

EaP PLUS

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EaP PLUS Project: Overview

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The EaP PLUS project

- 3 year long **Coordination & Support Action** dedicated to the EU – EaP STI cooperation
- Builds on previous projects addressing the region (IncoNet EaP, Bilat, BS-Eranet, BSH, etc.)
- Includes partners from all 6 EaP countries and from several EU MS

EaP PLUS: a multi-level support action

Four main objectives:

- I. **Support to EU-EaP *Policy Dialogue***
- II. **Foster interaction between EU-EaP researchers
& *promotion of H2020***
- III. **Enhance the EU-EaP *research-innovation* partnership**
- IV. **Foster optimal framework conditions**

I. Support to EU-EaP Policy Dialogue

- **Tailor-made support to the *EaP Panel on R&I* since 2013** (last meeting Dec. 2017);
- **Follow-up activities of the EaP Panel** (e.g. support of the *SPIRE-EaP Countries* meeting in Brussels/7 April 2017, support of the *EaP Annual Event* in Minsk/Sept. 2017)
- **Maximizing the Impact of Association to H2020:**
 - *Conference on Sharing Experiences from Association* (Chisinau, May 2017);
 - **Workshop for EaP Programme Committee Members**
- **Fact-finding activities in the EaP Countries** (desk research and missions) → **STI policy recommendations “EU-EaP Beyond 2020”**

II. Interaction between EU-EaP researchers & promotion of H2020

- **Grants** for EaP researchers to attend Brokerage Events in EU or preparatory meetings for H2020 (<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/50>);
- **Info Days** and **Support to H2020 NCP Networks** in all EaP Countries (training, awareness campaigns for NCPs); 1st Info Day in UA April 2017);
- **Targeted Cooperation with Scientific Diaspora** using input from IncoNet EaP (policies & national databases); **organization of 6 Diaspora workshops**
- **Development of Webinars** (11 for H2020; 6 for specific innovation related topics)

III. Enhance the EU-EaP research - **innovation** partnership

- **Co-patenting analysis** focusing on EaP international patents
- **Trainings** for EaP technology managers
- Review of the state of affairs of (emerging) **clusters in EaP**
- Implementation of a Grant Scheme to boost **EU-EaP Cluster collaboration** + Workshop for recommendations (Tbilisi, July 2018)
- Promoting **ETPs concept** in EaP (Review of State of Affairs & Workshop in Kiev, May 2018)

III. Optimal framework conditions and increasing coordination in policies & programmes

- **Training seminars** for high-level policymakers in R&I policies (Vienna/October 2017; Athens/November 2017);
- **EU-EaP STI cooperation barometer** (online until 14 April; <https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/news/76>);
- **Exploring cooperation and synergies** with Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs), COST Actions and EU/MS

EaP PLUS: Calendar of Activities 2018

DATE	TITLE OF ACTIVITY	SUBJECT	TARGET GROUP
February 2018	EAP SCIENTIFIC DIASPORA WORKSHOP GEORGIA AND MOLDOVA	Organization of a workshop in Georgia and Moldova with the participation of the Scientific Diaspora in EU/MS in specific STI thematic priorities	Researchers
20-21 March 2018	WORKSHOP FOR PROGRAMME COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM EAP COUNTRIES	Training focusing on exchange of practices among EaP programme committee members of H2020 on national consultation processes	Policy-makers
March 2018	ASSESSMENT OF PARTICIPATION OF EAP COUNTRIES IN EU MS PROGRAMMES, COST AND JPIS	Review of major national STI programmes, COST and JPIS open to EaP participation	Policy-makers
April 2018	FACT-FINDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE EAP COUNTRIES- MOLDOVA	Fact-finding activities will be implemented in Moldova to identify recent developments and dynamics	Policy-makers, STI community
April 2018	RESULTS OF THE CO-PATENTING ANALYSIS	Analysis of international patents with participation of EaP partners	NCPs, Policy-makers, STI community, industry, SMEs, researchers
Spring- Autumn 2018	RDI ONLINE SEMINARS	Tailor-made webinars on specific innovation related topics	Industry, Researchers, SMEs, NCPs

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April 2018	REVIEW OF THE STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF ETPS IN EAP	A review of the state-of-affairs of the Ukrainian technology platforms (UTPs) and in the other EaP countries to identify the most promising fields for setting-up national platforms and the involved actors/stakeholders	Policy-makers, STI community, industry
May-July 2018	WORKSHOP FOR PROMOTING THE ETPS CONCEPT IN EAP	Workshop (Kiev) to create or reinforce the links between the ETPs and similar structures in EaP.	Policy-makers, STI community, industry
10-12 July 2018	FUNDED CLUSTERS WORKSHOP	A workshop for the six selected EaP cluster initiatives for sharing among them good practices in terms of cluster activities dedicated to RDI cooperation. (Tbilisi)	Policy-makers, STI community, industry, SMEs, researchers
June-September 2018	TRAINING FOR TECHNOLOGY MANAGERS	a 3-day training seminar to be organized in Minsk aiming at strengthening the competences of current or prospective technology managers in relevant PRO's in EaP countries	STI community, SMEs
September 2018	ANNUAL POLICY BRIEF & REVIEW REPORT OF THEMATIC DIRECTORATES' ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO EAP	Evidence collection and review of project's policy dialogue activities	STI Community
Winter-Spring 2018	TRAINING OF THE NCP NETWORK	One-day trainings for the NCP network of each EaP country. First held in Belarus on 22 nd February	NCPs

Today's workshop objectives

- To **provide** to the newly nominated Prog. Committee Members an insight on the **Governance of H2020**;
- To **learn** from (previously) Associated countries about their representation in Programme Committees;
- To **review** how the EaP Associated countries organized themselves so far (actions and measures taken; difficulties and challenges; etc);

In order to:

- Share **experiences and good practices**;
- See how to be **better prepared for attending Programme Committee meetings, with emphasis on the internal (national) consultations**;
- See how the EaP PLUS project as a *flexible tool and a pool of competent Experts* can **assist in addressing the challenges and in exploiting opportunities**

Thank you for your attention!

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