



## *Open call for Mobility - 2014*

### **Grant Scheme to facilitate the participation of Moldovan researchers in Brokerage Events**

#### *Introduction and Objectives*

Centre of International Projects (CIP) of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, as a consortium partner in the FP7 Project IncoNet EaP, launches a grant competition scheme to financially support the participation of Moldovan researchers in large-scale Brokerage events and other similar activities related to Horizon 2020 in EU/AC countries. Such events provide an excellent arena for researchers to liaise and develop synergies, the participation therefore of researchers from the targeted countries will increase their opportunities to get involved and be taken onboard in consortia set up in EU/AC countries. It will also allow the researchers to make their institutions and/or their research networks better known.

#### *Implementation*

The thematic priorities of the call are the three Societal Challenges, targeted by the project, namely **Health, Energy and Climate Change**.

The events that can be chosen from will be:

- Networking events;
- Brokerage events organized by the EC;
- Large international events organized by other European networks (e.g Enterprise Europe Network).

An indicative list of Events (but not exclusive) is attached to this document.

Nevertheless, candidate researchers are free to identify events of high importance, which will be also considered eligible if duly justified.

There will be approximately 6-9 grants (2-3000 € per grant) per country. A simple form for applications is attached.

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 Partners, supported and approved by the Task leader and the coordinator.

The Scheme provides grants to researchers for covering travel and subsistence expenses, visa costs and conference fees and will be reimbursed by CIP.

## **Guidelines for Applicants**

### **Eligibility criteria**

These criteria **have to be met** in order to be eligible for participation.

- Be a member or an employee of a research institution/organization and/or of a network of organizations and/or of a higher education institution and/or of an SME-enterprise working on research. The aim is that the participation will have a multiplier effect in the country and/or region.
- Conduct research in Moldova.
- Submit a completely filled in application form along with all the required documentation.
- Have a PhD degree and/or at least three years' full time experience in research.
- Carry out research in one of Societal Challenges: Health, Energy or Climate Change.
- Speaking fluent English.
- Some international experience (already existing contacts in other countries, participation in previous international conferences and collaborations, etc.).

### **Evaluation criteria**

- Scientific excellence/Research performance (publications, patents, project, etc.) (40% of the score)
- Previous international cooperation activities (projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries; trainings abroad; participation in international conferences, etc.) (20% of the score)
- Commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation should be described in more detail (40% of the score)

### **Additional evaluation criteria**

- Gender: Encouragement of female researchers to participate
- Encouragement of young researchers
- Additional activities planned during the event (e.g. giving a presentation, taking part in a poster session, submitting a partner search profile, scheduling a bilateral meeting etc.)

## Selection Process

### Formality and eligibility check

Applications which do not comply with the eligibility criteria will not be considered within the evaluation process.

### Evaluation

The evaluation, based on a specified coring matrix (see below) will be carried out. It will be applied “a first come, first served” principle.

### Scoring Matrix

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Scoring</b>
Have a postgraduate degree and/or at least three years' full time experience in research	Yes or No
Be a member or an employee of a research institution and or of a higher education institution or of a research department of an SME-enterprise in one of the partner countries	Yes or No
Sufficient knowledge of English (language exam, or self-estimation)	Yes or No
Thematic Area of research (Health, Energy, Climate Change)	Yes or No
Research performance/scientific excellence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 5 most important publications, relevant to the event</li><li>- total number of publications</li><li>- total number of citations</li><li>- patents, if any</li><li>- participation in projects related to the topic of the Brokerage Event</li></ul>	max: 10 points min: 7 points
International cooperation activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- projects and/or structured cooperation with other countries;</li><li>- trainings abroad;</li><li>- participation in international conferences</li></ul>	max: 5 points min: 3 points
Commitment to take full advantage of the participation in the event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- expected outcome, concrete plans for cooperation (become a member of a consortium, deepen already existing international contacts etc.)</li><li>- other activities planned (poster, presentation etc.)</li></ul>	max: 10 points min: 7 points

In case of equal scores female and/or young researchers enjoy preference. High number of additional activities during the event is also an advantage.

### **Funding Requirements**

The Grants will be paid by the Centre of International Projects as a reimbursement for travel costs (travel, accommodation, event participation fee, visa costs and per diem or actual expenses in accordance to local rules). The Grant cannot exceed 3000 euro. If the cost of participation exceeds this amount, the additional cost must be born by the Grant recipient. An advance payment up to 75% of the budget may be paid to the Grant recipients (covering travel, accommodation and visa) while the remaining costs (per diem, actual expenses during stay, according to the local rules) will be reimbursed upon the return of the researcher and the handing of the participation evidence and related documents (Event Participation Report) to the Local partner.

In order to receive the grant, the selected researchers will have to sign a simple Grant Contract with the Local Partner in which they commit themselves:

- to write a Report (2 A4-pages, according to a template to be provided), which has to be delivered within 1 week after the event
- to hand in the original invoices (of the flight and the conference fees)
- to hand in the original boarding pass of the flight and
- to produce a confirmation of participation at the conference/brokerage event
- as part of the Grant Contract, the grant holder accepts the obligation to provide the Local Partner all information requested about the outcome of his/her participation to the brokerage event (proposals submitted, partnerships established).

### **Indicative list of events:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=events&period=2014&theme=D72D1707-FE0F-3C39-4E55830C194C2E7C>

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/index\\_en.cfm?pg=news-and-events](http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/index_en.cfm?pg=news-and-events)

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index\\_en.cfm?pg=events](http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index_en.cfm?pg=events)

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index\\_en.cfm?pg=h2020-](http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020-events)

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<http://een.ec.europa.eu/tools/services/EVE/Event/ListEvents>

[http://www.interfaceurope.eu/event\\_themes](http://www.interfaceurope.eu/event_themes)

**Submission of the applications:**

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