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## NEWSLETTER EAP PLUS (6TH APRIL 2017)

**Welcome to the first EaP PLUS Newsletter!**

**With the present newsletter you receive the latest information from the recently launched EaP PLUS project. Under "Highlights" the major news deriving from the project and the EU-EaP Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) sector in general are compiled. The sections "Latest News", "Latest Documents" and "Latest Calls" serve you with different up-to-date information from the project and beyond including articles, reports, open calls for your consideration (EaP PLUS own calls, H2020 etc.) etc. Under "Upcoming Events" we collect various events relevant to both EU and EaP researchers and STI stakeholders and open for participation.**

**The EaP PLUS newsletter informs you on a regular basis about the project's activities and recent developments in the EU-EaP cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation.**

**Please do not hesitate to send us your feedback at [office@eap-plus.eu](mailto:office@eap-plus.eu). Moreover, also you can make use of this newsletter for disseminating your pertinent information among the wide audience of EU and EaP STI stakeholders in our subscriber list. If you wish to include your news in the next edition, please also send us an email.**

**You are kindly invited to follow and get in touch with us via our social media as well:**



Feel free to forward this Newsletter to your contacts.

With best regards,  
the EaP PLUS Team

## Highlights

Find here a selection of particularly interesting news from the EaP PLUS web portal.

### News

- [EU-EaP International Cooperation Barometer – take part in our survey until 14 April!](#)
- [EU and Eastern Partnership countries stepping up cooperation on innovation with the EU4Innovation initiative](#)
- [EaP PLUS project launched!](#)

### Events

- [EaP PLUS supports the first SPIRE-EaP Countries Meeting, Brussels](#)
- [European Research Council's 10th Anniversary event in Tbilisi](#)

### Documents

- [EaP PLUS Deliverable: Review of the state of development of clusters in EaP countries](#)

### Calls

- [Grants for networking in Brokerage Events or in Preparatory Meetings - Apply now!](#)

## Latest News



### [EU4ENERGY to support energy reforms in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan](#)

The EU4ENERGY Governance project opened its office in Tbilisi on 10 March. The regional office will coordinate the project's activities, which are aimed at improving the legislative and regulatory framework for energy in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

### [Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions Campaign and Information Day in Armenia](#)

On 3 March, 2017 Information Day on H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions took place at the National Academy of Sciences of RA, which was organized jointly with EaP Plus project in the framework of MSCA Campaign in Associated Countries initiated by European Commission.

### [2017 declared the Year of Science in Belarus](#)

MINSK, 15 February (BelTA) – The plan of action for 2017 Year of Science was approved by Belarus' Council of Ministers Resolution No.125 of 14 February 2017, BelTA learned from the website of the Belarusian government.

### [Selection of Dr. Piotr Swiatek as External Reviewer of the EaP PLUS](#)

Dr. Piotr Swiatek will act as the External Quality Control Expert for the project

### [EaP PLUS survey results help define future RDI webinar topics](#)

The EaP+ team has received the results of the consultation survey sent to EaP country organizations and can now proceed to organising six RDI related webinars.

### [EU identifies EaP PLUS as one of the milestones of the 20 key deliverables for the Eastern Partnership by 2020](#)

The European Commission and the European External Action Service have developed a joint working document "Eastern Partnership – focusing on key priorities and deliverables"

### [The Eastern Partnership Platform 3 meeting focuses on regional energy cooperation and energy efficiency](#)

On Tuesday, 20 December 2016, the 16th Eastern Partnership (EaP) Platform meeting on Energy Security took place in Brussels.

### [Check the currently open H2020 calls!](#)

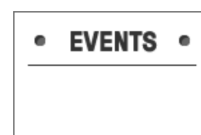
Below you can quickly access the Horizon 2020 portal and look for open calls for proposals

[Deadline CLOSED: Call for Tenders for an External Quality Control Reviewer of EaP PLUS](#)

The project 'STI International Cooperation Network for EaP Countries Plus (EaP PLUS)' aims to stimulate cooperation between researchers from the EaP countries and EU MS and enhance the active participation of the Eastern Partnership countries in Horizon 2020 Framework Programme.

