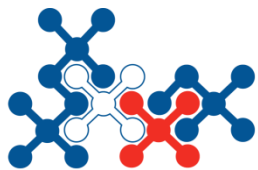




Role of the EaP Panel in promoting Research and Innovation in the EaP Countries

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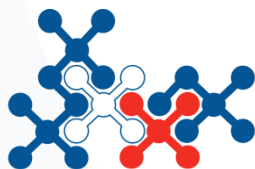


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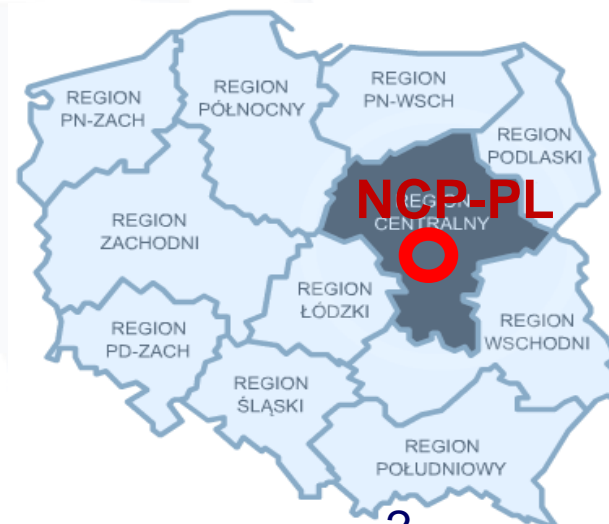
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Agenda

- 1) Introduction to the EaP Panel on Research and Innovation
- 2) Policy framework
- 3) Main objective and topics addressed
- 4) Implementation structure
- 5) Panel activities
- 6) Conclusions and key challenges





- A dedicated Panel under the current
Eastern Partnership platform IV
"Contacts between people"
- launched on **13 November 2013 in Brussels**



- **A joint initiative of the EU and six eastern European partner countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine)**
- **Launched in 2009**
- **the aims of the EaP:**
 - Political association
 - Economic integration
 - Mobility
 - Strengthened sector cooperation



Source: <http://www.easternpartnership.org/>





Partnership based on two dimensions:

Bilateral: developing closer cooperation between EU and partner country

Multilateral: bringing partners closer within framework for exchange and cooperation



A number of forums established:

- Summit every two years
- Foreign Minister meeting annually
- Informal dialogue/ Senior officials twice a year
- **Regular thematic platforms, panels**



Four thematic platforms set up:

- 1) Democracy, good governance and stability
- 2) Economic integration and convergence
- 3) Energy security
- 4) **Contacts between people**

Under Platform 4: **the Panel on Research and Innovation**



- ❑ The importance of the cooperation in R&I highlighted as a political priority during **the 2nd EaP Summit held in Warsaw** in September 2011.
- ❑ In line with the **Common Knowledge and Innovation Space** objective of the **European Neighborhood Policy**.
- ❑ In line with the **new EU international cooperation strategy in research and innovation**, adopted in September 2012.
- ❑ A **joint declaration by EaP countries** was sent to the EU on 11 February 2013, supporting regional cooperation in e-infrastructures for research and education in the Eastern Europe region.
- ❑ A dedicated **Conference organized by the Lithuanian Presidency** in Vilnius on 30 September-1st October 2013, issued a number of recommendations to deepen cooperation in research and innovation with the EaP region.





To facilitate coordination between EU and EaP countries' policies and programmes
by sharing information and experiences on research and innovation, as well as **the development of joint activities.**





- ❑ Promotion of EaP countries **participation in Horizon 2020** programme.
- ❑ Identification of **joint cooperation priorities** and initiatives.
- ❑ Support to EaP countries **national and regional capacity building** in the field of research and innovation.
- ❑ Exchange of information and **best practices** regarding the setting-up of national and regional innovation systems.
- ❑ Cooperation **synergies** with Mediterranean Partner Countries in the context of the EU Neighbourhood Policy.



- ❑ The same **guidelines and rules of procedures** as the EaP Platform IV.
- ❑ The EC provides **funding** of the panel meetings through the Platform IV operational budget.
- ❑ DG Research and Innovation provides **the Chair** of the Panel at Director's level.
- ❑ A maximum of two panel meetings, generally attached to Platform IV meetings, will be organised annually.
- ❑ Participation is limited to **one representative per EU Member State and EaP country**. Ad hoc participants may be invited.
- ❑ The Panel on Research and Innovation **reports** to the Platform IV .



To bring **support to the organisation and implementation** of the Panel activities:

- by providing **input to the discussions such as studies and analysis**
- or **outcomes of technical workshops or promotion activities** it would organize.



- ❑ **The 1st meeting** held in Brussels on **13 November 2013** - the Panel agreed to work jointly towards the elaboration of a **Joint Strategy**.
- ❑ Contributions received from several EaP countries and EU Member States constituted the basis of the **Draft Working Paper**.
- ❑ To further consolidate the document, a **dedicated workshop** gathering representatives from EaP countries and EU MSs, supported by the IncoNet EaP project, took place on **29 April 2014**.
- ❑ The consolidated Draft Working Paper, elaborated during the workshop, was **presented and accepted** during the **2nd meeting of the EaP Panel** on R&I that took place on **21 May 2014**; in order to narrow down the proposed cooperation domains to relevant topics, the INCONET-EaP will organize **thematic workshops**.





- ❑ **11 September 2014 - Roadmaps for international cooperation/ Roadmap for cooperation between the EaP countries and the EU, *Accompanying the document: Report on the implementation of the strategy for international cooperation in research and innovation***
- ❑ **6-7 November 2014, Athens, Thematic Workshop on Climate Change:** Identification of **research topics** of mutual EU-EaP interest that could be included in future Horizon 2020 calls for proposals.
- ❑ The outcome of the **Thematic Workshop** was submitted for approval to the EaP Panel on R&I during its **3rd meeting on 26 March 2015**.
- ❑ **Panel supported the E@PConnect** project (Eastern Partnership Interconnect Initiative) for regional cooperation in the field of e-infrastructure.
- ❑ Activities of the Panel will be continued under **the Platform 4 Work Programme for 2014-2017**.





- ❑ The cooperation with the EaP is a **key objective of EU foreign policy** and has huge potential mutual benefit.
- ❑ The scope of activities to be covered in the research and innovation cooperation domains is very wide, including **dialogue at policy level** as well as measures to mobilize stakeholders.
- ❑ The Panel should build-up on the **achievements and experiences** developed through FP7, H2020 and bilateral programmes established between EU MSs and EaP countries.
- ❑ The first important step in a field of e-infrastructure was taken - the **E@PConnect project** (Eastern Partnership Interconnect Initiative) - integration of R&E networks from EaP countries in GÉANT network (13,7 ME)
- ❑ The national authorities could include the priorities identified by the Panel in **bilateral programmes** between EU MS and EaP countries. It could indeed multiply participation of EaP countries in H2020.
- ❑ The Panel may play an important role in promoting research and innovation in the EaP countries by promoting cooperation from basic research up-to close-to-market initiatives.





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