



Overview of the INNOVER-EAST project

Policy Stakeholders Conference on EU-EaP STI cooperation
in addressing Energy

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Objectives

„Building a more effective pathway from research to innovation through cooperation between the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries* in the field of energy efficiency” 2014 - 2017

* Eastern Partnership of the European Union:
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

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Participants and duration

5 EaP countries in focus:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine

targeted by 6 EU countries:

**Belgium, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy,
Luxemburg**

for the project duration of **36 months, June 2014 -
May 2017**

almost 2 more years to go

Project structure (work packages)

WP1: survey of national state of innovation:

national studies, interactive database of EaP stakeholders

WP2: development of innovation services:

training, twinning, coaching

WP3: support to service delivery:

national trainings, national and international brokerages

WP4: policy dialogue and networking:

policy events, final recommendations for the EC

WP5: dissemination: web portal, social media, press

WP6: management: coordination and clustering activities

Results to date

National Studies (1)

- ❖ on energy efficiency and innovation in the EaPCs
- ❖ available soon at <http://innovereast.eu/>
- ❖ partly based on interviews + online surveys
- ❖ the Armenian, Belarusian, Georgian, Ukrainian draft versions of the study are already validated, and
- ❖ the Azeri version is being compiled.

National Studies (2)

demand and supply side analysis: demand created by the EE market (industry, households and transport being the main energy consumers), supply provided by research/academy and innovative businesses

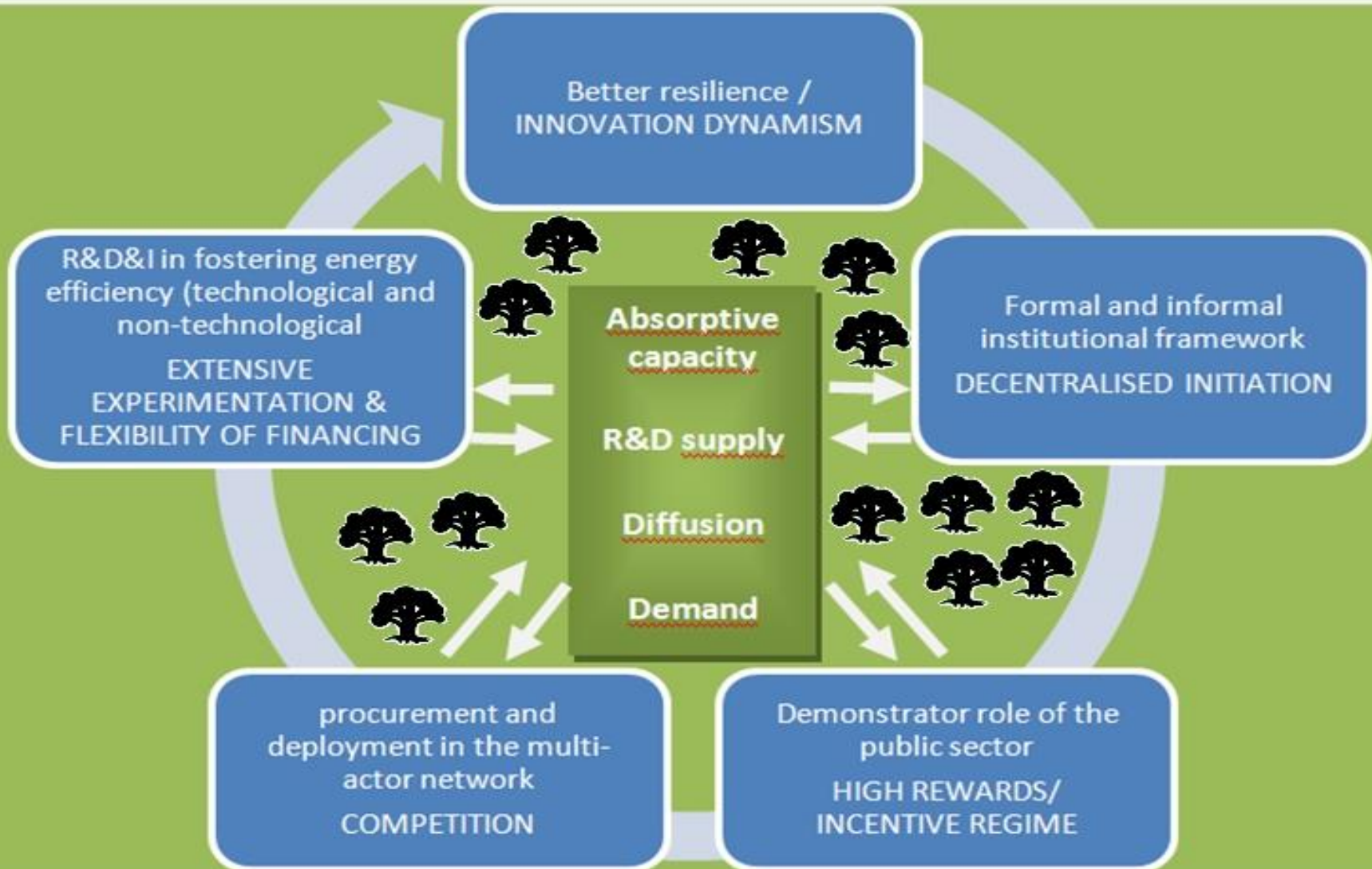
mapping the strengths and weaknesses of the supply/demand chain: identifying areas to be improved (with attention on how the national and organisational research agendas are adjusted to local demands)

