



IncoNet

Eastern Partnership

**STI International
Cooperation Network
for Eastern Partnership
Countries**

Objectives and main activities - May 2014

The *IncoNet EaP* project

- A 3 year long **Coordination and Support Action** running since Sept.2013, dedicated to the EU – EaP RDI cooperation
- Implemented by a consortium of 19 renowned institutions from EU MSs/ACs and **all the Eastern Partnership countries**
- In close coordination with the IncoNet targeting the Central Asian Countries

***The IncoNet EaP* : Main activities**

- I. Coordinating activities on major Societal Challenges: *Energy, Climate Change and Health (EN, CC and HE)***
- II. Providing analytical evidence**
- III. Supporting RDI Policy Dialogue**
- IV. Promoting participation in H2020**
- V. Promoting Innovation**

I. Coordinating activities on major **Societal Challenges**

- **Identifying** actions – **mapping** (i.e. projects and programmes) and stakeholders, especially in the fields of EN, CC and HE (FP7, national and bilateral, UN, WB and other international donors in the region)
→ first stage of mapping completed.
- Initiate **twinning** of research teams from EaP → launch of the call (spring 2014)
- **Mentoring activities** for key research institutes in EaP countries on selected topics (e.g. on HR Development)

II. Providing analytical evidence

- **STI cooperation barometer** ('attitude', challenges, bottlenecks, etc.)
- **Bibliometric** analysis on the 3 Societal Challenges
- Implementation of a **Policy Mix Peer review** in two EaP countries

III. Supporting RDI Policy Dialogue

- Organization of 3 **Policy Stakeholders Conferences** in the 3 Societal Challenges (1st in May 2014, Yerevan, CC)
- **Capacity Building in R&I Policy** (one week training of STI stakeholders, 2014, Vienna)
- Providing **ad-hoc support to bi-regional Policy Dialogue** (e.g. Workshop for the EaP Panel on R&I, April 2014, Brussels, or any other pilot actions)

IV. Promoting H2020

- **Strengthening NCPs** (reviewing and promoting their activities; training them; etc., Minsk, April 2014)
- **Organizing InfoDays in the countries** (already held in Minsk and Yerevan, Feb. 2014, to be held in Chisinau, May, 2014)
- **Providing grants for the participation in Brokerage Events in EU** (a call in each EaP country is under implementation)
- **But also: 'Reciprocity'** (How could EU researchers participate in national Programmes in the EaP countries? – and how to promote that?)

V. Promoting Innovation

- Cooperation with **EU Innovation Platforms** (ETPs, KICs, etc.): a two-way awareness campaign
- Promote cooperation with **Enterprise Europe Network –EEN** (workshop with EaP stakeholders, Harkov, UA)
- Exploring the extension of the **European Innovation TrendChart** to the EaP countries (workshop with EaP stakeholders, AM, 2nd year of project)
- **Training** on Innovation management and entrepreneurship (seminar + e-learning, 2nd year of project)



Thank you for your attention!

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