойчивого транспорта и мобильности, использование возобновляемых источников энергии, безопасность продуктов питания, общественная безопасности, проблемы старения населения.

Горизонт 2020 будет решать социальные проблемы, помогая преодолеть разрыв между исследованиями и рынком, например, поддерживая инновационные предприятия в достижении технологического прорыва с конкурентоспособной продукцией и с реальным коммерческим потенциалом. Этот рыночный подход будет включать в себя создание партнерских отношений между государством и частным сектором для объединения необходимых ресурсов.

Основные тематические приоритеты Программы:

- Будущие и новые технологии
- Стипендиальная программа Marie Skłodowska-Curie по развитию мастерства, карьеры и обучению
- Исследовательская инфраструктура (включая электронную инфраструктуру)
- Лидерство в доступных индустриальных технологиях в следующих областях:

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- Нанотехнологии
- Передовые материалы
- Биотехнологии
- Передовая обрабатывающая промышленность и процессы
- Космос
- Доступ к венчурному финансированию (долговые или долевого финансирования)
- Инновации в малом и среднем бизнесе (SMEs)
- Здоровье, демографическое изменение и благополучие
- Пищевая безопасность, устойчивое сельское хозяйство, морские исследования и биоэкономика
- Безопасные, чистые и эффективные энергии (включая ядерную энергию)
- Интеллектуальный, зеленый и интегрированный транспорт
- Деятельность в области климата, эффективность ресурсов и сырьевых материалов
- Содержательное, инновативное и мыслящее общество

Международное сотрудничество станет важнейшим приоритетом Горизонт 2020. Программа полностью открыта для международного участия, целенаправленных действий с ключевыми странами-партнерами и регионами и будет сосредоточена на стратегических приоритетах ЕС. Горизонт 2020 будет дополнена дальнейшими мерами для завершения и дальнейшего развития единого Европейского Научного Пространства. Эти меры будут направлены на устранение барьеров для создания подлинно единого рынка знаний, научных исследований и инноваций.

В отношении третьих стран, т.е. стран, которые не входят в состав государств ЕС и не ассоциированы с Программой, в проекты и программы «Горизонт-2020» будут вовлечены в первую очередь страны, подписавшие с ЕС соглашения о научно-техническом сотрудничестве (Китай, Индия, США, Россия, Украина и т.д.). Соглашения этого типа все еще остаются основным двигателем международного сотрудничества в «Горизонт-2020».

Программа приветствует вступление третьих стран в ассоциированное участие в Рамочных Программах, таких как «Конкурентоспособность и Инновации», а также в Европейской Сети Предпринимательства, Европейском Институте Инноваций и Технологий путем подписания отдельных соглашений через участие в специальном форуме по научно-инновационному партнерству.

Еще один вид сотрудничества предусматривает совместное финансирование крупных целевых программ с общими приоритетами ЕС и третьей страны, где стороны четко договариваются о приоритетах и условиях совместного финансирования, а также определенных правах интеллектуальной собственности.

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Для вовлечения Центральной Азии в Горизонт-2020 Европейская Комиссия поддерживает крупный сетевой проект IncoNet-Central Asia, который на первых порах поможет Центральной Азии интегрироваться с Программой, понять ее приоритеты и особенности и помочь ученым и инноваторам Центральной Азии вступить в сотрудничество с их коллегами из ЕС и Ассоциированных Стран.

Планируется проведение информационных дней, тренингов, семинаров по участию в конкурсах «Горизонт 2020» совместно с университетами, институтами, научными центрами, технопарками, предприятиями малого и среднего бизнеса. Потенциальные участники будут своевременно получать информацию об объявленных конкурсах, о новых мероприятиях Программы, о правилах участия, ссылки на сайты партнеров в Европейском Союзе и странах Восточной Европы и Центральной Азии. Также им будет оказана помощь в написании конкурентоспособного проектного предложения, в поиске партнеров, составлении бюджета проекта и т.д.

Дополнительная информация на сайтах:

- <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en>
- <http://www.increast.eu/>

Горизонт 2020 Информационные семинары в Казахстане, Кыргызстане и Узбекистане

27.01.2014 - 29.01.2014 | Алма-Ата и Астана, Казахстан

Первые в странах СНГ информационные дни по новой Рамочной Программе Европейского Союза по исследованиям и инновациям, «Горизонт 2020», были проведены в Казахстане: 27 января 2014 в Алма-Ате, в Казахском Национальном Университете им. Аль-Фараби и 29 января в Астане, в Агротехническом Университете им. Сейфуллина. Информационные дни были организованы в рамках проекта IncoNet-CA его казахстанским партнером InExCB-KZ, базовой организацией Рамочных Программ ЕС.

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05.02.2014 | Бишкек, Кыргызстан

«Горизонт 2020» - новая Рамочная Программа ЕС по исследованиям и инновациям на 2014-2020 годы впервые представлена ученым, исследователям Кыргызстана. 4 февраля 2014 года Национальный Координационный Центр «Горизонт 2020» в Кыргызстане провел информационный семинар по новой Рамочной Программе Европейского Союза по исследованиям инновациям «Горизонт 2020», в рамках задач Проекта IncoNet CA.

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07.02.2014 | Ташкент, Узбекистан

Индо-Узбекский Центр по поддержке научно-технологического сотрудничества с участием Комитета по координации развития науки и технологий при Кабинете Министров Республики Узбекистан провел Информационный день «Горизонт 2020 - Рамочная программа Европейского Сообщества для научных исследований и инновации» 7 февраля текущего года в гостинице «Дедеман Силк Роад Ташкент».