Visit regularly our [News area](#) on the portal to keep informed.

## Upcoming Events



### [EaP PLUS HORIZON 2020 Info Day](#)

*(April 7, 2017 - Kyiv, Ukraine)*

EaP PLUS organises H2020 Info Day at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute” on energy and environment topics

### [Innovation strategy in research and innovation projects – increasing the impact of your research](#)

*(April 11, 2017)*

This is the first in a series of six webinars on RDI-related topics. Speakers include European and EaP country experts in RDI.

### [Sumforest Summer School for Young Researchers](#)

*(Jun 27–29, 2017 - Minsk, Belarus)*

The aim of this initiative is capacity building, better integration of young forestry researchers from Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, Russia and North African Mediterranean countries into the transnational research community, share practical experiences; develop skills that translate knowledge into effective actions.

### [Laser Physics 2017: First call](#)

*(Sep 19–22, 2017 - Ashtarak, Armenia)*

Laser Physics 2017 International Conference is organized by the Institute for Physical Research (IPR) of NAS Armenia on 19–22 September, 2017 in Ashtarak, Armenia.

Visit regularly our [Event area](#) on the portal to keep informed.

## Latest Documents



### [SME Policy Index: Eastern Partnership Countries 2016](#)

Assessing the Implementation of the Small Business Act for Europe

### [Peer Review of the Ukrainian Research and Innovation System](#)

The Peer Review of the Ukrainian Research and Innovation system was carried out between May and November 2016 by a dedicated PSF Panel, consisting of nine independent experts and national peers. The Ukrainian national authorities expressed a strong political commitment to this exercise.

### [Research Careers in Europe](#)

The study was prepared as part of the specific contract No. EAC-2014-0466-Research Careers in Europe, implementing the Framework Contract No. EAC/22/2013-4.

### [Horizon 2020 - Two years on](#)

The current document published by the European Commission examines the achievements of the Horizon 2020 framework programme in the last two years. You can find the document below and a short quotation from the report.

### [incrEAST newsletter nr.33](#)

The incrEAST newsletter was managed by the IncoNet EaP project, which ended in 12/2016 and was the predecessor project of EaP PLUS. Since

September 2013 several editions of the newsletter have been prepared and distributed to a wide range of STI stakeholders both in the EU and the EaP region. Below you can find the final edition of the newsletter. ...

You can find all documents on our web portal by clicking [here](#).

## Latest Calls



### [CfA for the Bridge Building Summer School on Social Welfare](#)

( *Deadline: April 7, 2017* )

Bridge Building Summer School on Social Welfare taking place from 10 July to 14 July 2017 at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna.

### [EaP Connect launches Enlighten Your Research 2017 Call](#)

( *Deadline: April 7, 2017* )

The 2017 Call for Participation is open for Eastern Partnership research collaborations to submit Enlighten Your Research proposals. The deadline is midnight CET on Friday, 7 April 2017. Winning applicants will get free participation at this year's Eastern Partnership E-infrastructure Conference, EaPEC2017, in Minsk, Belarus on 27-28 September 2017, organise...

### [H2020-SC1-2016-2017: Actions to bridge the divide in European health research and innovation](#)

( *Deadline: April 11, 2017* )

Despite serious efforts deployed at national and European level, the European Union sees significant internal disparities in terms of research and innovation performance as also identified in the Innovation Union Scoreboard. The disparities are equally present in health research and innovation and this call seeks solutions specifically adapted to this domain...

### [H2020 - ICT-27-2017: System abilities, SME & benchmarking actions, safety certification](#)

( *Deadline: April 25, 2017* )

Technology capabilities alone are not sufficient to enable future markets

development. Robotic technology and systems must be designed, integrated and deployed along functional lines and match much more closely to SME and to general market needs.

[Grants for networking in Brokerage Events or in Preparatory Meetings - Apply now!](#)

( *Deadline: June 30, 2017* )

This grant for networking financially supports the participation of local researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon2020 as well as in Preparatory Meetings for the development of concrete project proposals for selected thematic calls within H2020.

Find more funding opportunities on our web portal by clicking [here](#).



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