



Evaluation and Expertise for Scientific Excellence in the EaP region

AGENDA

Chisinau, 7-8 May 2014

Venue: Jolly Alon Hotel, 37 M. Cibotari str., Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Objectives and Rationale

The competition based allocation of public funding in research and innovation has become the most important funding principle, competitive measures require sophisticated and at the same time practical procedures for the selection of the best fitting applications for funding. The quality and transparency of evaluation has a direct impact i.e. on the promotion of scientific excellence and efficiency of research funding. Beside the ex-ante evaluation for project selection by peer reviews, evaluation has received in the last decades more attention from a systemic point of view, namely for the justification of public spending, for learning about the functionality of the existing funding system, the funding portfolio.

During the event, different initiatives will showcase their approach reaching from national practice to international networking initiatives and the established joint peer review systems of funding agencies.

The ultimate outcome of the meeting would be to draft the next steps of a joint regional S&T peer review platform that will help Eastern Partnership countries to improve their evaluation systems by pooling national experts, creating additional capacities and elaborating procedures on a comparable basis. A regional roadmap for RTDI evaluation will be drafted that will give orientation for the next steps.

Background: During the sessions of the regional workshop “*Science evaluation as a prerequisite for promoting excellence in research*” (November 6, 2012, Chisinau) the participants expressed their principal readiness of creating a regional platform for evaluation of national R&D programs and projects, as a first step for further introduction of international peer review. In favor of this idea is the existence of a wide range of bilateral grant schemes among EaP countries and also with EU MS funding agencies.

Main goals:

- Update on existing regional capacities on S&T evaluation and expertise, sharing national and regional best practices of S&T evaluation
- Identifying the mechanisms for establishing a regional platform on S&T evaluation
- Preparing a MoU for a regional peer review data base of evaluators
- Advancing the cooperation between EU/MS and EaP countries on evaluation



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Wednesday, 7 May 2014

13.30-14.00 *Arrival of the participants, registration, welcome coffee*

Chair: Acad. Ion TIGHINEANU,
Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM)

14.00 – 14.15 **Welcome and agenda setting**
Acad. Ion TIGHINEANU, Acting President of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM)

14.15 – 14.30 **Presentation of the IncoNet EaP project**
Sergiu PORCESCU, Center of International Projects (CIP)

14.30 – 15.00 **ERA Net experience of joint evaluation: the case of DLR international expert database**
Dr. Olaf HEILMAYER, German Aerospace Center (DLR), Project Management Agency European and International Cooperation

15.00 – 15.30 **Examples of foreign experts' involvement in the evaluation of national project proposals in the EaP region**
Dr. Aleksan SHAHKHATUNI, State Committee of Science, Armenia
Mrs. Maia KAJAIA, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, Georgia

15.30 – 15.45 *Coffee break*

15.45 – 17.30 **Discussion of the provisions of the draft MoU on establishing the EaP evaluation platform**
Moderation: Dr. Mihail CALALB, Advisory Expertise Council

18.30 *Working Dinner*



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Thursday, 8 May 2014

- Chair:** Dr. Vasile TRONCIU,
Center for Fundamental and Applied Research Funding
- 9.30 – 10.00 **DACH experience of peer review**
Dr. Reinhard BELOCKY, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
- 10.00 – 10.30 **The EVAL-INNO capacity building measures in SEE**
Martin Felix GAJDUSEK, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- 10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45 – 12.45 **Roadmap for creating a regional data base of experts and evaluators in the EaP region**
Moderation: Martin Felix GAJDUSEK, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- 12.45 – 13.00 **Concluding remarks & closure**
Sergiu PORCESCU, Center of International Projects (CIP)
- 13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch*



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