The EaP PLUS Project and its instruments to support cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation in CEI region

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The EaP PLUS project

- 3 year long **Coordination & Support Action**, promoting STI cooperation between EaP thus covering the whole CEI region; funded in H2020

- Includes partners from 6 EaP countries, and from several EU MS, incl. CEI members - Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Austria, Hungary and Poland

- Builds on previous projects addressing the region (IncoNet EaP, Bilat, BS-Eranet, BSH, etc.)
EaP PLUS: a multi-level support action

Four main objectives:

I. Support to EU-EaP Policy Dialogue

II. Foster interaction between EU-EaP researchers & promotion of H2020

III. Enhance the EU-EaP research-innovation partnership

IV. Foster optimal framework conditions
I. Support to EU-EaP Policy Dialogue

- Tailor-made support to the \textit{EaP Panel on R&I} since 2013 (last meeting Dec. 2016, next – Dec. 2017);

- Follow-up activities of the EaP Panel (e.g. support of the SPIRE-EaP Countries meeting in Brussels/7 April 2017, support of the \textit{EaP Annual Event} in Minsk/21 Sept. 2017);

- Maximizing the Impact of Association to H2020 (e.g. Conference on Sharing Experiences from Association (Chisinau, May 2017); Workshop for EaP Programme Committee Members (2018), etc.);

- Fact-finding activities in the EaP Countries (desk research and missions)
  
  \(\rightarrow\) STI policy recommendations “EU-EaP Beyond 2020”
II. Interaction between EU-EaP researchers & promotion of H2020

- **Grants for EaP researchers** to attend Brokerage Events in EU or preparatory meetings for developing applications to H2020 (https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/50 ; 2nd round in November 2017);

- **Info Days and Support to H2020 NCP Networks** in all EaP Countries (training, awareness campaigns for NCPs); Info Day in UA April 2017; support to MSCA Info day in AM March 2017);

- **Targeted Cooperation with Scientific Diaspora using input from IncoNet EaP** (policies & national databases); organization of 6 Diaspora workshops (1st in UA May 2017; 2nd in BY on 21 November 2017)

- **Development of Webinars** (11 for H2020; 6 for specific innovation related topics: Innovation Management/Sept. 2017; RDI innovation strategies /April/2018)
II. Interaction between EU-EaP researchers & promotion of H2020 (cont.)


- International cooperation may be particularly appropriate in some areas of Sustainable Process Industry, in particular with Eastern Partnership countries

- 3 calls in 2018, 2019 and 2020 with a budget of 85 mln EUR for 2018

- Process Industry: 20% of EU industry in terms of both employment and turnover, in Belarus – 86%

May CEI have a role in integrating efforts of its members for taking part in EC-SPIRE call?
III. Enhance the EU-EaP research - innovation partnership (1/2)

- **Co-patenting analysis focusing on EaP international patents**
  - Monitoring the innovation cooperation and identification of relevant *actors* in the region, to be completed in March 2018

- **Trainings for EaP technology managers**
  - 3 day training activity in Minsk // coop. EEN+EUREKA, Summer-Autumn 2018, Minsk


- **Implementation of a Grant Scheme to boost EU-EaP Cluster collaboration + Workshop for recommendations**
  - Grant Scheme deadline 30th September 2017
  - 6 EaP cluster initiatives to network with similar clusters in EU MS; projects to be implemented starting from Dec 2017
  - Workshop planned for early autumn 2018, at the end of cluster grant scheme

- **Promoting ETPs concept in EaP**
  - Review of State of Affairs in Winter 2018
  - Workshop in Kiev Summer-Autumn 2018
IV. Optimal framework conditions and increasing coordination in policies & programmes

- **Training seminars for policymakers in R&I policies** (Vienna in October 2017; Athens in November 2017);

- **EU-EaP STI cooperation barometer** (online in two rounds, April 2017 & 2018 [https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/news/76](https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/news/76))

- **Exploring cooperation and synergies** with Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs), COST Actions and EU/MS
The EaP PLUS project...

A group of partners with a broad spectrum of competences...

Many activities already implemented or planned...

Flexible enough and...

...looking for synergies with other international fora and initiatives!
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