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В Ереване состоится конференция IncoNet EaP по теме «Климат, окружающая среда, эффективность использования ресурсов и сырьё»

В рамках проекта IncoNet EaP , 15-16 мая 2014г. в Ереване состоится конференция посвященная социальным проблемам по климату, окружающей среде, эффективности использования ресурсов и сырью . Конференция будет первой в ряде подобных мероприятий запланированных в рамках проекта. Целью мероприятия является привлечение заинтересованных лиц к обсуждению вопросов связанных с социальными проблемами "климата, окружающей среды, эффективности использования ресурсов и сырья" , а также возможности сотрудничества между странами членами ЕС / АС и странами Восточного партнерства в этой области.

Армения: Строительство ультрасовременного онкологического центра в Ереване

Правительство Армении приняло решение о предоставлении бюджетного кредита в размере 792 млн. драмов ЗАО «Центр производства радиоизотопов». Решение о создании в республике на базе Ереванского института физики (ЕрФИ) Центра ядерной медицины и борьбы с онкологическими заболеваниями стоимостью примерно в 30 млн. евро было принято армянским правительством. Управляющей компанией выступает американская компания Global Medical Solutions.

В данной связи между Арменией и бельгийской компанией «IBA molecular» было подписано соглашение о приобретении протонного ускорителя, а с бельгийским банком KBC кредитное соглашение по предоставлению 5 млн. евро. Кредит предоставлен на 11 лет с трехлетним льготным периодом под нулевой процент.

Планируется, что после строительства Центра в стране будет организовано производство изотопов, после чего в Армянском онкологическом центре превосходства будут вестись работы по молекулярной диагностике, лучевой терапии, химиотерапии, будут проводиться также операции.

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Россия: Возможности международного сотрудничества в рамках Федеральной целевой программы

Новая Федеральная целевая программа «Исследования и разработки по приоритетным направлениям развития научно-технологического комплекса России на 2014—2020 годы» включает в себя мероприятия нацеленные на международное сотрудничество.

Так мероприятие 2.2 «Поддержка исследований в рамках сотрудничества с государствами-членами Европейского союза» предполагает финансирование исследований, направленных на создание научно-технологического задела совместно с европейскими научно-исследовательскими и образовательными организациями, преимущественно в соответствии со сформулированными приоритетами, включая исследования с возможностью последующих множественных прикладных приложений в различных секторах экономики, уникальные высокорисковые исследования, в перспективе определяющие принципиально новые возможности для развития экономики, и исследования по перспективным направлениям развития мировой науки. Исследования осуществляются в рамках совместных и скоординированных конкурсов.

Целями мероприятия являются интеграция российской науки в общеевропейскую научно-исследовательскую сферу, расширение географии международного научно-технического сотрудничества и содействие формированию устойчивых кооперационных связей российских и европейских научно-исследовательских организаций, получение новых знаний и освоение новых зарубежных технологий.

Для реализации совместных конкурсов финансирующие организации сторон должны согласовать конкурсные процедуры (тематики, сроки, процедуру экспертизы и оценки проектов и т.д.) и подписали соответствующие протоколы.

Срок реализации проектов в рамках указанного мероприятия составляет 1 - 3 года, объем финансирования может составлять до 50 млн. рублей в год (около 1,16 млн. евро). Всего на мероприятие 2.2. из федерального бюджета выделяется 6 180 млн. рублей (около 144 млн. евро) на период с 2014 до 2020 гг.

Первые конкурсы планируется объявить в январе 2014 г.

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Новости на русском языке

Узбекистан: Проект Европейского Союза по подготовке управленческих кадров для малого бизнеса стартовал в Ташкенте

18 декабря в Ташкенте стартовал новый проект Европейского Союза «Программа подготовки управленческих кадров — укрепление потенциала руководителей предприятий малого бизнеса и частного предпринимательства Узбекистана».

Как сообщает УзА, задачей проекта является подготовка профессиональных специалистов и менеджеров для малого бизнеса и частного предпринимательства, повышение их квалификации и использование лучшего зарубежного опыта. Проект, который продлится до августа 2016 года, реализуется совместно с Торгово-промышленной палатой Узбекистана и другими организациями, специализирующимися на поддержке малого бизнеса и частного предпринимательства.

В рамках проекта запланировано проведение ряда мероприятий по обучению менеджеров и экспертов для малого бизнеса и частного предпринимательства, в том числе их стажировки в странах ЕС.

Кроме того, будут проведены тренинги и семинары для повышения квалификации внештатных тренеров и консультантов на базе программы «Тренинг для тренеров».

Узбекистан: Пресс-конференция о возобновляемых источниках энергии

В Национальном пресс-центре Узбекистана состоялась пресс-конференция, на которой шла речь о вопросах использования возобновляемых источников энергии при поставке электроэнергии потребителям, достигнутых в этой области результатах.

Мероприятие было организовано Государственно-акционерной компанией «Узбекэнерго» совместно с акционерной компанией «Узтрансгаз» и Институтом энергетики и автоматики Академии наук Республики Узбекистан.

Заместитель председателя правления ГАК «Узбекэнерго» Р.Раимов, заведующий отделом возобновляемых источников энергии Института энергетики и автоматики Академии наук Республики Узбекистан академик Р.Захидов и другие отметили, что в энергетической отрасли нашей страны реализуются широкомасштабные меры по использованию возобновляемых источников энергии в топливно-энергетическом балансе. Создаются все необходимые условия для того, чтобы снизить потребление природного газа, уменьшить негативное воздействие на окружающую среду.

На конференции журналисты получили исчерпывающие ответы на все интересовавшие их вопросы.

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