Overview of the INNOVER-EAST project

3rd Innovation Training

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About INNOVER-EAST

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

❖ 5 EaP countries targeted:
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Ukraine

❖ in order to:
identify bottlenecks of innovation; develop new skills in innovation services; bridge knowledge and business in energy efficiency

project duration: 36 months from June 2014 to May 2017
Project structure and activities

- **WP1**: survey of national state of innovation in the Eastern Partnership: 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, clustering activities
WP1: 5 Validated National Studies (1)

on energy efficiency and innovation in each EaP country
(available on our website: www.innovereast.eu)
partly based on interviews + online surveys
prepared the EaP partners

- 4 full versions: 🇧🇪 🇧🇬 🇫🇮 🇺🇦 are already available
- validated versions were presented in July at our 1st Policy Event in Armenia
- AZ version compiled by the partner and the WPL (ICEG)
  - synthesis report (ICEG)
WP1: 5 Validated National Studies (2)

key questions:

- demand and supply side analysis
- mapping the strengths and weaknesses of the supply/demand chain
- main reasons behind the failure of innovation
- key actors in innovation and energy efficiency

expected outcomes:

- recommendations for policy makers (in 2017 and now)

→ common cluster publication
WP2: Interactive Stakeholders Database

available on our website: www.innovereast.eu

general information: names, contact data, key persons, mission, main activities in energy efficiency and/or innovation, and competencies

specific information: proposals for cooperation (project ideas, research results for commercialisation, partner search, twin activities, etc.).

expected outcomes:

an interactive forum provided for stakeholders from EPCs

please promote and use it 😊

base for our expert network also to be maintained after the project ends

base for inviting participants for the national trainings
WP2: List of innovation services

services demanded by the relevant EaP stakeholders based on the database and the national studies (ready)

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 activities, innovation management, information on international public funding possibilities, financing innovation, technology transfer
WP2: Trainings

on “hot topics” of R&D&I in the energy sector based on the list of innovation services and the national studies when possible, organised jointly with other projects

expected outcomes:
strengthened knowledge on the following topics:

Azerbaijan: October 2015 – innovation service provision
Georgia: 27 January 2016 – innovation financing
Belarus: 29 February 2016 – participation in INCO (today)
WP2: Twinning visits

time period: June 2015-January 2017
1 person from each country for max. 6 days will stay at the twin organization

**Armenia (SDF NAS RA):** ← **Italy (AREA)**
**Azerbaijan (CPEE):** ← **Hungary (BZN) (August 2015)**
**Belarus (BelAPE, BellSA, ENECA):** ← **Croatia (SDEWES)**
**Georgia (EE&EP):** ← **Greece (CERTH) (August 2015)**
**Ukraine (IFNTUOG):** ← **Luxembourg (INTRASOFT)**

**expected outcomes:**
will contribute to improve the personal and organisational competencies of EPCs
to deliver the services
ideally should include visits to other organisations active in EE and/or innovation services and participation at relevant conferences, brokerage events organized in the EU
EU partners will visit their twins once during the project
to get acquainted with the local setting, meeting with innovation actors with special regard to the members of the network set up at a later stage

Please start planning your activities!
WP3 & WP4: Events

- **2 international policy events** in the EaP region

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

  2. **Ukraine**: February 2017
     expected outcomes:
     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 2016 - November 2016

  expected outcomes:
  letters of intent for joint efforts to exploit research results
  new contacts
  exchange of ideas to determine research agendas, etc.
WP5: Dissemination activities

website: www.innovereast.eu
press releases, publications
social media

expected outcomes
awareness raised in the EaP
WP6: Clustering activities

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And so much more to come yet ...

- trainings
- national workshops and brokerages
- twinning and mentoring
- networking
- looking for cooperations (LoIs)
- new proposals?

„How to build a bridge between research and innovation through cooperation between the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries in the field of energy efficiency” (May 2017)

Thank you for you kind attention!
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