



The *IncoNet EaP* project: experiences and results

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The *IncoNet EaP* project

- A 3-years long Coordination and Support Action dedicated to the EU – EaP RDI cooperation financed by the EU (FP7)
- Promotes EU-EaP Policy dialogue and identification of research priorities, mainly on the 3 Societal Challenges: **Climate Change, Energy & Health**
- Builds on previous FP7 IncoNets and other projects addressing the region (Bilat, BS-Eranet, BSH/H2020, etc.)
- Implemented by a consortium of 19 Partners from all the EaP countries and 10 EU MS/AC

IncoNet EaP: Three-fold actions

- Policy Dialogue activities
- Desk research (analytical evidence)
- Mobilization/Mobility of EaP researchers
- Support of Innovation

IncoNet EaP: Experiences & results (I)

Policy Dialogue

- Policy Stakeholders Conferences on the 3SCs: A good mix of policymakers, donors, and researchers (Climate Change/Yerevan/May2014, Energy/Minsk/12-13 Oct. 2015)
- *EaP Panel on R&I*: Ad-hoc support and feeding of the Panel (crucial role of the project in promoting EU-EaP scientific cooperation)
 - Participation and preparation of EaP Panel meetings: May 2014, March 2015
 - Organization of one Thematic Workshop to identify EaP – related topics for Climate Change for H2020, Athens, Nov. 2014



IncoNet EaP: Experiences & results (II)

Analytical evidence

- Policy Mix Peer Reviews (MD/2012, GE/March 2015, AM/March 2015): A high- importance tool for the EaP Governments' STI reforms
- Bibliometric studies of joint scientific publications on the 3 SCs
- EU-EaP STI Cooperation Barometer (2 rounds)
- Identification of Actions and stakeholders on 3 SCs (mapping exercise) (965 entries: 325 projects international; 75 projects bilateral; and 565 projects national)



IncoNet EaP: Experiences & results (III)

Mobility of researchers within the FP/H2020

- Grant scheme for EaP participation in BEs, in particular on 3 SCs
 - “EaP Sessions” e.g. Support of EaP researchers to present their research & network during the EU Sustainable Energy Week, Brussels, June 2014
 - More info: <http://www.increast.eu/en/1673.php>
 - By June 2015
- Grants for twinning among research institutes
 - Already supported several EU-EaP teams
 - More info: <http://www.inco-eap.net/en/401.php>
 - By spring 2016
- Info Days, NCP trainings, other pilot actions, etc.



IncoNet EaP: Experiences & results (IV)

Promotion of Innovation

- Cooperation with the EU Technological Platforms
 - Participation & networking of EaP researchers at the SET Plan Conference, Rome, Dec. 2014 & visit to ENEA RIs
 - Participation at the Innovation Festival of Climate KIC, Birmingham, October 2015 (tbc)
- Cooperation with the EEN
 - Workshop on EEN to present successful examples of cooperation of the 3rd countries with the Enterprise Europe Network and to propose ways to extend the network in Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, Kyev, Feb. 2015
- Training in the field of innovation, Minsk, May 2015
- Extension of the European Innovation TrendChart in EaP countries



Contribution of IncoNet EaP: *Looking to the future*

- The experiences & results of IncoNet EaP project can contribute to:
 - A better understanding between the EU and the EaP in STI (“Science Diplomacy”)
 - Jointly addressing of Societal Challenges of shared EU-EaP concern.
 - Increase of Participation of EaP countries in Horizon 2020 and beyond
 - Transfer of EU best practices in R&I policies



Thank you for your attention!
Спасибо за Ваше внимание!

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