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Recommendations for the EU-EaP STI cooperation

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STI Policy recommendations: “EU-EaP beyond 2020”

- Background

- Part of “Policy Dialogue & Strategic Priority Setting” (WP 1)
- One of the major project contributions of EaP PLUS
- Coinciding with the 10th Anniversary of the EaP policy
- Coinciding with the transition of H2020 to Horizon Europe



STI Policy recommendations: “EU-EaP beyond 2020”

- Content and methods

- Description of existing challenges
- Concrete policy recommendations
- Based on results of fact-finding missions to all six EaP countries (2017-2018) and on other EaP PLUS deliverables
- Based also on results of various other reports



STI Policy recommendations: “EU-EaP beyond 2020”

- Focus and target groups

- Focus on strengthening of EU-EaP STI cooperation
- Complementing recommendations of earlier reports
- Directed to various target groups:
 - EU Commission
 - Policy level of EU Member States and EaP countries
 - R&D stakeholders in the EaP countries



STI Policy recommendations: “EU-EaP beyond 2020”

- Structure

- A. Policy issues
- B. Transition from Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe
- C. Improvement of national STI systems in the EaP region
- D. Cooperation in innovation



A. Policy issues (7 recommendations)

- Role of the *EaP Panel on R&I*
- Association to Horizon 2020

B. Transition from Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe (1/2) (34 recommendations)

- Continuation of Widening measures
- Exploitation of COST actions as a networking tool
- EaP representation in the Programme Committees
- Strengthening the NCP systems



B. Transition from Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe (2/2) (34 recommendations)

- Major barriers that exist from the researchers' perspective
- Potential of EU COFUND activities
- Support action providing further assistance to the EaP countries



C. Improvement of national STI systems in the EaP region (6 recommendations)

- Consolidating the reforms of national EaP STI systems
- Monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the Peer Reviews
- Repeating similar reviews at regular intervals

D. Cooperation in innovation (15 recommendations)

- Strengthening of the strategic framework for innovation
- Pilot applications of Smart Specialisation Strategies and Cluster development
- EU4Innovation activities tailored to the needs of every EaP country
- Closer cooperation with the European Enterprise Network



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