main reasons behind the failure of innovation (lack of knowledge/networking/financing/managerial capabilities, poor understanding of the languages spoken by the two sides, different attitudes of academy and industry, etc.)

key actors in innovation and energy efficiency

National Studies (3)

Elements of the conceptual framework



Interactive Stakeholders Database

- A database of with hundreds of entries from the energy sector are foreseen
- available at <http://innovereast.eu/en/innover/map>
- It is going to be an interactive forum for all the EaP stakeholders - they can search the database, present their ideas, start discussions and do some peer learning
- base for our expert network to be maintained after INNOVER-EAST ends

The list of innovation services



- contains services demanded by the relevant EaP stakeholders based on the database and the national studies (**ready by October 2015**)
- **expected outcomes:** services to support concrete innovation activities and to facilitate direct public research-business linkages to assist the exploitation of research results
- **potential areas of the services:** IPR management, marketing and communication strategies and practices, partner search and brokerage, innovation management, information on international public funding, financing innovation



Results yet to come

Trainings

- Trainings on “hot topics” of RDI in the energy sector
- based on the list of innovation services and the national studies

expected outcomes:

- strengthened knowledge on the following topics (tbc):

Azerbaijan: October 2015 – innovation service provision

Georgia: January 2016 – innovation financing

Belarus: February 2016 – participation in INCO

Twinning visits

Armenia (SDF NAS RA): ← Italy (AREA)

Azerbaijan (CPEE): ← Hungary (BZN) (August 2015)

Belarus (BelAPE, BelISA, ENECA): ← Croatia (SDEWES)

Georgia (EE&EP): ← Greece (CERTH) (August 2015)

Ukraine (IFNTUOG): ← Luxembourg (INTRASOFT)

Policy events and networking events

❖ 2 international policy events in the EaP region

1. **Armenia:** 6-8 July 2015, co-organized with INCONTACT 2020, INCONET EaP and ener2i (awareness raising in the EaP)

2. **Ukraine:** February 2017

presentation and further collection of information for the EC recommendations

❖ 5 national workshops and corresponding brokerage events

All EaP countries with their twin EU countries; June - November 2016

- letters of intent for joint efforts to exploit research results
- new contacts
- exchange of ideas to determine research agendas, etc.

! you are welcome to participate !

Up-to-date information about the Innover-east project

www.innovereast.eu

❖ [Project video: https://vimeo.com/124923634](https://vimeo.com/124923634)

press releases, publications

Social media:



Expected outcomes

- ❖ well-established contacts with stakeholders in the energy sector
- ❖ specific knowledge on bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the EU in the energy sector
- ❖ specific knowledge gained about the EaP energy sector

→ Recommendations to the European Commission:

„How to build a bridge between research and innovation through cooperation between the EU and EAPCs in the field of energy efficiency?“

Thank you for your attention

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